



News, Events and Resources | January 2022

## Secretariat Updates

### **Establishment of the *IFSW Social Work at the United Nations Initiative***

The Alliance is proud to announce that it has joined the advisory committee of the *IFSW Social Work at the United Nations Initiative*. This is a partnership of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) and Monmouth University School of Social Work. This critical initiative will link the international social work experience, networks, and key contacts of these partners with the global strategies of the UN. After the General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, launching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in 2015, a number of UN agencies began to explore how social work can support these initiatives. However, what was lacking was a dedicated centre that could provide advice, and link together the UN and social work bodies, to maximize the opportunities in working towards the achievement of the SDGs. This initiative will identify and strengthen the relationships between partners and organisations that are essential to achieving the SDGs, since building partnerships between social workers, allied disciplines, local communities and the UN has been shown to be a key requirement for sustainable development.

[Learn more about the initiative.](#)

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### **Submit your contribution for the People's Summit**

The Alliance is proud to be a partner for the upcoming people's summit: '[Co-Building a New Eco-social World: Leaving No One Behind](#)'. The summit, scheduled for 29 June to 2 July

of globally shared values for an eco-social world. All contributions will shape the Global Values Declaration for a new eco-social world that will be delivered to the United Nations High-Level Political Forum in July 2022 and will create a catalyst for further global action.



We invite you to submit a contribution for inclusion in the summit that shares the principles and values of your communities' programs, social movements, indigenous rituals, culture and knowledge, academic work, personal experiences, etc. The **deadline for submission is 15th February 2022.**

[Learn more and submit your contribution.](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### **[Webinar] OVC Electronic Case Management System Implementation | 19 January 2022, 9:00-10:30am (EST)**

The webinar will discuss Data.FI's published, comprehensive implementation guidance for electronic case management systems (eCMS) for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) programs. Electronic case management systems aim to capture key OVC data and improve case management for PEPFAR-supported programs. The guidance builds upon the related tool published by PEPFAR in 2020, "[Electronic Case Management System: Key Considerations.](#)" The new guide was developed in alignment with the nine digital principles for development designed to help integrate best practices into technology-enabled programs.

[Register for the webinar.](#)

[Access the full guidance document, developed with support from PEPFAR through USAID.](#)

### **USAID & Advancing Protection and Care for Children in Adversity (APCCA) Storytelling Workshop | 27 January 2022, 12:00-1:30pm (EST)**

USAID and the Advancing Protection and Care for Children in Adversity Secretariat will host a storytelling workshop on Thursday, January 27. Learn how storytelling can be used effectively to further our development goals and how to craft a compelling story, with often scant content, poor images, and tight deadlines

[Register for the workshop.](#)

### **[Webinar] Estimating and monitoring caseloads for social workers | 3 February 2022, 2-3:45 pm (UTC)**

and implementation of case management systems and other services require analysis of gaps and needs of human capacity in which estimated caseload per social worker is a useful variable. On a practice level, monitoring caseloads help to ensure quality of services and adequate working conditions for social workers. However, estimating, setting targets and monitoring caseloads for social workers are difficult exercises. Cases differ in complexity; clients have different needs and some cases are more time consuming than others. Social workers have different levels of skills and experience and the task they are expected to perform vary between systems. Further, lack of financial and human resources makes setting targets for caseloads a balancing act between providing services at scale while at the same time assuring quality.

Recognizing the challenges, this webinar, hosted by UNICEF, will offer practical examples within the child protection field, from the MENA region and beyond, of how caseloads can be estimated and monitored.

[Register for the webinar.](#)

## International Child Protection and Kinship Care Training | 26-27 January 2022

This e-training, hosted by CFAB, is for children's social workers who work in child protection or on care proceedings cases with a crossborder element. The focus of this training is on social work in an international context; child protection cases that cross international borders; care proceedings with international family resources; and practical issues in international placements. This training course will be delivered by social workers from CFAB who have had extensive experience in cross border cases. **Fee: £50**



[Register for the training.](#)

## The Global Disability Summit | 16-17 February 2022

The Global Disability Summit offers a concrete mechanism for collecting new, ambitious and widespread commitments critical to achieving real change for persons with disabilities. The Summit will mobilize efforts for the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the principle of 'Leave No One Behind' and building back better and more inclusive with regards to Covid-19. The International Disability Alliance, the Government of Norway and the Government of Ghana will host the second Global Disability Summit, which will be mainly virtual.



