



**Tours, France
June 30th – July 4th 2008**

33rd Global conference of ICSW

The dynamics of social welfare in globalization : Lessons from the past, challenges for today and tomorrow

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Join us in France in 2008



It is a great pleasure for me to invite you to take part in the Global Conference of the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) in Tours. 80 years ago ICSW invited researchers, politicians and people interested in social issues to the first International Conference in Paris. In celebrating our anniversary we seek to learn from our history and consider what we can do better in the future.

Social development, improved social welfare and social justice are our goals. ICSW seeks to influence global social policy and strengthen civil society organisations. We hope the 2008 conference will give our members and conference participants new knowledge to fight poverty and the capacity to build stronger NGOs. The conference will provide a rare opportunity to meet global opinion leaders in social policy with the opportunity to learn from them. It is a hard and difficult task to foster social development and fight poverty. We can enhance our ability to do this if we have support of our colleagues from all over the world.

The venue for the conference is ideal for the tasks we will undertake. Tours is a beautiful town in the Loire valley and is a short train trip from Paris and the Charles de Gaulle airport. The conference venue is sited just opposite the train station and with all the hotels close by it is an easy walk to the venue and its nice surroundings.

Solveig ASKJEM
Global president of ICSW

PLANNING

Monday, June 30th	
9H 15H30	Registration opens
16H-18H00	Opening Ceremony Welcome reception – <i>Town Hall</i>

Tuesday, July 1st	
9H-10H30	Plenary session 1
11H-12H30	Symposiums 1, 2, 3
12H30-14H	Lunch
14H-15H30	Workshops 10 to 19
16H-17H30	Workshops 20 to 29
Evening	Conference Dinner <i>Vinci Convention Centre</i>

Wednesday, July 2nd	
9H-10H30	Plenary session 2
11H-12H30	Symposiums 4, 5, 6
12H30-14H	Lunch
14H-15H30	Workshops 30 to 39
16H-17H30	Workshops 40 to 49
Evening	Conference Gala <i>La Grange de Meslay</i>

Thursday, July 3rd	
9H-10H30	Plenary session 3
11H-12H30	Symposiums 7, 8, 9
12H30-14H	Lunch
14H-15H30	Workshops 50 to 59
16H-17H30	Closing Ceremony <i>Vinci Convention Centre</i>

Friday, July 4th	
9 AM 5 PM	Field visits

THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

The **80th anniversary of the International Council on Social Welfare** will be held in Tours, France from June 30th to July 4th. It is a great opportunity to look back, to reflect on the current situation and to look forward.

2008 is also the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Social welfare in the first decades of ICSW was mainly restricted to social services and social work. Gradually the domain was broadened to macro socio-economic issues with an emphasis on social protection and fighting poverty. In the last decades social development and globalization became important issues for ICSW.

Therefore, **the ICSW Global Conference will focus on three domains of social welfare: social work, social protection and social development.** Speakers will be asked to reflect on where we have come from in each of the three areas then predict and speculate where we are heading.

MAIN THEMES

Social work

Social Work refers nowadays to a broad field of social actions, social professions and social services. The change from welfare state to “workfare” state is challenging social work to move from just providing activities and services. Civil society and individual citizens are expected to be responsible for their own employability and looking for their own work. But in a society that rewards individualism the state needs to guarantee civil, human and social rights. We are not predicting the end of the welfare state. The state still needs to be responsible for guaranteeing equal opportunities. An unfettered market does not provide nor can it guarantee opportunities for all. The operating rules of social welfare are not self-sufficient, especially in order to meet the needs of the most vulnerable.

Social protection

Social protection protects people from the great hazards of life and to some extent it requires a reallocation of means. Social protection systems are under pressure all over the world. The global economy has increased social costs. Social protection systems are under strain because of the deficiencies in global regulation, high unemployment, “indecent” or unacceptable labour conditions, massive migrations from poor to rich countries, and migration from rural to urban areas. Demographic trends, like the ageing of societies, are threatening the financial viability of many social protection systems. New risks are emerging, such as dependence and the need for long term care, sanitary crises or environmental issues. Social protection will have to be re-oriented. It is intolerable that less than a quarter of the world population has access to social protection. Reliable social protection can help families and societies prevent irreversible losses of human and social capital and break the inter-generational cycle of poverty and exclusion. Universal policies, expanding coverage of social services, health insurance and social pensions are a crucial priority in achieving socially sustainable development.

