



## **GLOBAL AGENDA FOR SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Announcing the Formation of the Global Agenda Observatory and Call for Papers for Special Edition on the Global Agenda**

#### **Vision**

The three organisations (International Association of Schools of Social Work, International Council on Social Welfare, International Federation of Social Workers) affirm the vision of the Global Agenda which makes explicit the contribution of social work and social development in building a 'society for all' in which every individual has an active role to play within a fair and just world. The Global Agenda Observatory (Observatory) has been formed to realise and promote this vision over a ten year period.

#### **Purpose of the Observatory**

To gather evidence about the activities of social workers, educators and social development practitioners, which support the implementation of the Global Agenda, give visibility and credibility to their contributions and promote further action. This is structured around the four themes of The Global Agenda, starting with *Promoting Social and Economic Equalities*. The themes to be covered in subsequent years include: promoting the dignity and worth of peoples; working toward environmental sustainability; and strengthening recognition of the importance of human relationships. A focus on ensuring an appropriate environment for practice and education will be included throughout. The Observatory is the mechanism for monitoring and reporting on the implementation of The Agenda Commitments.

#### **Observatory structure and process**

The Global Agenda Observatory, established by IASSW, ICSW and IFSW, consists of networks or consortia composed of institutions of higher education and professional/practice-based organisations that jointly research, analyse, synthesise and report on Agenda activities. The Global Agenda Observatory involves a process which will evolve over time and aspire to establish a strong, credible Observatory within ten years. The Global Agenda Observatory will be established at local, national, regional and international levels, working through existing structures and workplans. All members of the three organisations are invited to participate in this exciting initiative.

#### **Call for Papers for *ISW Special Edition of the Global Agenda* to be Distributed at the Joint World Congress in Melbourne, July 2014.**

The Observatory will be collecting data from its national and regional components throughout 2013 and invites those who have innovative and exciting projects aimed at promoting the work of the Global Agenda on the theme of *Promoting Socio-Economic Equalities* to submit abstracts of 300-500 words to Abye Tasse at [abyetasse@yahoo.fr](mailto:abyetasse@yahoo.fr) by 31 December 2012. Full papers maximum 5000 words including references to be uploaded onto SageTrack for formal review by 1 March 2013.