



NATIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE – DRAFT AGENDA

DATE: 26TH TO 28TH NOVEMBER 2019
BINGU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

THEME: SETTING THE PACE FOR THE PROFESSIONALIZATION OF SOCIAL WORK IN MALAWI
Director of Ceremonies: Thokozani Mtapawonga

DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS/ FACILITATORS
26/11/2019	DAY ONE	
7:45 am	Arrival and registration of participants	Secretariat
8:15 am	Arrival of the Guest of Honor	Secretariat
8:30 am	Opening Prayer Opening/ Welcome Remarks	Volunteer Felix Kakowa, <i>President of ASWIM</i>
9:00 am	Keynote Address	Ronald Chikadzi (<i>School of Social Work, Midland State University, Zimbabwe</i>)
9:15 am	Speech by the Guest of Honour	Minister for Gender, Children, Disability & Social Welfare, <i>Guest of Honour</i>
9:45 am	Official launch of the Association of Social Workers	Minister for Gender, Children, Disability & Social Welfare, <i>Guest of Honour</i>
10:30 am	Group Photo and Health Break	

THEME 1: SOCIAL WORK CHANGE		
11:00	The Association of Social Workers (ASW) in Malawi: <i>the mandate; membership and benefits;</i>	Felix Kakowa, <i>President, ASWIM</i>
11:30	Social Workers legislation: <i>what is it; and what for.</i>	MoGCDSW
12:00	Plenary Discussions	
12:30 pm	Lunch Break	
1:30 pm	<p><i>What should we do to organise and mobilise ourselves to advance social work change in Malawi- small group reflections on the following thematic areas:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social work education and quality service provision- looking at issues of curriculum, minimum body of knowledge, research, areas of practice, programme accreditation, supervision; • Advocacy and participation of NGOs, faith based and civil society in general; • Role of the association in the professionalization of social work- looking at code of ethics, practice standards and conduct, registration and criminal records checks • Innovative approaches in social work 	Task Force on the Professionalization of Social Work
2:30 pm	Plenary Discussion	
3:00 pm	<p>UNICEF approach to Social Service Workforce strengthening: <i>highlights of the new UNICEF guidelines</i></p> <p>The Regional Perspectives of the Social Service Workforce Strengthening: <i>Indigenization of Social Work</i></p>	<p>UNICEF/ ESARO (Regional experience)</p> <p>Janestic Twikirize</p>
4:00 pm	Plenary Discussion	
4:30 pm	Health Break	

27/11/2019	DAY TWO	
8:00 am	Recap	
THEME 1: Social Work Change		
9:00 am	<p>Social work fields: <i>Presentations on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social work administration; • Emergency, • Child Protection & Child Sponsorship 	<p>P. Kilembe – ASW</p> <p>Stephano Josephy- DSWO</p> <p>Charles Gwengwe- World Vision</p>
10:00 am	Health Break	
10:15 am	<p>Social work thematic areas: <i>Presentations on:</i></p> <p><i>Reintegration</i></p> <p><i>Case Management</i></p> <p><i>Community social work</i></p>	<p>Thandizo Kadzamilila - Save The Children</p> <p>SOS (Linda/ Hope/ Philip)</p> <p>Anstance Fometu- SSWIM- UK</p>
11:00 am	Plenary Discussion	
12:30 pm	Lunch Break	
THEME 2: Regional and Global Experiences		
1:30 pm	<p>Professionalization of Social Work in Zimbabwe and elsewhere in the region- <i>sharing the struggles and best practices for Malawi</i></p>	Noel Muridzo, International Federation for Social Workers (IFSW)
2:00pm	<p>Professionalization in UK- <i>sharing lessons and best practices for Malawi</i></p>	<p>Janet Walker- University of Lincoln</p> <p>David Pitcher</p>

2:30 pm	What successes, lessons, challenges, can we learn from the other professions? <i>Panel Discussion</i>	Nurses Council Teachers Union of Malawi Women's Lawyers Association
3:00 pm	Successes and Challenges in implementing the Action Plan on the Professionalization of Social Work (2019-2023)	Felix Kakowa- <i>President, ASW</i>
4:00 pm	Health Break	
4:15pm	Way forward on Action Plan (<i>with reference to the reflections on how to organise and mobilise support</i>)	All
5:00pm	End of Day Two	
28/11/2019	DAY THREE	
8:00 am	Recap	
8:30 am	Presentation of the Social Workers Bill	William Msiska
9.00 am	Group Discussions	William Msiska
10:00 am	Health Break	
11:00 am	Plenary Discussions	William Msiska
12:00 pm	Way forward	
12:30 pm	Closing	
1:00 pm	End of Programme and Lunch	