



# In Pursuit of Sustainable Futures: Perspectives from Social Work

## Concept Note



The Department of Social Work (DSSW), University of Delhi, and International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) will jointly convene an International Capacity-Building Workshop on **January 16, 2025**, at the University of Delhi, Conference Centre.

The theme of the Workshop is, '*In Pursuit of Sustainable Futures: Perspectives from Social Work*'. The Workshop will involve the participation and presentations by eminent **scholars and academics in social work** from India and abroad. Social work academics from different countries will participate in the Workshop. The event shall provide profound insights into emerging perspectives in the field of social work and will offer a great opportunity for cross-cultural dialogue. This event promises to be an exceptional platform for deepening our collective understanding and fostering innovative approaches to social work education and practice.

This capacity-building workshop focuses on sustainable futures from a social work perspective and aims to explore the role of social work in shaping sustainable development. Through a multi-faceted approach, the discussions will focus on advancing social work education, research, and scholarship to address global challenges, forging synergies between India and global sustainability goals. The subthemes given to the capacity building workshop include:

- Building Stronger Communities: Indigenous Knowledge in Social Work Education and Practice
- The SDG Journey: Global Dialogue and Local Action
- Welfare Systems: Learnings from Emerging Models
- Global Partnerships, Collisions and Collaborations

The workshop seeks to develop indigenous and sustainable solutions through active engagement and dialogue among social work professionals, addressing pressing global social, economic, and environmental challenges. By incorporating insights from practice, policy, and education, the workshop highlights social workers' pivotal role in fostering a resilient, equitable, and inclusive future for India and the world. This will involve discussions with academics from several schools of social work worldwide, representing regions from the USA, UK, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Additionally, strategies for enhancing collaboration and networking through mutual exchange of ideas will be revisited and refined.

The workshop is pivotal as the University of Delhi is internationalizing its curriculum and implementing the NEP 2020 framework. It plays a crucial role in integrating global, intercultural, and international dimensions into the university's teaching and learning approach.

IASSW is a global organisation representing schools of social work and educators, with members in over 70 countries across all continents. IASSW has a membership of 409 schools of social work, 160 individual members, other life members, and associations. The workshop will facilitate the exchange of ideas and foster future collaborations in social work education, research, and scholarship among faculty and student participants. A key outcome of the panel discussions will be the creation of a policy brief or document aimed at advocating for the advancement of social work scholarship and practice.



## ‘In Pursuit of Sustainable Futures: Perspectives from Social Work’

### International Capacity Building Workshop

*Jointly organised by Department of Social Work, University of Delhi and  
International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW)*

**January 16, 2025**



S.No.	Timings	Event/Panel	Details
1.	<b>9.00-9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration and Tea</b>	
	<b>9.30-9.45 a.m.</b>	<b>Group Photograph</b>	
3.	<b>9.45-11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Inaugural</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
		Compère	Dr. Pushpanjali Jha, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i> Prof. Archana Kaushik, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>
			<i>Lighting of the Lamp; Kulgeet (University of Delhi’s anthem)</i>
		Introduction to the Workshop	Prof. Pamela Singla, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi,</i> <i>Coordinator of Delhi Board Meeting and Capacity Building Workshop,</i>
		IASSW President’s Address	Prof. Antoinette Lombard, <i>President IASSW, Department of Social Work,</i> <i>University of Pretoria, South Africa</i>
		Chief Guest’s Address	Dr. Vikas Gupta, <i>Registrar, University of Delhi</i>
		Special Invitee	Prof. Manoj K. Jha, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi,</i> <i>Member of Parliament</i>

