

PRESS RELEASE

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**NEW COSW COUNCIL CONVENES FOR FIRST INDUCTION WEBINAR**

The newly formed Council of the Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work (COSW) came together for the first time on Saturday 3 May 2025 for an introductory conversation and induction briefing.

**New Council Members**

Gambia – Basamba Drammeh	Kenya – George Kombe	Malawi – Stephano Joseph
Nigeria – Chinwe Nwanna	Rwanda – *Joseph Hahirwa/Pierre Bimenyimana	
Uganda – Byamukama Ntanda	Zambia – Jacob Sichone	Sri Lanka – Rasika Samanmalee
UK – Carlene Cornish/Mary McColgan		Fiji – Malakai Kaitani

Board Members (also Members of the Council)

Sylvia Daisy Romanus (President)(India)	*Godfred Boahen (Treasurer)(UK)
David N Jones (Secretary General)(UK)	Naomi Spencer (Board Secretary)(Australia)
Charles Mbugua (Kenya)	*Jan Christianson-Wood (Canada)
*Joachim Mumba (Zambia)	*Monique Auffrey (Canada)
Ramesh K. S. (India)	Nathan Chong-Nee (ANZ)
*Gerald Okiria (Uganda)(Newsletter Editor)	*Teoh Ai Hua (Malaysia)
* Not able to attend	

The webinar included a briefing on the history and activities of COSW by David N Jones as well as on the new constitution by Ramesh K. S. Nathan Chong Nee described his experience of recently joining the Board after having represented COSW at the 2024 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Samoa and described the subsequent COSW South Pacific project. Following the event, COSW President Sylvia Daisy commented: 'This was an exciting event in COSW history as the new Council met for the first time. The discussion revealed the substantial social work experience of new Council Members demonstrating the strong reach and future of COSW.'

NOTE: 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.

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