

## ZOOM LINKS FOR FOURTH ANNUAL COSW POLICY FORUM

### "FROM FRAGILITY TO FORTITUDE"



## REFRAMING SOCIAL WORK DURING GLOBAL TURBULENCE

### Reflections on social work in turbulent times

**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**06.00 - 07.30 or 16.00 – 17.30 (UTC/GMT)**

A new report: "[\*From Fragility to Fortitude: Building Resilient African CSOs in the Wake of the US Government Funding Collapse\*](#)" will be a key element in the 2025 COSW annual Policy Forum. In one of the first global presentations, the authors Rose Maruru and David Barnard will present findings of a survey of 364 African CSOs in 42 countries. A panel will then explore future global impacts and opportunities, with time for audience questions.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 two parallel open meetings enable people from all time zones to participate – 06.00 and 16.00 (UTC) - similar programme with the same speakers.

How should social work react to the global turbulence affecting people worldwide? 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	Welcomes	COSW, IFSW, IASSW and Commonwealth Secretariat
	COSW activity 2024-5 – ensuring social work is heard	COSW Board members
06.45/16.45	Reflections on social work in turbulent times	
	"From Fragility to Fortitude"	Rose Maruru & David Barnard
	Pan-Commonwealth Panel discussion	
07.10/17.10	Open microphone discussion with Q&A	David N Jones (chair)
07.30/17.30	Thanks and close	Sylvia Daisy Romanus
9.9.25/dnj		