		Keynote Speaker	Dr. Rukmini Banerji, <i>Chief Executive Officer of Pratham Education Foundation</i>
		Head's Remarks	Prof. Sanjoy Roy, <i>Head, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>
		Vote of thanks	Dr. Shashi Rani Dev, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>
4.	11.00-12.00 p.m	<b>Theme 1</b>	<b>Building Stronger Communities: Indigenous Knowledge in Social Work Education and Practice</b>
		Session Chair	Dr. Janestic M. Twikirize, <i>Secretary IASSW, Department of Social Work, Makerere University, Uganda</i>
		Session Co-chair	Dr. Sudhir Maske, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>
		Presenter	Prof. Christos Panagiotopoulos, <i>School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Nicosia, Cyprus</i>
		Presenter	Dr. Nevashnee Perumal, <i>Social Development Professions, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa</i>
		Presenter	Dr. Sanjay Kumar, <i>Founder of Indian School of Purpose &amp; Impact, Former Director, SEWA, Founding Country Director, Harvard Mittal Institute</i>
		Presenter	Prof. Ravi R Patil, <i>Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia</i>
		Discussion	
5.	12.00-1.15 p.m.	<b>Theme 2</b>	<b>The SDG Journey: Global Dialogue and Local Action</b>
		Session Chair	Prof. Antoinette Lombard, <i>President IASSW, Social Work, University of Pretoria, South Africa</i>
		Session Co-chair	Dr. N.T. Thomas, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>
		Presenter	Prof. Golam Mathbor, <i>School of Social Work, Monmouth University, USA</i>
		Presenter	Prof. Sabine Bährer-Kohler, <i>Prof. of Social Work, Karlsruhe, Member of the Senate, Germany</i>
Presenter	Prof. Sanjoy Roy, <i>Head, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>		

		Presenter	Ms. Annie Namala, <i>Centre for Social Equity &amp; Inclusion, New Delhi</i>
		Presenter	Ms Ishita Agarwal, <i>SDG Division of NITI Aayog, New Delhi</i>
		Discussion	
6.	1.15-2.00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	
7.	2.00-3.00 p.m.	<b>Theme 3</b>	Welfare Systems: Learnings from Emerging Models
		Session Chair	Prof. Neena Pandey, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>
		Session Co-chair	Mr. Abhishek Thakur, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>
		Presenter	Prof. Pamela Singla, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>
		Presenter	Ms. Manjula Singh, <i>Executive Director Children's Investment Fund Foundation</i>
		Presenter	Representative from <i>Centum Foundation, New Delhi</i>
		Presenter	Mr. Manas Satpathy, <i>Lead - Center of Excellence for Climate Action, PRADAN</i>
		Discussion	
8.	3.00-4.00 p.m.	<b>Theme 4</b>	Global Partnerships, Coalitions and Collaborations
		Session Chair	Prof Neera Agnimitra, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>
		Session Co-chair	Mr. Pratap Behera, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>
		Presenter	Prof. Barbara Shank, <i>Retired Professor St. Catherine University, School of Social Work, University of St. Thomas, USA</i>
		Presenter	Representative from <i>Anil Aggarwal Foundation, New Delhi</i>
		Presenter	Dr. David Rose, <i>Vice President, IASSW Associate Professor in Social Work, Department of Social Work, The University of Melbourne, Australia</i>
		Presenter	Prof. Ing. Mgr. Zuzana Poklembova, <i>Institute of Educology and Social Work University of Prešov, Slovakia</i>
		Discussion	

9.	4.00-5.30 p.m.	<b>Valedictory</b>	
		Compère	Dr. Veda Yumnum, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>
		Workshop Recap and Road Ahead	Dr. Janestic M. Twikirize, <i>Secretary IASSW, Department of Social Work, Makerere University, Uganda</i>
		Guest of Honour	Prof. Payal Mago, <i>Director, Campus of Open Learning, University of Delhi</i>
		Guest of Honour	Prof. Ratnabali, <i>Dean of Academic Affairs, University of Delhi</i>
		President's Observations	Prof. Antoinette Lombard, <i>President IASSW, University of Pretoria, South Africa</i>
		Concluding remarks	Prof. Pamela Singla, <i>Department of Social Work, University of Delhi</i>
		Vote of thanks	Ms. Rashmi Pandey, <i>Executive Officer, IASSW</i>

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