

## Pre-Conference Workshop

### Strengthening Intergenerational Solidarity for the Future in the Asia Pacific Region Focusing on Climate Change and Other Environmental Issues

17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Venue: Anthurium Ballroom, Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo

Time	Programme
12:30 pm – 1.00 pm	Registration
1:00 pm – 1.05 pm	Opening by Prof. Machiko Ohara – IFSW-AP President
1:05 pm – 1.25 pm	<b>PRESENTATION - 1 (Mr. Amarawansa Ranaweera)</b> <i>Climate Change and Intergenerational Solidarity: Insights from the Sri Lankan Experience</i>
1:25 pm – 1.45 pm	<b>PRESENTATION – 2 (Mr. Cheng-hsin Lee)</b> <i>The Environmental Solidarity Journey of Asia-Pacific Fishers, Beginning in Taiwan</i>
1:45 pm – 2.25 pm	<b>GROUP WORK – (A)</b> 1:45 Member introductions and selection of group chair (10 min) 1:55 Group discussion on presentations 1 & 2 (30 min)
2:25 pm – 2.45 pm	<b>PRESENTATION - 3 (Ms. Sophanara Pen)</b> <i>Empowering Communities: Social Work for Climate Resilience in Cambodia</i>
2:45 pm – 3.05 pm	<b>PRESENTATION - 4 (Prof. Manohar Pawar)</b> <i>I am a social worker: How can I instil intergenerational solidarity?</i>
3:05 pm – 3.20 pm	Break
3:20 pm – 4.00 pm	<b>GROUP WORK – (B)</b> 3:20 Group discussion on presentations 3 & 4 (30 min) 3:50 Final preparation for group presentations (10 min)
4:00 pm – 4.40 pm	Group presentations (8 min x 5 groups)
4:40 pm – 5.00 pm	Speaker comments (5 min x 4 speakers)
5:00 pm	Closing

# INAUGURAL CEREMONY

18<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Venue: Lotus Hall, Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall  
(BMICH)

Time	Programme
12.45 pm - 1.15 pm	Registration
1.15 pm - 1.25 pm	Official Welcome with Sri Lankan Traditional Dance Procession
1.25 pm - 1.30 pm	Guests take their seats
1.30 pm - 1.35 pm	Lighting of the traditional oil lamp
1.35 pm - 1.40 pm	National Anthem
1.40 pm - 1.50 pm	Welcome Dance
1.50 pm - 2.00 pm	Welcome address by Mrs. Shamini Attanayake, President, SLAPSW
2.00 pm - 2.10 pm	Traditional Dance Performance
2.10 pm - 2.20 pm	Speech by Prof. Machiko Ohara, IFSW-AP President
2.20 pm - 2.30 pm	Speech by A/Prof. David Rose, President, APASWE
2.30 pm - 2.40 pm	Speech by Mr. Joachim Cuthbert Mumba, President, IFSW
2.40 pm - 2.50 pm	Speech by Prof. Premakumara De Silva, Director General, NISD
2.50 pm - 3.35 pm	Keynote Address by Professor Manohar Pawar BA, MASW and PhD, Prof. of Social Work, School of Social Work and Arts, Charles Sturt University, Australia. <b>"The Role of Social Work in Environmental Justice and Resilience"</b>
3.35 pm - 3.45 pm	<b>Speech by Dr. Upali Pannilage, Hon. Minister, - Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment</b>
3.45 pm - 3.55 pm	<b>Speech by Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Hon. Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka</b>
3.55 pm - 4.05 pm	Social work documentary -Video
4.05 pm - 4.15 pm	Social Work Theme Song by Undergraduates, NISD

<b>4.15 pm - 4.25 pm</b>	Conference Programme and Vote of Thanks by Mrs. T.H. Rasika Samanmalee, The Secretary APSWC-2025
<b>4.25 pm - 4.45 pm</b>	Official Conference Photograph
<b>4.45 pm</b>	Closing & Refreshments

# **SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS**

**at the**

**Hotel Taj Samudra  
No. 25, Galle Face Centre Road  
Colombo 3, Sri Lanka**

## Day 01: Session 01

### Social Work Ethics in Community Resilience Building

<b>Date</b>	: 19.11.2025
<b>Time</b>	: 09.00 am – 12.30 pm
<b>Venue</b>	: Crystal Ballroom
<b>Session Chair</b>	: Prof. Subhangi M.K. Herath
<b>Moderators</b>	: Mrs. Gowry Vasudevan / Mrs. Yasintha Rathnayake

Paper ID	Time	Paper Title	Author(s) / Country
		<b>Panel Discussion</b> Moderator – Mrs. T.H.R. Samanmalee	
	9.00 am – 10.20 am	<i>Child Protection in a Changing Climate: Developmental Priorities, Risks &amp; Resilience Strategies</i> Dr. Natiya Partskhaladze, Dr. Anuradha Herath, Dr. Aditi Ghosh & Ms. Teona Aslanishvili	
	10.20 am – 10.40 am	<b>Morning Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
APSWC 001	10.40 am – 10.50 am	Outcomes of “To, gather”: A Community-Based Subscription Program to Reduce Social Isolation Among Residents with Renal Disabilities	Ms. YoungSeo Kim & Mr. JaeHo Kim (South Korea)
APSWC 002	10.50 am – 11.00 am	Building Community Resilience through Social Work Ethics: Citizen-Participatory Social Work Practice Utilizing Urban Parks and Inclusive Sports in the Era of Climate Change	Mr. Yuichi Ayukawa (Japan)
APSWC 003	11.00 am – 11.10 am	Bridging the Gap: Upgrading Social Work Education and Research to strengthen Juvenile Justice practices	Ms. Ida D’Souza, Dr. Shankar B. Bakkannavar

