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COSW LAUNCHES ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP PORTAL



The President of the Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work (COSW) invites all social workers and social work organisations in the Commonwealth to join the COSW network as Associate Members. Visit the Associate Membership portal.

[COSW membership](#)

'We welcome any individual or organisation to apply for Associate Membership of COSW' said Sylvia Daisy Romanus (President). COSW works closely with IFSW and IASSW and Associate Members agree to keep to the [IFSW/IASSW global statement of ethical principles](#). There is no fee but arrangements for making a donation will be announced shortly.

COSW is committed to sharing our common wealth of knowledge, experience and resources. Associate Members are showing their support for COSW and commitment to the promotion and implementation of social work and social development within Commonwealth countries. They will be invited to an annual Policy Forum in October, receive news updates and have opportunities to contribute to policy development and advocacy.

COSW OBJECTIVES

- To promote the education and training of social workers throughout the world for the benefit of the public
- To relieve poverty
- To promote the education of the public in matters of social policy, social organisation and social problems.

COSW GOALS

- To provide a Commonwealth network for information about social work and social development
- To provide support and sharing of technical knowledge and expertise between and amongst Commonwealth countries and their social workers
- To identify contact people in all Commonwealth countries who will act as liaison persons for interested individuals, groups and organisations within their countries
- To establish a link with Commonwealth organisations with similar objectives in order to pursue common objectives
- To work closely with the International Federation of Social Workers and to promote active involvement of Commonwealth social workers in international social work and social development organisations

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NOTE FOR EDITORS: COSW is an organisation for citizens of the Commonwealth who are interested in supporting social work and social development. It is supported by social work associations in the Commonwealth. It aims to promote and support communication and collaboration between social workers and social work associations of Commonwealth countries, and to uphold and promote the code of ethics of the International Federation of Social Workers. This statement can be found on the COSW website <https://cosw.info/cosw-news>.

COSW website www.cosw.info

Associate membership portal <https://cosw.info/associate-membership/>

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