

IASSW COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

The International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) has established the Committee on Human Rights, Social Justice and Global Solidarity to ensure sustained, principled, and globally consistent engagement with atrocities, injustices, and human rights violations.

The Committee brings together representatives from IASSW's five regions, together with a member of the IASSW Executive, reflecting the Association's commitment to inclusive global representation and shared responsibility. It provides a platform for informed engagement, dialogue, and collaboration across diverse contexts and perspectives.

The Committee's work is guided by its Terms of Reference, which provide the framework for sustained, principled, and informed engagement. The Committee gives effect to this mandate through ongoing analysis, dialogue, and the development of position statements and calls to action in response to specific instances of atrocities, injustices, and human rights violations, ensuring that IASSW's engagement remains informed, inclusive, and aligned with its core values and mandate.

Guided by social work ethics and human rights principles, the Committee promotes engagement that deepens contextual understanding, values diverse perspectives, and creates space for constructive dialogue across differences. Its work is grounded in an awareness of global inequalities and power imbalances, and in a commitment to fostering approaches that unite rather than divide.

In carrying out its mandate, the Committee will:

- Monitor and analyse emerging issues and human rights concerns
- Facilitate dialogue and knowledge exchange across regions and diverse areas of practice and social concern
- Support the development of position statements and calls to action in response to specific instances of human rights violations, injustices, and atrocities
- Promote the integration of human rights, peacebuilding, and social justice into social work education, research, and practice
- Engage and strengthen the capacity of IASSW's global membership to advance human rights, peacebuilding, and justice-oriented social work across education, research, and practice.

The Committee will enable and undertake a range of engagement activities, including webinars, dialogue forums, collaborative initiatives, and platforms for shared learning and exchange across the global social work community. Through these engagements, it will facilitate dialogue, strengthen collaboration, and advance informed and collective responses to global challenges in line with IASSW's mandate.

Through this Committee, IASSW reaffirms its commitment to responding to these challenges with integrity, professionalism, and collective responsibility, and to strengthening the role of social work education in advancing human dignity, social justice, and sustainable peace.