			& Dr. Vinod C. Nayak (India)
<b>APSWC 004</b>	11.10 am – 11.20 am	Integrating Sociological Perspectives into Professional Casework Practice: A Study from the Vavuniya District in Northern Province of Sri Lanka	Mr. Thawarasa Tharsan (Sri Lanka)
<b>APSWC 005</b>	11.20 am – 11.30 am	A literature review on "IBASHO"	Ms. Miki Takahashi (Japan)
<b>APSWC 006</b>	11.30 am – 11.40 am	CBPR for Building a Campus That Respects Diverse SOGIE: Collaborating with LGBTQ+ Persons in Research and Social Action	Prof. Joe Takeda, Prof. Yukiko Sawada, Asst. Prof. Yoshiaki Oda, Mr. Kaname Takabayashi, Mr. Makoto Iizuka, Mr. Hiro Yoshikawa & Mr. Yuki Kajitani (Japan)
<b>APSWC 007</b>	11.40 am – 11.50 am	Microaggressions in Times of Disaster: Perspectives from Multiple Fields of Social Welfare	Ms. Masako Tokuni, Mr. Koki Hashizume, Mr. Taishiro Kawamura (Japan)
<b>APSWC 008</b>	11.50 am - 12.00 noon	From Individual Care to Collective Strength: Building Community Resilience through Disability Response in Rural Bhutan	Dr. Kiichi Hirayama (Japan)
<b>APSWC 009</b>	12.10 pm – 12.20 pm	A Study on social workers' ESG awareness and implications for practice and Implications for Ethical Practice	Kim Min Jae & Hee-yeon Kim (South Korea)
<b>12.30 pm – 1.30 pm</b>		<b>Lunch Break</b>	

## Day 01: Session 02

### Policy Advocacy & Legislative Action

<b>Date</b>	: 19.11.2025
<b>Time</b>	: 01.30 pm – 04.00 pm
<b>Venue</b>	: Crystal Ballroom
<b>Session Chair</b>	: Emeritus Prof. Siri Hettige
<b>Moderators</b>	: Dr. Avanka Fernando / Mrs. Manjula Wijesekara

Paper ID	Time	Paper Title	Author(s) / Country
APSWC 010	1.30 pm – 1.40 pm	Social work practice in times of multiple eco-social crises - Different typologies of Reasoning and decision making and its implications for green social work.	Mr. Moritz Reisberger (Austria)
APSWC 011	1.40 pm – 1.50 pm	Socio-Economic Development in Small Islands and Its Implications for Social Policy and Social Work in Malaysia	Ms. Lydia Ann (Malaysia)
APSWC 012	1.50 pm – 2.00 pm	Social Work as a Countercultural Force in Policy Advocacy	Dr. Tushar Singh (India)
APSWC 013	2.00 pm – 2.10 pm	The Current Status and Emerging Challenges of Japanese-Brazilians' Return Migration to Japan	Dr. Yuichi Watanabe (Japan)
APSWC 014	2.10 pm – 2.20 pm	What do we need for sustainable practice? Organizational Factors Influencing Work-Life Balance Among Social Workers in South Korea	Prof. Ahraemi Kim & Prof. Yunmin Kim (South Korea)

<b>APSWC 015</b>	2.20 pm – 2.30 pm	An Industrial Working Environment and Role of Supervisors	Ms. Kanagasabai Vannyrama & Mrs. Varathagowry Vasudevan (Sri Lanka)
<b>2.30 pm – 4.00 pm</b>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panel Discussion</b> Moderator – Prof. Mohamed Mahees</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Social Work Models of Environmental and Community Sustainability for Better Mental Health</i> Dr. Chulani Herath, Dr. Aarti Jagannathan &amp; Dr. Anula Rathnayake</p>	
<b>4.00 pm – 4.15 pm</b>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break</b></p>	

## Day 01: Session 03

### Climate Change & Environmental Justice - Impact of Climate Related Extreme Weather Events on Vulnerable Communities & their Livelihoods

<b>Date</b>	: 19.11.2025
<b>Time</b>	: 09.00 am – 12.30 pm
<b>Venue</b>	: Grand Crystal Ballroom
<b>Session Chair</b>	: Mr. Amran Jamil
<b>Moderators</b>	: Mrs. Ishari Gunarathna / Mr. Charith Weerasinghe

Paper ID	Time	Paper Title	Author(s) / Country
<b>APSWC 016</b>	9.00 am – 9.10 am	Cognition in a Changing Climate: A Systematic Review of Environmental and Seasonal Impacts on Young Adults	Mr. S. Swamy, Dr. Dinakaran Damodharan & Dr. Vijay Kumar (India)
<b>APSWC 017</b>	9.10 am – 9.20 am	Adapting to Climate Change: Impacts and Local Strategies in Rural Sri Lanka	Mr. D.M.C.J. Bandara & Mr. Kalindu Rathnayaka (Sri Lanka)
<b>APSWC 018</b>	9.20 am – 9.30 am	Ground Truths of Climate Change: A Social Work Inquiry into the Vulnerabilities of Smallholder Communities in the Villages of Medawachchiya, Anuradhapura District, Sri Lanka	Mr. V.Soleier, Dr. R. Jayaweera & Dr. N. Sakalasooriya (Sri Lanka)

