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World Leaders Invited to Join Global Mass Movement for Eco-Social Change

People across the globe are inviting world leaders to join them in working together towards creating a new eco-social world as we emerge from the pandemic. The people's summit 'Co-Building a New Eco-social World: Leaving No One Behind' takes place next June (link). Through our representative organisations, 100s of millions of people have already committed to co-designing and co-building a sustainable world where all people live with trust, confidence, security and feel that they belong.

'This People's Summit offers a much needed and inspiring injection of hope into a troubled world' said **Dr Sylvia Romanus, Chair of the Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work**. 'COSW has supported the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development over the past decade, which includes many of the themes on the agenda for the People's Summit. We are pleased to continue this struggle for a fairer and safer world which protects the planet and respects its inhabitants.'

The summit partners include the world's trade unions, health sectors, Faith Invest network, global student bodies, international social work, United Nation's agencies, social movements, academic/educational networks and many others. This is an opportunity for everyone to get involved in building sustainable shared futures.

The People's Summit is a part of a process that has already begun with social movements and agencies worldwide calling for equality and sustainability. The summit partners, who are connected with many of these movements, come from different perspectives and cultures. They have already removed traditional barriers and have engaged together with a common vision. The summit partners have collectively agreed on a set of principles and values as a starting point to inspire new ideas and contributions. These aim to represent diverse cultures, philosophies, and interests across the world. They will steer us forward in our tasks of developing globally shared principles and values for a new eco-social world that leaves no one behind.



These include:

- Buen Vivir*, love and care of people and the planet, responsibilities and rights.
- Respect, dignity, harmony and justice
- Diversity, belonging, reciprocity and equity
- Ubuntu**, togetherness and community

Come and join us. Anyone can be a part of this, the registration is now open, and we want your contributions in this mass movement for change. Join the Co-Building a New Eco-social World: Leaving No One Behind People's Summit [here](#) and submit a proposal for a presentation or a contribution.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The statement can be found on the COSW website www.cosw.info/cosw-news.

COSW is an organisation for citizens of the Commonwealth who are interested in supporting social work and social development. It has links with a number of social work associations in the Commonwealth. It aims to promote and support communication and collaboration between social workers and social work associations of Commonwealth countries, and to uphold and promote the ethical principles of the International Federation of Social Workers.

*Buen Vivir –a social philosophy drawing on South American indigenous belief systems that describes a way of life and a form of development that sees social, cultural, environmental, and economic issues working together and in balance, not separately and hierarchically as at present.

**Ubuntu – an indigenous African philosophy based on people's interdependency and interconnectedness with their environment; I am because we are.

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