

APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE: UN 75 2020 AND BEYOND SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

4th October 2020 (SUNDAY)

12.00 P.M. - 01.00 P.M. (IST)

Series- VIII: What Future We Want

Theme

A New Era of Conflict and Violence

Platform: Zoom



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TOGETHER
2020 AND BEYOND

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Conversation:
UN 75 and
Beyond

Who can attend ?

Development Experts,
Civil Society Advocates,
Academics, Researchers,
Social Work Students,
Corporates, Change Makers,

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BACKGROUND OF DIALOGUE

In pursuit of celebrating the 75th Anniversary by igniting people's debate: UN75, the Secretary General Antonio Guterres has launched a global dialogue, which is perhaps the largest and furthest reaching global conversation ever on building the future we want.

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is a professional association which has been conferred **Special Consultative Status** under the **United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC)** and has also been affiliated with the **United Nations Department of Global Communications (UN DGC)**. On this occasion, APSWDP has conceived a dialogue in support of UN75 2020 AND Beyond, Shaping Our Future Together by organizing a **Virtual Dialogue Series-VIII What Future We Want** on theme '**A New Era of Conflict and Violence**' on **4th October 2020 (Sunday) from 12.00 Noon to 01.00 PM (IST)**.

In a world of Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity (VUCA), we are passing through several human crises ranging from climate crisis, health issues, digital divide, gender inequality, population burst, rising conflicts and violence, etc.; APSWDP has come forward to corroborate with the United Nation's global initiative of encouraging people, especially youth and marginalized to put their heads together to define how enhanced international cooperation can help realize a better world by 2045, the UN's 100th birthday.

The aim of this virtual dialogue under the ambit of UN75 virtual dialogue series initiative is to advocate the importance of peace and non-violence in the era when the whole world is struggling with organized and domestic crime, violent extremism, nuclear threat, rising militarism, armament race and also to mobilize the communities to promote global peace, which is Goal SDG 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. Further, we must all accelerate progress today by sensitizing various stakeholders on building peace, universal brotherhood and making a global village without boundaries. The views and ideas presented in this symposium/ virtual dialogue will be documented and presented to the offices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council as well as the United Nation's Department of Global Communications for incorporating the ideas discussed into their next agenda.

BACKGROUND OF THEME

According to the United Nations statistics and figures shared on UN75 issues and briefs the nature of conflict and violence has transformed substantially since the UN was founded 75 years ago. Conflicts now tend to be less deadly and often waged between domestic groups rather than states. Homicides are becoming more frequent in some parts of the world, while gender-based attacks are increasing globally. The long-term impact on development of inter-personal violence, including violence against children, is also more widely recognized. Separately, technological advances have raised concerns about lethal autonomous weapons and cyberattacks, the weaponization of bots and drones, and the livestreaming of extremist attacks. There has also been a rise in criminal activity involving data hacks and ransomware, for example. Meanwhile, international cooperation is under strain, diminishing global potential for the prevention and resolution of conflict and violence in all forms.

Globally, the absolute number of war deaths has been declining since 1946. And yet, conflict and violence are currently on the rise, with many conflicts today waged between non-state actors such as political militias, criminal, and international terrorist groups. Unresolved regional tensions, a breakdown in the rule of law, absent or co-opted state institutions, illicit economic gain, and the scarcity of resources exacerbated by climate change, have become dominant drivers of conflict.

If homicide rates keep climbing at the current rate of 4 per cent, then Sustainable Development Goals 16 – which includes a target 'to significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere' – will not be met by 2030.

Conflict remains the primary driver of terrorism, with more than 99 per cent of all terrorist-related deaths occurring in countries involved in a violent conflict or with high levels of political terror. The majority of deadly attacks take place in the Middle East, North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa, with Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria, Somalia, and Syria, bearing the heaviest burden.

KEY OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of this dialogue are as under:

- To unveil the impacts of rising conflicts and violence in the society and role of civil society organizations in SDG 16.
- To advocate universal brotherhood and global peace
- To discuss various issues related to conflict and violence like homicide, domestic and community violence, terrorism, naxalism.
- To initiate dialogue on building a peaceful world.
- To device and customize the social work intervention into the domain of peace and conflict resolution.

APSWDP UN 75 DIALOGUE

APSWDP in support of the UN75 objectives and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) has identified a wide range of Development Practitioners as Key Panellists to initiate discussions, gather diverse perspectives and creative ideas on issues such as the climate crisis, inequality, new forms of conflict and violence, and the rapid changes in demography and digital technologies. The sole objective is to address the emerging risks and collectively navigate the gap, if these mega-trends continue.

The UN75 dialogue will be inaugurated and chaired by **Professor Ashwani Kumar Nanda, Population Research Center (PRC), Center for Research in Rural & Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh**. We feel privileged to witness the deliberations from the following eminent speakers and panellists invited for this dialogue:-

- Dr. Devraj Tyagi, Director, Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Chandigarh
- Dr. Manish Sharma, Professor, Department of Gandhian Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh

MODE OF COMMUNICATION

The mode of communication for UN75 Dialogue is English. However, the participants from regional background are also encouraged to join the conversation in their respective vernacular. APSWDP does not discriminate on the grounds of language. We believe in participation from across the lines. Our volunteers will felicitate the participants in case if they are not comfortable with the language.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Youth leaders
- Development Experts,
- Civil Society Advocates, Academicians and Researchers ,
- Social Work Students,
- Corporate Representatives and Change Makers

OUTCOMES

The outcomes of the UN75 Dialogue will enable all the participants and panelists to document their ideas, solutions for the growing crisis situation, way forward, etc. and it will be further shared with the United Nations for framing a comprehensive global plan of the future we want. In addition, the following outcomes are expected from the UN75 Dialogue:

- 1.To develop understanding on Role of Civil Society under the ambit of Sustainable Development Goals with special focus on SDG-16.
- 2.To build confidence and capacity of professionals engage in development sector and to build understanding on peace and conflict resolution.
- 3.To give exposure on various issues and solutions for building a peaceful and sustainable future.
- 4.To sensitize and adopt the principles of Non-violence.
- 5.Collaboration and partnership among stakeholders on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

HOW TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE

For participation in APSWDP UN75 Dialogue Series VIII: What Future We Want with the theme on "A New Era of Conflict and Violence", please register by filling the required particulars in the online form.

Registration Link for the Dialogue: <https://bit.ly/2Gsqnxl>

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