

# ROUNDTABLE CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC LECTURE ON ENGAGING WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: PROSPECTS & CHALLENGES FOR SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE MONDAY 16, SEPTEMBER 2019

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Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), agreed upon by the global community in September, 2015, are comprehensive and universal in nature. SDGs, based on the theme of 'no one will be left behind', aims to ensure development within the reach for all. Human rights, economy, development, and environment are the major concerns to be addressed, which are brought under the ambit of SDGs (Jayasooria, 2016). After series of consultations by the panel of eminent persons to develop the agenda post-2015, a list of five big and transformative shifts were agreed upon (United Nations, 2015). These are –

- Leave no one behind. The shift from MDG to SDG encompasses a shift in their goals too, from reducing poverty to completely eradicating poverty. SDGs aim to ensure that no person should be denied basic human rights and economic opportunities.
- Put sustainable development at the core. For a long period, there had been a disintegration between social, economic, and environmental dimensions of sustainability. The climate change and environmental degradation is alarming and universal, and requires a structural change with new solutions to achieve sustainable development and poverty eradication. This can only be achieved by integrating social, economic, and environmental actions together.
- Transform economies for jobs and inclusive growth. Achieving sustainable patterns is one of the biggest challenges for every country while ensuring good job possibilities for its citizens in the resource crunch environment. People should get what they need to grow which includes skills, education, healthcare, etc.
- Build peace and effective, open and accountable institutions for all. This calls for peace and accountability as core elements and not add ons. Legitimate institutions should ensure peace, access to social justice, freedom of speech, and transparency resolutions where information flows freely.
- Forge a new global partnership. New partnerships must be forged based on solidarity, cooperation, common humanity, mutual accountability and respect, to achieve the post-2015 agenda. With a new spirit, these should involve governments, marginalised people and groups, civil society and indigenous communities, multilateral institutions, the business community, academia, private philanthropy, etc.

The role of social work is crucial in bringing about these transformative shifts. A consultative exercise was undertaken by three global organisations namely, IASSW, IFSW, and ICSW, that built a consensus to support UN in development agenda post-2015. The aim was to address the problem of poverty, inequalities in opportunities, accessing resources, and oppression. These organisations agreed to support this by undertaking strategies such as promoting social and economic equalities, promoting the dignity and worth of people, working towards environmental and community sustainability, strengthening recognition of the importance of human relationships (IFSW, 2014, p.3). These organisations also pledged to promote education and practice standards in social work and social development, enabling workers to facilitate sustainable, social development outcomes. Post-2015 agenda requires social workers and grass-root organisations to look beyond regional and national processes in order to guide their practice through global vision and SDGs (Jayasooriya, 2016). The approaches used in SDGs such as human rights, inclusivity, respecting diversity, empowerment, equality and non-discrimination are the same values used by social work professionals. Further, the target groups of social work practice and SDGs are the same. Present time requires close collaboration between social work and sustainable development. The social work practitioners are required to map their work with SDGs in order to contribute significantly in achieving agenda 2030.





## ABOUT THE EVENT

The Chief Guest of the event is Dr. Annamaria Campanini, President, International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW). The event will have following sessions:

TIME	SESSION
1130 – 1330 hrs	"Roundtable Consultation on Engaging with Sustainable Development Goals: Prospects & Challenges for Social Work Practice"
1600 – 1730 hrs	"Public Lecture by Dr. Annamaria Campanini, President IASSW Role of Global Social Work and to support the SDGs and Social Development"
1730 – 1800 hrs	Informal Interaction with President, IASSW and High-Tea

The Roundtable Consultation will start with faculty members from social work and related fields, research scholars and field practitioners in discussing their ideas, work, and other engagements with SDGs. For this, we invite a discussion note of 500 words from the interested participants, to be mailed at [sdgsocialwork@tiss.edu](mailto:sdgsocialwork@tiss.edu) by 12th September, 2019. This will be followed by the Public Lecture by Prof. Annamaria Campanini.

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**VENUE:** Old Conference Hall, TISS, Main Campus

## STUDENT AND FACULTY PARTICIPATION

Faculty and research scholars of social work institutions are encouraged to attend the roundtable consultation followed by the public lecture. Social work students are invited for the public lecture and informal interaction with the chief guest. Please inform us about your joining by 12th September, 2019 to make necessary arrangements by sending a mail on [sdgsocialwork@tiss.edu](mailto:sdgsocialwork@tiss.edu)

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