



## Message from the Conference Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

We are living in a world of disruption and drastic changes unprecedented in human history. The future is upon us today! This online conference, in the midst of the Covid-19 global pandemic, aims to empower social workers and social service organizations to make an impact on the lives of the people amidst drastic social changes and facilitate effective professional practice and human services in the decades to come.

Human relationships not only bring joy and meaning to human existence, they are the primary basis for survival of the human race. Thus, the theme for the Online Conference is: Human Relationship: Keys to Remaking Social Work for the Future.

Social Work education, research and practice as well as social policy needs to respond proactively to promote human well-being, so as to foster positive social change and social integration. Social relationship is vital for both the individual and society to thrive. The basis of social work and social development is to empower citizens through participation, engender social inclusion and build human relationship so as to change individual, groups and communities as well as to enhance social network and social solidarity.

The abstracts for the conference that were earlier accepted for presentations, the workshops and poster sessions, all will highlight the following sub-themes:

- Axis 1: Promoting human relationships, global context and sustainable development
- Axis 2: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in fostering human relationships
- Axis 3: Social policy to enhance human relationships
- Axis 4: Gender and minority issues, micro enterprise, and social inclusion and integration
- Axis 5: Challenges and capacities of Social Work Education and Research in promoting human relationships and future development.



## INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT ONLINE CONFERENCE 2021

Human Relationships – Keys to Remaking Social Work for the Future

Other collaboration and special sessions will also be organized in conjunction with the International Social Work and Development Online Conference 2021. Sponsors for the various sessions are welcomed.

The Online conference schedule spans three months and will require collaboration and support from many organizations and colleagues from all over the world. Do sign up for the online conference and kindly let us know how you will help and make this conference a success for all of us.

See you online at the ISWED 2021 conference soon.

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