Social development

Social development can be defined as the process of planned social change, designed to improve the welfare of the population as a whole, in conjunction with economic development and environmental protection. A distortion of the concept of social development has emerged. Some governments and international financial institutions have focused on poverty reduction rather than on social development. Poverty is only part of the problem. This has led to the implementation of policies oriented towards a part of society instead of the society as a whole. Most experts in social development advocate more comprehensive strategies, including: community development, corporate social responsibility, strengthening civil society and guaranteeing human and social rights, all along the life course and whatever the vagaries of life. An index of human development has been set up to include in the measure of growth a number of non economic ratios such as the average level of education, non discrimination and child mortality rates.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The second announcement of the 33rd ICSW Global Conference is drafted simultaneously with the opening of online registration. The announcement presents a provisional programme that includes the names of twelve speakers who have already confirmed their participation at the Conference. Also included are the titles of workshops with translation from English to French and French to English.

Each day of the conference will begin with a plenary session. It will raise issues that will be explored further in three symposiums held simultaneously. In the afternoon, workshops will provide a further opportunity to examine the themes of the conference in-depth. When you register you will be asked to choose, for each day, the symposium and the two workshops that you would like to attend.

Monday, June 30th

4-6 PM: Opening Ceremony

- Mayor of Tours
- Solveig ASKJEM, President of ICSW
- Official of the Government of France
- Chair of the Conference
- Keynote speaker on the themes

The ceremony will be followed by a welcome cocktail reception hosted by the City of Tours.

Tuesday, July 1st

9-10:30: 1st Plenary Session

SOCIAL WORK : From Providing Activities to Activating Civil Society and Promoting Human and Social Rights

Speaker:

- David JONES (United Kingdom), President, International Federation of Social Workers

10:30-11: Coffee Break

11-12:30: Symposiums

❖ Symposium 1: The Growing Role of Civil Society, NGOs, Empowerment of Citizens

Speakers :

- Judith KAULEM (Zimbabwe), ICSW Regional President for East and Southern Africa and Director of the Poverty Reduction Forum of Zimbabwe
- Zoubida CHARROUF (Morocco), Professor at the University of Rabat and founder of social cooperatives

❖ **Symposium 2:** **The Role of Social Workers in the Struggle Against Inequalities and Discriminations**

Speaker:

- Charles N. M'BUGUA (Kenya), Regional Vice-President for Africa, International Federation of Social Workers

❖ **Symposium 3:** **Individuals, Families, Communities...What are the Targets for Social Work and Social Policies?**

Speaker:

- Abdou SALAM FALL (Senegal), Professor of Sociology, University of Dakar

12:30-1 PM: Working Lunch

2-3:30 PM: 1st Workshops' Series

10/ How to help the helpers?

11/ The role of users and NGOs in defining and implementing social policies

12/ The right to housing

3:30-4 PM: Coffee Break

4-5:30 PM: 2nd Workshops' Series

20/ The social worker: technician of social intervention or stimulant of civil society ?

21/ Emerging needs for training in social work

22/ The child, the family and the State

**Evening: Conference Dinner
at Vinci Convention Centre**

Wednesday, July 2nd

9-10:30: 2nd Plenary Session

SOCIAL PROTECTION: Under Demographic and Financial Pressure, Challenging New Risks

Speaker:

- Xiping GUAN (China), Professor of Sociology, Dean of Department of Social Work and Social Policy, University of Nankai

10:30-11: Coffee Break

11-12:30: Symposiums

- ❖ **Symposium 4:** **The Demographic and Financial Pressure: The Ageing of Societies, Clashes/Solidarity between Generations, Public Policies for Families**

Speakers:

- Adama DIARRA (Mali), President of the Malian Red Cross, Director of the Malian National Solidarity Fund
- François HÉRAN (France), Director of the French Institute of Demographic Studies

- ❖ **Symposium 5:** **Work and Employment in a Global World: Decent Work, Migration and Workfare**

- ❖ **Symposium 6:** **Challenging New Risks: Dependence, Long Term Care, Occurrence of Crises in Humanitarian, Sanitarian and Environmental Fields**

Speaker:

- Didier TABUTEAU (France), General Director of the Foundation of Mutual Savings Banks, Professor of Public Health at the Paris Institute of Political Science - Sciences Po

12:30-2 PM: Working Lunch, Vinci Convention Centre

2-3:30 PM: 3rd Workshops' Series

30/ Raising life expectancy while preventing disability

31/ « Workfare »

32/ Employment for disabled persons

3:30-4 PM: Coffee break

4-5:30 PM: 4th workshops' series

40/ Caring for people with chronic diseases

41/ Conflict or solidarity between generations?

