



PROFILE AND CURRICULUM VITAE OF NOMINEE

This profile and Curriculum Vitae is an IFSW Bylaws requirement and informs voting members of your experience and abilities for the position. It also provides valuable information for the IFSW office. By completing and signing it you are agreeing to be a nominee for this position. Please ensure that the completed form is no longer than five (5) pages using a Times New Roman 12 font and with margins no smaller than 0.75 cm on each side.

IFSW Position to which you seek nomination

IFSW Africa Regional President

Candidate's Name and Country

Abu Mansaray (known as George)
Sierra Leone

Social Work and Other Educational Qualifications (include institution and date)

University of Makeni [UNIMAK]	2011/2012	Master in sustainable development [pending]
Institute of Advanced Management and Technology [IAMTECH/NJALA]	2008/2010	Bachelors degree in Development Economics
Essex county council United Kingdom	2006	Parenting certificate -Webster Stratton
Institute of Public Administration implementation and management University of Sierra Leone [IPAM-USL]	2002/2003	Certificate in project development and Management
Institute of Adult Education and extra mural studies Fourah Bay college University of Sierra Leone [FBC-USL]	1999/2000	Diploma in Adult Education

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Christian Children's Fund Inc. Sierra Leone	1997	Certificate of participation in Youth leadership training
Institute of Public Administration And Management University of Sierra Leone [IPAM-USL]	1995	Certificate in project planning and management
United Nations Industrial Development Organization [UNIDO]	1993	Certificate of participation in Entrepreneurial motivation Training
Institute of Public Administration And Management University of Sierra Leone [IPAM-USL]	1990/91	Certificate in Social Development
Wesleyan Secondary school Kamakwie	1986	General certificate of education ordinary level div. 2

Professional Affiliations

President of Sierra Leone Association of Social Workers
Sierra Leone Adult Education Association

Professional Leadership Experience over the past decade

The following sections are difficult to fill in from my perspective. Careers and education in Africa are diverse and fluid often dependent on short term NGO funding so I have described my career as follows

Date	Organization	Position
1986 - 89	American Wesleyan Secondary school Kamakwie	Teacher

I took a class of 45 pupils teaching social studies, supervising school clubs and schools evening Lessons

1989 -90	St. Vincent De Paul Society	Volunteer	
	Cared for ten destitute adult males		
1991 – 1993	Freetown City Council	Social worker	
	Worked with 244 street children		
1993 – 1997	Christian Children’s Fund inc.	Social worker	
	Working with 500 vulnerable children in meeting their needs; nutritional,educational, health andpsychosocial		
2000 – 2005	GOAL IRELAND	ProgrammeSupervisor	
	Working with 1000 war affected boys and girls including psychosocialsuport, family tracing and supporting reunion		
2004-2005	Action for Child protection	Volunteer	psychosocial support to
	Sierra Leone	teacher	
	Working with 56 child soldiers offering psychosocial support		
2005-2006	Ringwood Waldorf school	Assistant teacher	
	Hants, U.K		
	Teaching, play supervisor and organizer of cultural activities		
2006- 2008	Goderich Waldorf school	Administrator-teacher	
	Ensured the running of the school on		
	Steiner philosophy. Teaching class one		
2009/2012	Forikolo Action Project	Programme manager	
	Education		
	Built 10 schools in rural Sierra Leone partly modelled on the Steiner curriculum.		
2013-2015	Education 4 sustainability/ Nektarina nonprofit	Country manager	
	Lobbied and worked with the education authorities to build sustainable schools. This involved presentations from an environmental perspective n building sustainable communities with the public and with politicians		
2014 -	KiradiInitiatives	Country Director	Directs programmes
	Sierra Leone		

Director of programme for 10 primary and 2 secondary schools

2017- Ruth Stark's Hope Kindergarten CEO
Sierra Leone

National Association and Leadership Experience over the past decade

President of Sierra Leone association of Social Workers

Community/Volunteer and Leadership Experience over the past decade

As above

Are you aware of the description, role and responsibilities attached to the position you wish to have within the IFSW Executive?

YES: Yes

NO:

If the answer is YES, please respond to the following questions:

a) What are the three most important responsibilities towards IFSW:

Responsibility to the goals of IFSW as laid down in the constitution.

Bring to light through publications and advocacy ensuring for popularization and adoption of appropriate social work models that befits the various communities in their sustainable development drive.

Contribute to the formulation of IFSW global strategic goals with emphasis on African perspectives that will ensure for the sustainable transformation of the various countries I represent

b) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your Region:

Scale up visibility of the profession in countries where governments are dragging their feet and failing to understand the pivotal role of social workers in the sustainable development of the various countries I represent. Ensure for sub regional gatherings/ conferences to push the profession forward and upwards. Work with sub regional organizations to ensure for recognition, adoption and participation of national associations in policy formulation and implementation. Bring on board every African country left behind to gain membership with the IFSW, help establish associations of schools of social work , national social work councils where that is not the case and help facilitate review of social work curricula that stands relevant to the realities in each country.

c) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your national association?

Scale up national and sub regional meetings engagements to consolidate the gains and grow the profession. Undertake research on the plethora of social problems and or needs and publish such findings to help influence policy and use ideal social work models to set up model projects to change the nuances as derived from findings. Ensure for professionalization of the profession ensuring for its presence in every ministry, department, agency and or community and show casing their roles and the differences that are seen as effects and impact.

Please demonstrate:

- Commitment to the goals of IFSW as laid down in the Constitution

Partnerships: My working life is rooted in partnership working

Action: The work both through the social work association and in my work in the community is about co-design and co-production

Policy: In Africa we have to work in the most complex of political environments where social work is key to social development. We are beginning to see change, but we need to work harder together to get that change

Advocacy: has dominated my life's work in working with people so that they can drive their own change

- Possession of language(s) capabilities(preferably bilingual)
Some African languages proficiency that cuts across countries in Africa. A little bit of French

- Identification with the region you represent, mainly by residence, work experiences, and knowledge of the main language(s) spoken in the region
There are many language groups in our region – the languages I speak are English and six other Dialects spoken in Africa (Susu, Mandingo, Temne, Yalunka, Limba and koranko)

- Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs

I have participated in regional conferences and meetings and taken part on global webinars and given interviews on the work we do in Sierra Leone. I have just finished writing a book for publication by IFSW with Ruth Stark following our joint work supported by BASW International Development Fund

- Willingness and capacity to devote time to assume work responsibilities in the Executive or Regional Committee

We learn by good communication and I have learnt that being committed and involved we learn more, so have a willingness ti devote time to the responsibilities of the Executive.

- Ability, in so far as possible, to attend Executive or Regional Committee meetings

I come from a country which is the fifth poorest in the world,but we have become connected through developing use of the internet which has revolutionized how we can contribute to the global profession. I would anticipate that through developing this further we can connect globally.

- Participation, so far as possible, as delegate of the General Meeting or attendance at IFSW Conferences

as above

- Any other information relevant to your nomination

My experience living and volunteering in the global North and south influencing and facilitating change with dedication and a heart of compassion will bring positive energy to the global executive for the attainment of the desired results as situations and conditions evolve.

Signature and Date