

**PRESS RELEASE**

27 September 2024

**RESERVE THE DATE****COSW ANNUAL POLICY FORUM****SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024****06.00 - 07.30 or 16.00 – 17.30 (UTC/GMT)****Join the third annual COSW Policy Forum online****SOCIAL WORK VOICES INFLUENCING COMMONWEALTH FORUMS**

Calling all social workers and students in the Commonwealth, national associations, universities and anybody else who wishes to know more about social work in the Commonwealth.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024 two parallel open meetings enable people from all time zones to participate – 06.00 and 16.00 (UTC). Both will have a similar programme with the same speakers.

Commonwealth speakers will demonstrate how social work voices are influencing Commonwealth forums and were amplified at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Samoa in October 2024 and in other Commonwealth spaces.

How does the experience of local social workers get brought into Commonwealth-wide and global debates? Does our experience count? Can we make a difference?

**PROGRAMME**

06.00/16.00	Welcome & COSW activity report 2023-4	Sylvia Daisy Romanus & Board
06.20/16.20	Commonwealth young carers video	Young carers and Oritsé Williams
06.25/16.25	The social work voice in Commonwealth forums	
	Layne Robinson	Head of Social Policy Development, Commonwealth Secretariat
	Nicholas Watts	Chair of Independent Forum of Commonwealth Organisations
	Yvonne Crichton-Hill, Naomi Spencer, Nathan Chong-Lee, Malakai Waqa	COSW CHOGM delegation
07.05/17.05	Open microphone discussion	David N Jones (chair)
07.20/17.20	Creating new COSW governance	K. S. Ramesh
07.25/17.25	Thanks and close	Sylvia Daisy Romanus
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