42/ Social intervention in environmental crisis

**Evening: Conference Gala,
La Grange de Meslay
(transportation by bus)**

Thursday, July 3rd

9-10:30: 3rd Plenary Session

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: From Targeted Policies on Poverty Reduction to Comprehensive Social Policies

Speaker:

- Bob DEACON (United Kingdom), Professor of International Social Policy, University of Sheffield

10:30-11: Coffee Break

11-12:30: Symposiums

- ❖ **Symposium 7:** Poverty Reduction and Minimum Income Policies: Results and Limits
- ❖ **Symposium 8:** Human Development: Sustainable Development, Human Rights, Social Policies and Multiculturalism, Basic Education

Speakers :

- Driss GUERRAOUI (Morocco), Adviser to the Prime Minister of Morocco on social policies
- Frédéric LESEMANN (Canada), Professor of Sociology, Canadian Institute of Scientific Research

- ❖ **Symposium 9:** How to Finance Human Development: Taxes, Private Funds, Public-Private Partnerships, International Assistance, “Codevelopment”

12:30-14: Working Lunch, Vinci Convention Centre

14-15:30: 5th Workshops' Series

50/ Women and poverty

51/ Basic education, culture and social development

52/ Health and development

53/ « Codevelopment »

15:30-16: Coffee Break

16-17:30: Closing Session

- The way forward – Denys CORRELL Executive Director of ICSW
- Closing comments from Christian ROLLET, Chair of the Organizing Committee of the Conference, President of the French Committee on Social Welfare
- Closing comments from outgoing President of ICSW Solveig ASKJEM and comments by incoming President
- Invitation to the **2010 Joint World Social Work and Social Development: The Agenda**

Friday, July 4th

Field visits - Places and institutions visited will be announced subsequently.

CALL FOR PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED IN WORKSHOPS

The 33rd ICSW Global Conference will broach **three main topics: social work, social protection and social development**. A full day is devoted to each of them through **a plenary session and three simultaneous symposiums each morning**, and workshops in the afternoon. There will be **50 workshops**, i.e. 5 series of 10. Two kinds of workshops will be organized:

- **Those directly related to a symposium** to deepen the discussion on specific issues ;
- **Others are « open »** to any topic, provided it deals with the theme of the conference, according to the proposals from participants.

The **duration of each workshop is one hour and a half**; one or two invited speakers will give a short presentation of the topic, and a discussion with the participants will follow. In each series of 10 workshops, **translation from English to French and French to English** will be provided in 4 of them. In the six other workshops, there will not be any translation: the working language could be English, French or any other, according to the participants.

If you wish to present a paper, please send us the following information **BEFORE MARCH 15th 2008** at the conference e-mail address (**globalconference@cnas-icsw.org**):

- The **number of the workshop** in which you wish to present your paper, chosen from the workshops' list that is available on the website. You can also make a proposal for a new workshop; it should include a title, a short presentation of the topic (less than 2000 characters) showing the connection with one of the themes of the conference and some references.
- The **language of your presentation**: English or French; if you wish to use any other language, the conference organizer cannot guarantee your paper will be accepted, unless a substantial number of participants are willing to have a workshop in this language. It is thus preferable for you to make a presentation either in English, or in French;
- Your **resume**: full contact address, nationality, age, gender, institutional affiliation, relevant publications and/or professional experience; in one page maximum;
- A **short abstract** (less than 2000 characters) of your presentation or the text itself for a presentation that should not exceed 10 minutes; these documents should be either in French or in English.

The **Programme Committee** will consider your resume and your presentation or abstract and let you know whether it is accepted or not. Some papers could be re-allocated, with your agreement, to a different workshop than the one you proposed. It could also be accepted for a poster session.

If your paper is accepted, you will be invited to present it during a specified workshop. Please note that your selection does not entail the subsidization of your participation in the Tours conference. Also, you will be asked to sign a **copyright release** to ICSW.

We strongly recommend you to make a PowerPoint presentation. We will send you **PowerPoint guidelines** if you are selected.

YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN THE 33RD ICSW GLOBAL CONFERENCE?

You first need to register. The registration process is handled by Vinci Convention Centre but you can access it through the Conference's website. You have to pay a **registration fee**, details of which appear below. You can register online through a **secured payment procedure** handled by Vinci Convention Centre.