<b>APSWC 019</b>	9.30 am – 9.40 am	Under the scorching sun; Exploring Heat Vulnerability and Support Networks among Female Street Vendors in “Pamunuwa” Sri Lanka.	Mrs. Veranga Wickramasinghe (Sri Lanka)
<b>APSWC 020</b>	9.40 am – 9.50 am	Empowering Supervisory Competency in a Changing World: Developing a Consensus-Based Framework for Medical Social Work Supervisors in Taiwan	Mr. Tung-Hsien Chuang, Chun-Yi Chen & Chia-Te Lin (Taiwan, Province of China)
<b>APSWC 021</b>	9.50 am – 10.00 am	Compounded Crises: Climate Change as an Added Disaster for Internally Displaced Children	Ms. Shamna V & Dr. Subhasis Bhadra (India)
<b>APSWC 022</b>	10.00 am – 10.10 am	The Role of Social Workers in Assisting Rural Farmers Affected by Changing Rainfall Patterns: A Qualitative Study in Handagala GN Division, Kebithigollawa	Ms. Pinithi Tharushini Jayasekara (Sri Lanka)
<b>10.10 am – 10.40 am</b>		<b>Morning Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
<b>APSWC 023</b>	10.40 am – 10.50 am	Empowering Families Affected by Human-Elephant Conflict through Social Work Interventions	Mrs. Sandya Sirikumara, Mrs. Kumudini Wedisinghe & Mr. D.M.C.J. Bandara (Sri Lanka)
<b>APSWC 024</b>	10.50 am – 11.00 am	Exploring Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Aquaculture-Dependent Communities in Malaysia: Insights for Social Work	Dr. Surendran Rajaratnam, Ms. Tina Yap Li Yan, Fauziah Ibrahim, Mohd Suhaimi Mohamad, Noorashikin Md Noor, Velan Kunjuran, Nur Syuhada Iskandar, Julian Ransangan, & Wahidatul Husna Zuldin (Malaysia)
<b>APSWC 025</b>	11.00 am – 11.10 am	Contribution of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) to Ensure Household Food Security of Dry Zone of Sri Lanka	Mr. Kalindu Rathnayaka & Mr. D.M.C.J. Bandara (Sri Lanka)

<b>APSWC 026</b>	11.10 am – 11.20 am	Unequal Burdens: Environmental Justice and Climate Vulnerability in Sri Lanka's At-Risk Communities	Mr. Alex Chrishanthan (Sri Lanka)
<b>APSWC 027</b>	11.20 am – 11.30 am	Exploring Psychosocial Challenges of Communities Facing Recurrent Climate-Induced Floods in Kerala	Dr. Subhasis Bhadra & Ms. Sona Francis (India)
<b>APSWC 028</b>	11.30 am – 11.40 am	From Waste to Risk: Health Hazards of Open Dumping Sites in India on Implications of Social Work	Dr. Renuka E Asagi (India)
<b>11.40 am – 12.30 pm</b>	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Moderator: Dr. Unnathi Samaraweera</b>		
	<i>Social Work Leadership in the Climate Crisis</i> <b>Prof. Abraham Francis &amp; Prof. Dhanapala Wijesinghe</b>		
<b>12.30 pm – 1.30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>		

## Day 01: Session 04

### Strengthening Cross-Sector Collaboration for Sustainable Solutions Guided by the SDGs

**Date** : 19.11.2025  
**Time** : 01.30 pm – 04.00 pm  
**Venue** : Grand Crystal Ballroom  
**Session Chair** : Prof. Wasantha Subasinghe  
**Moderators** : Dr. Kumudu Sumedha / Mrs. Kumuduni Wedisinghe

Paper ID	Time	Paper Title	Author(s) / Country
APSWC 029	1.30 pm – 1.40 pm	Interdisciplinary and Co-creation Social Work Practice: A Case Study in Enhancing Climate Resilience in a Rural Town in North China	Dr. Zhou Tian (Hong Kong)
APSWC 030	1.40 pm – 1.50 pm	Green Social Work: A Malaysian case study on the multi-level & multi-stakeholders' SDG & SSE participatory approach in designing the micro ecological solutions at the macro level in ensuring environmental justice & sustainability	Mr. Paniirselvam Jayaraman (Malaysia)
APSWC 031	1.50 pm – 2.00 pm	Connecting Senior Jobs Projects with Carbon Neutrality Efforts: Outcomes of “Our Neighbourhood ESG Center” in South Korea	Prof. Ki-young Lee & Mrs. Yeo Jin Lee (South Korea)
APSWC 032	2.00 pm – 2.10 pm	Community engagement for environment protection: A case study of the programmes on river ecosystem in Kerala, India	Dr. Ipe Varughese (India)

