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5 November 2024



COSW ANNUAL POLICY FORUM

SATURDAY 9TH 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 9th 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
06.25/16.25	Commonwealth young carers video	Young carers and Oritsé Williams
06.30/16.30	The social work voice in Commonwealth forums	

Layne Robinson Head of Social Policy Development, Commonwealth Secretariat
Exploring Commonwealth activity on health, children, youth, education and climate

Nicholas Watts Chair of Independent Forum of Commonwealth Organisations
Discussing the role of civil society in the Commonwealth and contribution of COSW

06.50/16.50	COSW at Heads of Government Meeting	COSW CHOGM delegation
07.05/17.05	Creating new COSW governance	K. S. Ramesh
07.15/17.15	Open microphone discussion	David N Jones (chair)
07.30/17.30	Thanks and close	Sylvia Daisy Romanus

Zoom links

Session 1 06.00

Session 2 16.00

See next pages for times in different time zones

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**Webinar 1 UTC 06.00 – 07.30**

Location	Local Time	Time Zone	UTC Offset
Sydney (Australia – New South Wales)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 17:00:00	AEDT	UTC+11 hours
Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia – Kuala Lumpur)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 14:00:00	MYT	UTC+8 hours
Chennai (India – Tamil Nadu)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 11:30:00	IST	UTC+5:30 hours
Nairobi (Kenya)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 09:00:00	EAT	UTC+3 hours
Kampala (Uganda)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 09:00:00	EAT	UTC+3 hours
Lusaka (Zambia)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 08:00:00	CAT	UTC+2 hours
London (United Kingdom – England)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 06:00:00	GMT	UTC
Bridgetown (Barbados)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 02:00:00	AST	UTC-4 hours
Winnipeg (Canada – Manitoba)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 00:00:00	CST	UTC-6 hours
Calgary (Canada – Alberta)	Friday, 8 November 2024, 23:00:00	MST	UTC-7 hours
Wellington (New Zealand – Wellington)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 19:00:00	NZDT	UTC+13 hours
Suva (Fiji)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 18:00:00	FJT	UTC+12 hours
Corresponding UTC (GMT)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 06:00:00		

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**Webinar 2 UTC 16.00 – 17.30**

Location	Local Time	Time Zone
Sydney (Australia – New South Wales)	Sunday, 10 November 2024, 03:00:00	AEDT
Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia – Kuala Lumpur)	Sunday, 10 November 2024, 00:00:00	MYT
Chennai (India – Tamil Nadu)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 21:30:00	IST
Nairobi (Kenya)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 19:00:00	EAT
Kampala (Uganda)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 19:00:00	EAT
Lusaka (Zambia)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 18:00:00	CAT
London (United Kingdom – England)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 16:00:00	GMT
Bridgetown (Barbados)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 12:00:00	AST
Winnipeg (Canada – Manitoba)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 10:00:00	CST
Calgary (Canada – Alberta)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 09:00:00	MST
Wellington (New Zealand – Wellington)	Sunday, 10 November 2024, 05:00:00	NZDT
Suva (Fiji)	Sunday, 10 November 2024, 04:00:00	FJT
Corresponding UTC (GMT)	Saturday, 9 November 2024, 16:00:00	