REGISTRATION FEES' LIST

1) For participants who are members of an ICSW member organization, coming from a country that is listed by the OECD for ODA Assistance*:	
Before May 1 st 2008	150 €
After May 1 st 2008	200 €
2) For participants who are members of an ICSW member organisation, coming from a country that is NOT listed by the OECD for ODA Assistance*:	
Before May 1 st 2008	300 €
After May 1 st 2008	350 €
3) For participants who are NOT members of an ICSW member organisation, coming from a country that is listed by the OECD for ODA Assistance*:	
Before May 1 st 2008	180 €
After May 1 st 2008	230 €
4) For participants who are NOT members of an ICSW member organisation, coming from a country that is NOT listed by the OECD for ODA Assistance*:	
Before May 1 st 2008	350 €
After May 1 st 2008	400 €
5) For people accompanying a participant:	
Registration fees are 50% of the registration fee for a participant.	

*: The list of countries eligible for ODA Assistance according to OECD criteria is can be found on the "Registration" page of the Conference website, or at <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/23/34/37954893.pdf> .

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE REGISTRATION?

1/ For **participants**:

- a. Access to the opening and closing ceremonies of the Conference;
- b. Access to all plenary sessions, symposiums and workshops;
- c. Three lunches on site on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and coffee breaks at 10:30 on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and at 15:30 on July 1st and 2nd;
- d. A welcome reception in the late afternoon of the 30th of June, a Conference dinner on the 1st of July and a Conference gala on July 2nd;
- e. Access to a cyber station at the Convention Centre from June 30th to July 3rd;
- f. Numerous field visits on July 4th;
- g. Speakers' papers in electronic version, where they have been submitted before the conference, and conclusions of the Conference.

2/ For people **accompanying** the participants:

- Benefits a. and d. above;
- A guided tour of Tours.

During the registration process, you will be asked:

1/ In **which symposium** you wish to take part:

- 1, 2 or 3 Tuesday, July 1st;
- 4, 5 or 6 Wednesday, July 2nd;
- 7, 8 or 9 Thursday, July 3rd.

2/ In **which workshops** you wish to take part. Two series of 10 workshops are held simultaneously on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, and one set of 10 workshops Thursday afternoon.

We need to know your preferences in order to decide in advance the size of the room in which an event will be held.

Registration will begin from January 21st 2008. In order to register, please go to the "Registration" page of the Conference website.

OUR SPONSORS

- ❖ French Ministry of Work, Social Relations and Solidarity
- ❖ National Health Insurance Fund for Employees (*Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Maladie des Travailleurs Salariés, CNAMTS*)
- ❖ National Pension Fund for Employees (*Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Vieillesse des Travailleurs Salariés, CNAVTS*)
- ❖ National Fund for Family Benefits (*Caisse Nationale des Allocations Familiales, CNAF*)
- ❖ Foundation of Mutual Savings Banks (*Fondation des Caisses d'Epargne*)
- ❖ City of Tours
- ❖ Social Scheme for Independent Workers (*Régime Social des Travailleurs Indépendants, RSI*)
- ❖ Regional Health Insurance Fund - Ile-de-France (*Caisse Régionale d'Assurance Maladie d'Ile-de-France, CRAMIF*)
- ❖ AG2R
- ❖ National School of Public Health (*Ecole Nationale de Santé Publique, ENSP*)
- ❖ Public Interest Group for Health and Social Protection in the International Arena (*Groupement d'Intérêt Public Santé et Protection Sociale Internationale, GIP-SPSI*)
- ❖ Médéric

Welcome to Tours, France 2008



All those who work for social justice, who fight against poverty and strive for social rights know that globalization is a significant challenge, a threat as well as a leverage.

The 33rd ICSW conference is a special opportunity to meet and to debate. It is an important international meeting of the social policy stakeholders involved in major issues. On behalf of the French Committee on Social Welfare (CNAS – Comité National d'Action Sociale) I invite you to participate in this important event from the 30th of June to the 4th of July 2008.

By leaning from the experience ICSW has gathered during its 80 years of existence we want to explore the future and better understand the challenges that await us. We will do this by analyzing the major evolutions in three important fields: social work, social protection and social development. Three plenary sessions, nine symposiums and about fifty workshops will be the means to combine lectures, debates and a great variety of exchanges. Each participant will find an area of interest and make a contribution at the same time.

The region of Tours, cradle of the French Renaissance, is known for its gentle life and we will do our best to make your stay an enjoyable moment as well as create the opportunity for friendly exchanges.

We are happy to greet you in the near future: welcome to Tours!

Christian ROLLET

Chair of the Organizing Committee of the 33rd ICSW Global Conference

President of the French Committee on Social Welfare