

# CARING SOCIETIES FOR ALL

Advancing Social Rights  
for Persons with Disabilities

## Programme

19 March 2025

10:00 – 15:30 CET

Online Conference

Register



#WSWD2025

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### 10:00 - 11:30 First session

#### 10:00 - 10:30 Opening Remarks

**Sandrine Haymoz** - Chair -  
Professor, School of Social Work Fribourg (HETS-FR)

**Magdalena Sepúlveda**  
Director, United Nations Research Institute for  
Social Development (UNRISD)

**Kira Kruglikova**  
Director of Administration, United Nations Office  
at Geneva (UNOG)

**Joël Gapany**  
Director, School of Social Work Fribourg (HETS-FR)

**Priska Fleischlin**  
Global Commissioner, International Federation  
of Social Workers (IFSW)

#### 10:30 - 10:45 Participatory activity



**Karima Cherif** - Facilitator -  
Head of Communications and Outreach, UNRISD

#### 10:45 - 11:30 Keynote presentation

Unlocking Caring Societies via Purple Economy

**Anne Lavanchy** - Moderator and Q&A -  
Professor, School of Social Work Geneva (HETS-GE)

**Shanti Raghavan**  
Founder EnAble India, Ashoka Fellow,  
Schwab Social Innovator

### 11:30 - 13:00 Break

### 13:00 - 15:30 Second session

#### 13:00 - 13:05 Participatory activity



**Karima Cherif** - Facilitator -  
Head of Communications and Outreach, UNRISD

#### 13:05 - 13:50 Keynote presentation

How to support a Caring Inclusion of Persons  
with Disabilities? Lessons from the Global South

**Anne Lavanchy** - Moderator and Q&A -  
Professor, School of Social Work Geneva (HETS-GE)

**Monica Pinilla-Roncancio**  
Assistant Professor Universidad de los Andes,  
Associate Research Oxford Poverty and Human  
Development Initiative and Centre for Inclusive Policy

### 13:50 - 13:55 Break

#### 13:55 - 14:00 Participatory activity



**Karima Cherif** - Facilitator -  
Head of Communications and Outreach, UNRISD

#### 14:00 - 15:00 Roundtable

Towards the Second World Summit for Social Development:  
Promoting caring societies and inclusion for persons  
with disabilities

**Katja Hujo** - Moderator and Q&A -  
Senior Research Coordinator, UNRISD

**Facundo Chavez Penillas**  
Human Rights and Disability Advisor, United Nations  
High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

**Wilaiporn (Kae) Kotbungkair**  
Associate Professor of Social Work, Thammasat University

**Pradeep Bagival**  
Disability Inclusion & Social Protection Specialist  
Handicap International – Humanity & Inclusion

**Stefan Tromel**  
Senior Disability Specialist, International Labour Organization

#### 15:00 - 15:10 Participatory activity



**Karima Cherif** - Facilitator -  
Head of Communications and Outreach, UNRISD

#### 15:10 - 15:30 Reflections & Closing Remarks

**Swetha Rao Dhananka** - Chair -  
Professor, School of Social Work Fribourg (HETS-FR) and  
IFSW Representative

**Pierre Margot-Cattin**  
Professor, School of Social Work Valais (HETS-VS)

**Natasha Trotman**  
Researcher, Activist and Co-Chair of the Disabilities,  
Intersectionalities and Eco-Social Contracts working group  
(Global Research and Action Network for a New Eco-Social  
Contract, GRAN-ESC)

**Jean-Félix Savary**  
Director, School of Social Work Geneva (HETS-GE)

**Christos Panagiotopoulos**  
President of the European Association of Schools of  
Social Work (EASSW) & Professor of Social Work,  
University of Nicosia