<b>APSWC 033</b>	2.10 pm – 2.20 pm	International Social Work Education: Use of the Sustainable Development Goals to Interrogate Climate Change	Dr. Christine Walsh (Canada)
<b>APSWC 034</b>	2.20 pm – 2.30 pm	Rethinking Social Work through Crisis: Lessons from Intersectional and Transnational Movements	Dr. Osamu Miyazaki (Japan)
<b>APSWC 035</b>	2.30 pm – 2.40 pm	Climate Action: Advancing Experiential Learning in Social Work	Dr. Julie Drolet (Canada)
<b>APSWC 036</b>	2.40 pm – 2.50 pm	A Community-Based ESG Model for Climate Crisis Response: A Case Study of Social Welfare Practice and Governance in Wonju, South Korea	Mi-Jeong Choi (South Korea)
<b>APSWC 037</b>	2.50 pm – 3.00 pm	Social work students' view on their experience of learning about the SDGs and climate change in their degree	Assoc. Prof. Wendy Foote, M. Alston, B. Hobden & F. Baffour (Australia)
<b>APSWC 038</b>	3.00 pm – 3.10 pm	The Characteristics of Professional Competencies in Japan's Long-Term Care Settings - An Analysis Based on International Comparison with Asian Countries	Dr. Shanshan Li (China)
<b>3.10 pm – 3.50 pm</b>		<b>Panel Discussion</b> Moderator: Mrs. Yasintha Rathnayake	
		<i>Building Inclusive Partnerships for Environmental Justice</i> <b>Dr. Mohd Haizzan Yahaya &amp; Mrs. Sarah De Soyza</b>	
<b>APSWC 039</b>	3.50 pm – 4.00 pm	<b>Poster Presentation</b> <b>Dr. Takako Nemoto (Japan)</b>	
		<i>Effective measures to promote the use of cancer consultation and support centers</i>	
<b>4.00 pm – 4.15 pm</b>		<b>Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break</b>	

## Day 01: Session 05

### Rights in the Climate Crisis: Social Work's Role in Environmental Justice

**Date** : 19.11.2025  
**Time** : 09.00 am – 12.30 pm  
**Venue** : Samudra Ballroom  
**Session Chair** : Dr. Savithri Ranasinghe  
**Moderators** : Ms. Subodini Herath / Mr. Shashika Konara

Paper ID	Time	Paper Title	Author(s) / Country
APSWC 040	9.00 am – 9.10 am	Climate-Induced Displacement and Gender-Based Violence: A Comparative Analysis of Sri Lanka and Australia's Policies and Social Work Responses	Dr. Nileeka Digampitiya (Sri Lanka)
APSWC 041	9.10 am – 9.20 am	Professional Social Work and Environmental Justice: A Community Advocacy Against Illegal Soil Excavation in Sammanthurai Region	Mr. A.R. Azsam (Sri Lanka)
APSWC 042	9.20 am – 9.30 am	Theorizing the environmental justice framework in social work	Dr. Eunjung Lee, Shelley Craig, Lin Fang, & Carmen Logie (Canada)
APSWC 043	9.30 am – 9.40 am	Intersectional Ecofeminism: Understanding the Double Burden of Gender and Environmental Injustice	Ms. Suma Mani (India)

<b>APSWC 044</b>	9.40 am – 9.50 am	Social work, the right to adequate housing and climate-accelerated disasters in Australia	Dr. Lisa Ewenson (Australia)
<b>10.10 am – 10.40 am</b>	<b>Morning Tea/ Coffee Break</b>		
<b>10.40 am – 12.30 pm</b>	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Moderator: Dr. U.L.M. Ashker</b>		
	<i>Climate Justice and Human Rights: The New Frontiers of Social Work</i> <b>Emeritus Prof. Kalinga Tudor Silva &amp; Mr. Oshada Rodrigo</b>		
<b>12.30 pm – 1.30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>		

## Day 01: Session 06

### Education & Awareness Campaigns

**Date** : 19.11.2025  
**Time** : 01.30 pm – 04.00 pm  
**Venue** : Samudra Ballroom  
**Session Chair** : Mr. A. Ranaweera  
**Moderators** : Mr. V. Jayaruban / Mrs. N. Nayanathara Jayathilaka

Paper ID	Time	Paper Title	Author(s) / Country
APSWC 045	1.30 pm – 1.40 pm	Impact of Social Work Education on Community Practice	Mrs. Deepthi Niroshika (Sri Lanka)
APSWC 046	1.40 pm – 1.50 pm	Establishing “Junior Social Workers Clubs” at school level as a strategy to strengthen Eco-Social World initiative	Mrs. I.S. Poorneema (Sri Lanka)
APSWC 047	1.50 pm – 2.00 pm	Exploring Gaps in Eco-Social Work Education: Perceptions of Undergraduate Social Work Students in Sri Lanka	Ms. Semini Modaragamage (Sri Lanka)
APSWC 048	2.00 pm – 2.10 pm	From Classroom to Community: International Exchange as a Catalyst for Environmental Justice in Social Work Education	Prof. Abraham Francis (Australia)