[Register for the summit.](#)

## ISPCAN Congress, Quebec City, Canada | 28-30 March 2022

chosen. Indeed, COVID-19 has seriously damaged our social and community fabric, and the most vulnerable children in our societies are among those who will suffer the most in the long run. For them, we must rebuild our solidarities, recreate our links, repair our communities and relaunch our alliances to better support our families. Come share your knowledge and your solutions to ensure that, from north to south, as many children and adolescents as possible can grow up in nurturing environments free from violence, abuse and neglect. ISPCAN is closely monitoring the situation surrounding COVID-19. At the moment, they are moving ahead with plans to host the event in person and are also looking at hybrid options to also make the congress available online.



[Register for the congress.](#)

## Resources

The resources below can be found in our [Resource Database](#). For resources specific to COVID-19, be sure to view our [COVID-19 Resources](#) page. If you have a new resource to share, [please contact us](#).

### [Framework] Towards Psychosocial Resilience and Well-being: A framework to ensure a community-based and contextualised approach to MHPSS interventions

Mental Health and Psychosocial (MHPSS) approaches and interventions have always been important for Terres des hommes and embedded in their programming. They have adopted a framework to respond better to the contexts in which they work. The framework is composed of five core elements. The five core elements are the well-being pillars, resilience capacities, socio-ecological approach, the IASC intervention pyramid and a set of four principles ensuring a participative and inclusive way of working.



TOWARDS PSYCHOSOCIAL RESILIENCE AND WELL-BEING

A framework to ensure a community-based and contextualised approach to Mental Health and Psychosocial Support interventions

Operational Guidance

Terres des hommes

[Access the framework.](#)

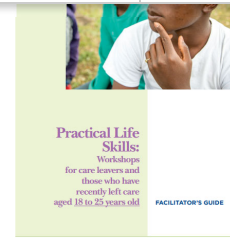
### [Workshop tools] Practical Life Skills - Workshops for care leavers and those remaining in care

Youth who grew up in care can face challenges that are often different from the challenges faced by other young people. They often leave care without any definite or tangible support from the government, little to no support from the residential care facility they are leaving, and sometimes limited connections to family or community. This series of resources are designed by care leavers for care leavers to help equip youth for life outside of care, strengthen coping strategies, foster safety nets and community networks. It builds from earlier life skills work that the Kenyan

trained to mentor and support care leavers through one-to-one or group sessions. The participant handbooks are for the youth participating in the program.

***Access the guides and handbooks:***

- [Facilitator Guide: Workshops for care leavers and those remaining in care aged 10 to 13 years old](#)
- [Facilitator's Guide: Workshops for care leavers and those remaining in care aged 14 to 17 years old](#)
- [Facilitator's Guide: Workshops for care leavers and those who have recently left care aged 18 to 25 years old](#)
- [Participant Handbook Companion: A workshop for care leavers and those who have recently left care aged 10 to 13 years](#)
- [Participant Handbook Companion: A workshop for care leavers and those who have recently left care aged 18 to 25 years](#)



## [Declaration] Global Declaration on Justice with Children

The Global Declaration on Justice With Children is a culmination of the discussions held before and during the 2021 World Congress on Justice With Children that gathered over 4,800 intergenerational participants from over 100 countries from 15-20 November 2021. The Global Declaration was drafted together by children and adults to call for action towards genuinely realising justice with children, inclusive access to justice for children without discrimination, resilient access to justice for children in the face of crises and pandemics, and child-friendly access to justice for all children in contact with the law. It highlights specific action points to be taken by states and civil society alike in partnership with children as experts and central players, which can assist us to collectively move forward towards accomplishing these important goals.



**[Access the declaration.](#)**



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