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## ***Program***

- 10:00 am            **Welcome**  
A Word About our Program – Robin Mama, Co-Chair SW Day, IFSW  
Mihi for Helen Clark –Fiona Robertson  
Introduction of Helen Clark –Fiona Robertson, IFSW  
*Presentation of the Global Agenda to UN Dignitaries – Presidents of IASSW, ICSW, IFSW\**
- 10:10                **Welcome from the United Nations**  
Helen Clark, Administrator United Nations Development Program and Former Prime Minister of New Zealand
- 10:30                **Human Rights and the Global Agenda**  
Ivan Šimonović , Assistant Secretary-General and High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN-NY
- 10:50                **Missions Respond to the Global Agenda**  
H. E.Tekeda Alemu - Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the UN  
Chen Yingzhu, Third Secretary of Chinese Mission to the UN
- Ministries Respond to the Global Agenda**
- 11:30                **The Global Agenda for Social Work**  
Angelina Yuen, President, International Association of Schools of Social Work\*  
Christian Rollet, President, International Council on Social Welfare\*  
Gary Bailey, President , International Federation of Social Workers\*
- 12:10                **US Social Work Professions Respond to the Global Agenda**  
Jeane Anastas – President, National Association of Social Workers  
Julia Watkins – Executive Director, Council on Social Work Education
- 12:40                **Q & A – Fill out Evaluations**
- 1:00                  **Closing Remarks – Janice Wood Wetzel, Co-Chair SW Day, IASSW**

## ***Speakers Biographies***

( alphabetical order)



**H.E. Tekeda Alemu, Ambassador of Ethiopia to the United Nations** Mr. Tekeda was Minister of State in Ethiopia’s Ministry for Foreign Affairs, a post he held since October 2001. For 10 years prior to that, he was Vice-Minister in the Ministry. A career diplomat, he held several posts in the Ministry, including as Head of the African Department (1990–1991) and Acting Head of the Department of International Organizations (1988–1989). Mr. Tekeda headed the Ethiopian delegation at numerous international conferences beginning in 1986.

The new Ambassador penned several publications, including “On the Broader Implications of the Latest Developments in Somalia”, on 8 December 2006, under the aegis of the Japan Institute of International Affairs.

Mr. Tekeda received a doctorate degree in political science from Claremont Graduate School in 1983 and a Master of Arts degree, also in political science, from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1976.

**Jeane W. Anastas** Professor of Social Work; Director, Strategic Planning and New Initiatives teaches courses in the MSW and PhD programs on social welfare policy, teaching and learning in social work, philosophy of knowledge, and research methods at the Silver School of Social Work, New York University. She is currently serving as the president of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). She previously served on numerous national committees and boards in social work and social work education, including chairing the ANSWER Coalition working on the Dorothy A. Height/Whitney M. Young Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act and other legislation to advance social work education and research. In 2007, Dr. Anastas received the Council on Social Work Education's award for the Greatest Recent Contribution to Social Work Education, and in 2011 she received the Distinguished Teaching Medal at New York University. Her book, *Teaching in Social Work: Theory and Practice for Educators*, was published by Columbia University Press in 2010, and her book on *Doctoral Education in Social Work* was published by Oxford University Press in January, 2010. .



**Gary Bailey**, MSW, ACSW is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He received his BA from the Eliot Pearson School of Child Study at Tufts University in 1977; and his MSW from Boston University School of Social Work in 1979. He is currently a Professor of Practice at the Simmons College School of Social Work; he also holds an appointment as a Professor of Practice at the Simmons School of Nursing and Health Sciences. He holds an appointment as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Boston University School of



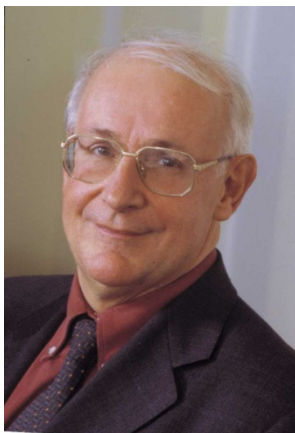
Public Health. Professor Bailey was elected in 2010 President of the International Federation of Social Workers. He is the first person of color to hold this post and only the third North American to do so. In 2010 he was appointed to the Council of Social Work Educations (CSWE) Global Commission. He previously had served on the board of the North American and Caribbean Association of Schools of Social Work representing CSWE.