<b>APSWC 049</b>	2.10 pm – 2.20 pm	Awareness Levels and Educational Needs Related to Climate Change, Iron-Rich Diets and Anemia among Female Students in Higher Education Institutions in Thiruporur Block Tamil Nadu	Dr. R. Sakthi Prabha (India)
<b>APSWC 050</b>	2.20 pm – 2.30 pm	Education as the Catalyst for Environmental Resilience and Disaster Management: A Qualitative Inquiry into School-Based Awareness Campaigns and School Social Work Responses to Climate Change in Rural Sri Lanka	Ms. Subodini Herath (Sri Lanka)
<b>APSWC 051</b>	2.30 pm – 2.40 pm	Disasters and social work with transnational people: How do social work education respond to intersectional social issues?	Ms. Kana Matsuo (Japan)
<b>APSWC 052</b>	2.40 pm – 2.50 pm	Preparing Future Practitioners for Eco-Social Work and Environmental Justice in a Multidisciplinary Context	Ms. Manjula Wijesekara (Sri Lanka)
<b>APSWC 053</b>	2.50 pm – 3.00 pm	Water Conservation and Usage: An Assessment of Knowledge and Practices among Secondary School Children in Dharwad District of Karnataka	Dr. Sangeetha R. Mane (India)
<b>APSWC 054</b>	3.00 pm – 3.10 pm	Advancing transdisciplinary experiential learning for climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction	Dr. Julie Drolet (Canada)
<b>APSWC 055</b>	3.10 pm – 3.30 pm	<b>The Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training</b>	
		<b>Prof. Annamaria Campanini &amp; Prof. Varoshini Nadesan</b>	
		<b>Panel Discussion</b>	
		<b>Moderator: Mrs. Ishari Gunarathne</b>	
<b>3.30 pm – 4.00 pm</b>		<b><i>Global Social Work Education for an Eco-Social Future</i></b>	
		<b>Dr. David Jones &amp; Mr. V. Jayaruban</b>	
<b>4.00 pm – 4.15 pm</b>		<b>Afternoon Tea/Coffee break</b>	

## **Day 01: Other Programmes**

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme</b>
<b>10.40 am – 12.30 pm</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting, APASWE</b> <b>Venue: Longdon Meeting Room</b>
<b>1.30 pm – 3.30 pm</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting, IFSW-AP</b> <b>Venue: Longdon Meeting Room</b>
<b>4.20 pm – 6.20 pm</b>	<b>International Comparative Symposium</b> <i>The Development of Standards for Social Work Education &amp; Training</i> <b>Venue: Anthurium Ballroom</b>
<b>7.00 pm – 11.00 pm</b>	<b>Gala Dinner</b> <b>Venue: Grand Crystal Ballroom</b>

# International Comparative Symposium

The Development of Standards for Social Work Education & Training

**Date** : 19.11.2025  
**Time** : 04.20 pm – 06.20 pm  
**Venue** : Anthurium Ballroom

<b>Programme</b>		<b>Presenter / Affiliation</b>
1.	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Prof. Machiko Ohara – Professor, JCSW & President, IFSW-AP
2.	<b>Symposium Objectives</b>	Dr. Mariko Kimura – Visiting Professor, JCSW & Education Commissioner, IFSW-AP
<b>Country Reports (in alphabetical order)</b>		
3.	<b>Aotearoa/New Zealand</b>	Ms. Suzanne Cocker – Vice President, ANZASW
	<b>Japan</b>	A/Prof Viktor Virag – Associate Professor, JCSW & Treasurer, IFSW-AP
	<b>Korea</b>	Prof. Haenim Lee – Professor, Dongguk University & Member, IFSW-AP Education Commission
	<b>Philippines</b>	Mr. Rosauro R. Luntayao – Past National President, PASWI & IFSW-AP Education Commission
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	Mrs. Chathurangani Gurusinghe – Instructor, University of Colombo & Member, IFSW-AP Education Commission
	<b>Taiwan</b>	Ms. Szu Yu Ou – Secretary-General, TASW
4.	<b>Discussion</b>	
5.	<b>Comments</b>	A/Prof. David Rose – Associate Professor, University of Melbourne & President, APASWE
6.	<b>Session Summary</b>	Dr. Mariko Kimura – Visiting Professor, JCSW & Education Commissioner, IFSW-AP

## Day 02: Session 07

### Cultural Competence & Indigenous Perspectives in Climate Actions

<b>Date</b>	: 20.11.2025
<b>Time</b>	: 09.00 am – 11.10 am
<b>Venue</b>	: Crystal Ballroom
<b>Session Chair</b>	: Prof. Premakumara De Silva
<b>Moderators</b>	: Mrs. Gowry Vasudevan / Mr. D.M.C.J. Bandara

Paper ID	Time	Paper Title	Author(s) / Country
<b>APSWC 056</b>	9.00 am – 9.10 am	Acknowledging Indigenous Rights: Embedding Environmental Justice in Social Work with Orang Asli in Peninsular Malaysia	Ms. Tina Yap Li Yan, Dr. Surendran Rajaratnam & Nur Saadah Mohamad Aun (Malaysia)
<b>APSWC 057</b>	9.10 am – 9.20 am	Sustainable Development and Tribal Livelihoods in Kerala: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Climate-Resilient Initiatives	Dr. Jobi Babu (India)
<b>APSWC 058</b>	9.20 am – 9.30 am	Impact of Seasonal Changes on Human Health: An Unani Medicine Perspective	Dr. B.M. Rishad, Prof. N. Fahamiya & Prof. Mohamed Shiffa (Sri Lanka)
<b>APSWC 059</b>	9.30 am – 9.40 am	Exploring the Development of Green Social Work in Taiwanese Indigenous Communities under Climate Change: A Narrative Literature Review	Mr. Yi-Chi Chen (Taiwan, Province of China)

