Abstract

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Climate Change, Environmental Justice and

Sustainable Development in Social Work

Social workers play a crucial role in assisting communities and families in rebuilding their lives after natural disasters caused by climate change. It is time for social work to expand our role from that of responders to becoming leaders in tackling the causes of climate change, identifying solutions, and addressing environmental justice.

Green Social Work provides a global-local lens with which to understand these issues and enable social workers to collaborate with communities, families and institutions to intervene in multiple system levels, grounded in social work values of social justice, self-determination and inclusive communities that meet the needs of all members.

In this presentation, Dr. Anne Deepak, of the International Federation of Social Workers NY-UN team of representatives and Dr. Golam Mathbor, Chair of the Council of Social Work Education’s Global Commission, will provide an overview of the ways in which Green Social Work can be aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and integrated into social work education and practice.