**Helen Clark** became the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in April 2009, and is the first woman to lead the organization. She is also the Chair of the United Nations Development Group, a committee consisting of the heads of all UN funds, programmes and departments working on development issues.

Prior to her appointment with UNDP, Helen Clark served for nine years as Prime Minister of New Zealand, serving three successive terms from 1999 - 2008. Throughout her tenure as Prime Minister, Helen Clark engaged widely in policy development and advocacy across the international, economic, social and cultural spheres. Under her leadership, New Zealand achieved significant economic growth, low levels of unemployment, and high levels of investment in education and health, and in the well-being of families and older citizens. She and her government prioritized reconciliation and the settlement of historical grievances with New Zealand’s indigenous people and the development of an inclusive multicultural and multi-faith society.



Helen Clark advocated strongly for New Zealand’s comprehensive programme on sustainability and for tackling the problems of climate change. Her objectives have been to establish New Zealand as being among the world’s leading nations in dealing with these challenges. Helen Clark was also an active leader of her country’s foreign relations and policies, engaging in a wide range of international issues. As Prime Minister, Helen Clark was a member of the Council of Women World Leaders, an international network of current and former women presidents and prime ministers whose mission is to mobilize the highest-level women leaders globally for collective action on issues of critical importance to women and equitable development.



**Christian Rollet** was elected President of ICSW in 2008 after serving as Treasurer. He is past President of the French Committee of ICSW. Until recently Christian was the General Director of the independent National Social Security Fund for the mines. He graduated from a business school and the National School of Administration. He held different key positions in the French administration for social affairs and in social security institutions. He was President of the Association of School of Public Health in the European region and has extensive experience in international cooperation.

**Ivan Šimonovic, Assistant Secretary-General** is the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York office. He is the first person to hold the new post, which was approved by the UN General Assembly in December



2009. Mr. Šimonovic has extensive experience in the fields of international development, human rights, peace building and development of national institutions, which he has addressed at the political and academic levels.

Mr. Šimonovic has been Minister of Justice of the Republic of Croatia since 2008, after previously serving as Assistant Minister and Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was the Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York for six years, and served as the Senior Vice-President and President of ECOSOC from 2001 to 2003. Throughout his twenty-year career, he has actively engaged in various human-rights-related activities both as a legal expert as well as a diplomat.



**Julia M. Watkins** is the executive director of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Previously, she served for 10 years as the President of the American University in Bulgaria. Watkins received an MSW and a PhD in educational psychology from the University of Utah. Before her tenure at the American University in Bulgaria, she was a professor of social work, dean of the college of social and behavioral sciences, and interim vice president for academic affairs at the University of Maine. She has been a fellow of the American Council on Education and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Watkins has given numerous presentations and authored many written works, including a book on social policy, as well as research and training grants in the fields of gerontology, social policy, and interdisciplinary training for health care professionals. Her most recent written contributions are in international social work. She has an extensive record of university service and has served on the boards of many nonprofit organizations, both domestically and internationally. Watkins served as president of the Association of American International Colleges and Universities from 1998-2000, and as president of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy (2000-2002). She currently serves as the elected treasurer of the International Association of Schools of Social Work.



**Angelina Yuen** - Professor Angelina Yuen is Vice President (Institutional Advancement and Partnership) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU). Professor Yuen completed a bachelor degree in social science, MSW, MEd and Doctor of Philosophy (Social Work and Social Administration).

Professor Yuen was President of the Hong Kong Social Workers Association (2000 – 2004) and has served as a board member of numerous Government commissions, NGOs and charitable foundations; these include the Social Workers Registration Board, Hong Kong Council of Social Service,

Hong Kong Press Council, Commission on Strategic Development, Election Committee, Keswick Foundation, Community Investment and Inclusion Fund, and Ping Wo Fund. She was appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 2002 and received the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2008.

In the international arena, Professor Yuen is a key player in international social development. She was elected President of the International Association of Schools of Social Work in July 2008. She has been involved in various other international organisations including the Asian and Pacific Association for Social Work, International Consortium for Social Development, the China-Europa Forum and World Vision.

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## *Links and Materials*

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