<b>APSWC 060</b>	9.40 am – 9.50 am	Challenges Faced by International Students in Care Worker Training Programs in Japan	Ms. Bian Ji (Japan)
<b>APSWC 061</b>	9.50 am – 10.00 am	Decolonizing Climate Action: Indigenous Wisdom and Climate Justice in the Indian Context	Dr. Binod Kumar (India)
<b>APSWC 062</b>	10.00 am – 10.10 am	Traditional Knowledge and Climate Action: A Study of Practices of Pastoral Communities in Telangana, India.	Dr. Konde Lingaswamy, Dr. Dattaiah Attem & Dr. Satheesh Perumalla (India)
<b>10.10 am – 10.40 am</b>		<b>Morning Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
<b>APSWC 063</b>	10.40 am – 10.50 am	Challenges and Support for elderly Japanese Americans and Their Families in Selecting a Provider for Adult Day Care Services in Hawaii	Prof. Hirofumi Watanabe (Japan)
<b>APSWC 064</b>	10.50 am – 11.00 am	Decolonising Asia-Pacific Social Work: Reclaiming Pacific Sovereignty in Global Narratives	Mr. Nathan Chong-Nee (New Zealand)
<b>APSWC 065</b>	11.00 am – 11.10 am	Beyond Eurocentrism: Building Interepistemic Solidarity to Decolonise Social Work Education	Marco Lupoli (Australia)

## Day 02: Session 08

### Youth Engagement & Intergenerational Equity

**Date** : 20.11.2025  
**Time** : 11.10 am – 11.30 am  
**Venue** : Crystal Ballroom  
**Session Chair** : Dr. Chulani Herath  
**Moderators** : Mrs. Deepthi Niroshika / Mrs. Chathurani Gurusinghe

Paper ID	Time	Paper Title	Author(s) / Country
APSWC 066	11.10 am – 11.20 am	Youth-Led Climate Change Initiatives in Sri Lanka: Actions, Challenges, and Impacts	Ms. K.N.N. Jayathilaka (Sri Lanka)
APSWC 067	11.20 am – 11.30 am	Climate Anxiety and Environmental Action among Youth: A Pathway to Resilience	Dr. Sadananda Reddy & Dr. Maharishi Ranganathan (India)
APSWC 068		Meaningful youth engagement in community integration: with reference to youth in Maligathenna and Yatawatta estate community, Matale	Ms. Muthukrishnarajah Shalini (Sri Lanka)

## Day 02: Session 09

### Social Work in Economic Crisis

**Date** : 20.11.2025  
**Time** : 11.30 am – 12.30 pm  
**Venue** : Crystal Ballroom  
**Session Chair** : Dr. Kanchana Chandrasekara  
**Moderators** : Mr. V. Jayaruban / Mrs. Kumudini Wedisinghe

Paper ID	Time	Paper Title	Author(s) / Country
APSWC 069	11.30 am - 11.40 am	To study how the social work discipline helps mitigate the Negative Impact of Microfinance on Women's Empowerment in Family Life.	Mrs. G. Hansika Kethumali & Mr. K.K.Keshan Charith Rangana (Sri Lanka)
APSWC 070	11.40 am – 11.50 am	Economic crisis, Migration and the role of social Work in Sri Lanka	Dr. Roshini Jayaweera (Sri Lanka)
APSWC 071	11.50 am – 12.00 noon	Transforming the workplace: Occupational social work in the Asia Pacific in response to the economic and global mental health crisis	Mr. Nicholas Thompson, Prof. Adi Fahrudin, Anjali Dhengle, John Drayton, Marnee Reville & Patrick O'Regan (Australia)
APSWC 072	12.00 noon – 12.10 pm	Building international Solidarity: Empowering women enhancing self-help groups and their economic independence in the South Asian Region	Dr. Mariko Kimura & Ms. Michiko Hirata (Japan)

<b>APSWC 073</b>	12.10 pm – 12.20 pm	Nature as Refuge: A Low-Cost Support for Retirement Adjustment among Low-Income Early Retirees	Dr. Crystal Kwan (Hong Kong)
<b>APSWC 074</b>	12.20 pm – 12.30 pm	Social Work in Economic Crisis: A Case Study of Hong Kong: Transformation driven by Care and Innovation during changing economic environment	The Hong Kong Social Workers Association
<b>12.30 pm – 1.30 pm</b>		<b>Lunch Break</b>	

## Day 02: Session 10

### Empowering Hope: Psychosocial Interventions for Climate-Anxious Communities

<b>Date</b>	: 20.11.2025
<b>Time</b>	: 09.00 am – 10.50 am
<b>Venue</b>	: Grand Crystal Ballroom
<b>Session Chair</b>	: Emeritus Prof. Saroj Jayasinghe
<b>Moderators</b>	: Dr. Anula Rathnayake / Mrs. Manjula Wijesekara

Paper ID	Time	Paper Title	Author(s) / Country
<b>APSWC 075</b>	9.00 am – 9.10 am	The Mediating Effect of Subjective Health on the Relationship between Climate Change Anxiety and Life Satisfaction	Ms. Jee Soo Park & Sulki Chung (South Korea)
<b>APSWC 076</b>	9.10 am – 9.20 am	Building inclusive pathways to educational access: A qualitative study on a grassroots initiative for community building and empowerment among parents and children of foreign origin in Japan	Ms. Yuki Ohsaka (Japan)
<b>APSWC 077</b>	9.20 am – 9.30 am	Development and Implementation of Capacity Building Program for Child and Family Welfare Social Workers in Cambodia and Vietnam	Ms. Michiko Hirata & Dr. Mariko Kimura (Japan)
<b>APSWC 078</b>	9.30 am – 9.40 am	Moving from Eco-Grief to Active Hope: How Te Whare Āhuarangi (The Climate House) Can Support the Wellbeing of Practitioners Amid Climate Change and Disaster Relief	Ms. Suzanne Cocker (New Zealand)

<b>APSWC 079</b>	9.40 am – 9.50 am	Mental Health Knowledge, Stigma, and Help-Seeking Behaviour Among Disaster First Responders: A Systematic Review	Mr. Kotari Putesh, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Manikappa & Dr. Gobinda Majhi (India)
<b>APSWC 080</b>	9.50 am – 10.00 am	Resilience and Mental Health in the Face of Eco-Anxiety Among Students	Dr. M Maria Antony Raj (India)
<b>APSWC 081</b>	10.00 am – 10.10 am	From Shadows to Empowerment: Navigating the Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) with Latent Class (LCA) and the Healing Role of Social Analysis Engagement	Prof. Haenim Lee (South Korea)
<b>10.10 am – 10.40 am</b>	<b>Morning Tea/ Coffee Break</b>		

## **Day 02: Session 11**

### **Disaster Response and Recovery**

**Date** : 20.11.2025  
**Time** : 10.40 am – 12.30 pm  
**Venue** : Grand Crystal Ballroom  
**Session Chair** : Associate Professor Victor Virag  
**Moderators** : Mrs. Yasintha Rathnayake / Mr. Kalindu Rathnayake

<b>Paper ID</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Author(s) / Country</b>
<b>APSWC 082</b>	10.40 am – 10.50 am	Psychosocial Preparedness for Community Loss: Narratives from Dam-Induced Displacement in Japan	Dr. Sachi Ando (Japan)
<b>APSWC 083</b>	10.50 am – 11.00 am	Designing and curating a disaster response: Transformative classroom learning in social work.	Dr. Kalpana Goel (Australia)
<b>APSWC 084</b>	11.00 am – 11.10 am	Fractured Lives, Forgotten Rights: A Case Study of Climate Vulnerability & Social Marginalization in Haldummulla, Sri Lanka	Ms. H.N.P.K Hettiarachchi & Dr. H.D.P Premarathne (Sri Lanka)
<b>APSWC 085</b>	11.10 am – 11.20 am	Community based disaster risk reduction: The cornerstone of psychosocial disaster preparedness	Dr. Bala Shanti Nikketha, Ms. Ekatta Pattanayak & Dr. Jayakumar Christy (India)
<b>APSWC 086</b>	11.20 am – 11.30 am	Disaster to Dissonance: Photo Voices and Participatory Reflections in Post-Landslide Disaster Management	Ms. Akhila V R, Dr Jayakumar Christy, Dr Balashanti Nikketha & Bibin C (India)
<b>APSWC 087</b>	11.30 am – 11.40 am	Revitalising Postgraduate Disaster Management Training in India	Ms. Ekatta Pattanayak, Dr. Jayakumar Christy & Dr. Bala Shanti Nikketha

			(India)
<b>APSWC 088</b>	11.40 am – 11.50 am	Community Responses to Climate Change in Rural Agriculture in Sri Lanka	Mrs. T. H. Rasika Samanmalee, Mr. Sashika Konara & Dr. Bhagya Jayawardena (Sri Lanka)
<b>APSWC 089</b>	11.50 am – 12.00 noon	NGO-Led Social Work Practice in Climate-Vulnerable Regions: Wildfire Response on Korea’s East Coast	Mrs. You, Yun Mi (South Korea)
<b>APSWC 090</b>	12.00 noon – 12.10 pm	From Flood to Action: The Role of Social Workers in Addressing Banjiha Housing Vulnerability	Prof. Ahyoung Song (South Korea)
<b>APSWC 091</b>	12.10 pm – 12.20 pm	Impact on Information Technology in Disaster Response and Recovery: Enhancing Social Work Response to Climate Change and Environmental Disasters in Sri Lanka	Mr. Alex Chrishanthan (Sri Lanka)
<b>12.30 pm – 1.30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>		

## Day 02: Session 12

### Wellness in Crisis: Integrating Health & Psychosocial Support for Climate affected communities

<b>Date</b>	: 20.11.2025
<b>Time</b>	: 09.00 am – 12.30 pm
<b>Venue</b>	: Longdon Room
<b>Session Chair</b>	: Dr. Teoh Ai Hua
<b>Moderators</b>	: Dr. U.L.M. Ashker / Dr. Kaushalya Hewawasam

Paper ID	Time	Paper Title	Author(s) / Country
APSWC 092	9.00 am – 9.10 am	Suicide in the Heat: A Conceptual Exploration of the Link Between Rising Temperatures and Suicidality	Ms. Meghna Choudhury, Dr. Jayakumar Christy & Dr. Bala Shanthy Nikketha (India)
APSWC 093	9.10 am – 9.20 am	Community-Based Practices Addressing Climate Inequality A Case Study of “Everyone’s Refrigerator”	Mrs. Kim Nan Mi (South Korea)
APSWC 094	9.20 am – 9.30 am	Community-Based Social Work Practices for Responding to Environmental Crises: A Qualitative Case Study in Korea	Dr. Soo-jung Kim & Dr. Sung-Eun Yun (South Korea)
APSWC 095	9.30 am – 9.40 am	From Vulnerability to Resilience: Optimising Community Eldercare Services for Older Adults in Climate-Affected Urban Environments	Tang Jing Jing (Malaysia)
APSWC 096	9.40 am – 9.50 am	Psychosocial Challenges Faced by Livestock Farmers Due to Climate Change	Mr. Nasar Mohammed Hassan (Sri Lanka)

<b>APSWC 097</b>	10.00 am – 10.10 am	Enhancing Child Safety in Hospital Settings: A Qualitative Study of Social Responsibility and Sustainable Practices	Mrs. C.K Gurusinghe & Ms. H.M.D Subodini Herath (Sri Lanka)
<b>10.10 am – 10.40 am</b>		<b>Morning Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
<b>APSWC 098</b>	10.40 am – 10.50 am	The Effect of Forest Therapy on Mental Well-being Among Socially Withdrawn Youth: An Eco-Social Work Response to Climate Change	Mihoko Kasuga & Dr. Atsushi Kawakubo (Japan)
<b>APSWC 099</b>	10.50 am – 11.00 am	Psychosocial Care and Substance Use Prevention in the Post-Flood Scenario: A Training Initiative for MSW Students in Chandigarh	Dr. Renjith R. Pillai, Dr. Abhishek Ghosh, Dr. Shalini Naik, Dr. Krishan Kumar & Dr. Debasish Basu (India)
<b>APSWC 100</b>	11.00 am – 11.10 am	Emotional Implications of Child Marriage: Review of the Evidence and Implications for Social Work Practice	Mr. Noor Atieka Binti Azmi, Azlin Hilma Hillaluddin & Abd Razak Abd Manaf (Malaysia)
<b>APSWC 101</b>	11.10 am – 11.20 am	Contextualization of Community Intervention Methods: Current Practices, Opportunities and Challenges	Mrs. Ishari Gunaratne (Sri Lanka)
<b>APSWC 102</b>	11.20 am – 11.30 am	Building Resilient Family Systems: Social Work Model for Early Childhood Development in Urban Marginalized Communities living through Environmental Crisis	Dr. Subhasis Bhadra & Dr. Aishwarya Gautam (India)
<b>11.30 am – 12.30 pm</b>		<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Moderator: Prof. Nishara Fernando</b>	
		<b>Community Resilience and Coping Mechanisms</b> <i>Emeritus Prof. Saroj Jayasinghe, Dr. Mariko Kimura &amp; Prof. Kumari Thoradeniya</i>	
<b>12.30 pm – 1.30 pm</b>		<b>Lunch Break</b>	

## Day 02: Evening Session & Closing Ceremony

**Date** : 20.11.2025  
**Time** : 1.30 pm – 5.30 pm  
**Venue** : Grand Crystal Ballroom

*(All participants are kindly requested to gather at the Grand Crystal Ballroom for the Evening Session and Closing Ceremony)*

Time	Programme
1.30 pm- 1.50 pm	<b>Plenary Session</b>
	<i>Building the Future of Social Work in Sri Lanka: Towards Professionalization and Recognition</i> Mr. A. Ranaweera
1.50 pm - 2.50 pm	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Panel Chair: Prof. Manohar Pawar</b>
	<i>The Role of the Social Work Workforce in Responding to Climate Change and Other Environmental Issues</i> Mr. Joachim Cuthbert Mumba, Mr. A. Ranaweera, Prof. Premakumara De Silva & A/Prof David Rose
2.50 pm – 3.00 pm	Cultural Dance
3.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Jane Hoey Sales & Auction 2025
4.00 pm - 4.10 pm	Group Cultural Performance
4.10 pm - 4.20 pm	Announcement of the Next Conference Host Country by the IFSW-AP President, Prof. Machiko Ohara
4.20 pm – 4.30 pm	Address by the President of the Next Conference Host Country
4.30 pm – 4.50 pm	Token of Appreciation for the Special Invitees - IFSW / IFSW-AP/ APASWE
4.50 pm – 5.00 pm	Vote of Thanks by the Secretary/APSWC
5.00 pm – 5.30 pm	Refreshments

## Day 03: Study Tour to Kandy

**Date** : 21.11.2025  
**Time** : 6.00 am – 5.00 pm  
**From** : Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo

Time	Programme
6.00 am	Vehicle arrives to the Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo
6.30 am	Departure at Hotel Taj Samudra
8.30 am - 9.30 am	Visit at Elephant orphanage, Pinnawalla, Kegalle (Breakfast will be provided there)
9.30 am- 10.00 am	Arrival to Wickramasinghe Memorial Home for the Elders, Ranwala, Kegalle for institutional visit and interactive session
10.00 am – 10.45 am	“Respecting Age, Redefining Care: The Sri Lankan Elder Care Experience” with the staff and residents of the Wickramasinghe Memorial Home for the Elders
10.45 am – 11.30 am	Arrival to Kandy
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa) and explore the rich cultural heritage of the historic city of Kandy
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch at Hotel Queens, Kandy
1.30 pm	Departure from Kandy
5.00 pm	Arrival at Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo

