

CONCEPT NOTE FOR 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM COMMEMORATION BY IFSW AFRICA

**TITLE: 16 Days of Activism Organized by African women in Social work profession**

**DATE: November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020-December 10<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**PARTNERS: INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The United Nations General Assembly as designated November 25 as the International Day for the elimination of Violence Against Women. The day was set aside to create awareness all over the world about violence experienced by women such as rape, domestic violence, child marriage, female genital mutilation and others forms of violence. Each year comes with a carefully selected theme and the theme for this year is:

**Increase efforts to amplify the voices of women workers in informal economy** while continuing to call for the ratification of ILO Convention 190 and to end all forms of GBV in private and public spaces.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

- The 16 days Global campaign is designed to draw the attention of everyone to the persistence of GBV globally and the bring to the fore the legal obligation of all states to end it.
- The program will increase awareness of GBV, ensure prevention and demand accountability for ending gender-based violence and discrimination in all spheres.
- The campaign is entrenched by feminist values, human rights principles, and the belief that a world without violence is possible.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To join social workers all over the world and women in creating awareness about violence faced by women during the 16 days campaign
- To showcase success stories and achievements of female social workers in Africa in the prevention and response to Gender based violence
- To celebrate and appreciate the contributions of identified female social workers in Africa
- To share the concept of social work women commission with female social workers

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

- Social workers in Africa connects globally to women and other social workers to create awareness about violence against women.
- Female social workers in Africa celebrates their achievements

-Female social workers develop interest in organizing activities and running programs for women in the Association through the women commission

**METHODOLOGY:**

-Different activities will run for 30 mins each day for the 16 days

-This will be streamed live on IFSW Africa Facebook page and other social media handles

-30 minutes discussion or short videos showcasing the role played by female social workers in prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls in Africa.

-Different themes will be showcased as it relates to the topic for the day

-Creativity is encouraged. Each country or speaker can come up with a presentation in any form to share their success stories with the world.

-E fliers and posters will be designed and used as the background on Facebook showing the theme of any significant day within the 16 days. The posters and fliers designed will be shared with female social workers across Africa to use as their status and displayed on all social work social media platforms.

-A day to celebrate female social workers in Africa that has made meaningful contributions to impact lives and their profession. Pictures of the women will be displayed and a short write up on the roles they have played.

-A documentaries or short videos relevant to the theme for the day will be showed and summarized by a guest from the country the documentary originates from.

**PROPOSED DAILY ACTIVITIES:**

S/N	DATE	UNITED NATION DAYS	SUGGESTED ACTIVITY
1	25 <sup>TH</sup> November,2020	International Day for the Elimination of violence against Women	Guest speaker from country A-Talk about the theme and how it relates to women/social work
2	26 <sup>th</sup> November,2020	Same as above	Guest speaker from country B- Success stories
3	27 <sup>th</sup> November,2020	Same as above	Guest speaker from country C-Success stories
4	28 <sup>th</sup> November,2020	Same as above	short videos of what social workers did across Africa to commemorate the day
5	29 <sup>th</sup> November,2020	International Women Human Rights Defenders Day	Guest speaker from country A to talk about the theme and how it relates to social work

6	30 <sup>th</sup> November,2020	Same as above	Guest speaker from country B to share success stories
7	1 <sup>st</sup> December,2020	World AIDS Day	Guest speaker from country A to talk about the theme and what success stories women or women in social work in profession have achieved relevant to HIV/AIDS.
8	2 <sup>nd</sup> December,2020	Same as above	short videos of what social workers did across Africa to commemorate the day or have done before
9	3 <sup>rd</sup> December,2020	International Day for persons with Disabilities	Guest speaker from country A to talk about the theme and success stories of what women with disabilities have achieved
10	4 <sup>th</sup> December,2020	Same as above	short videos of what social workers/women did across Africa to commemorate the day or have done before
11	5 <sup>th</sup> December,2020	International Volunteer Day for Economic and social Development	Guest speaker to talk about the theme for the year
12	6 <sup>th</sup> December,2020	Same as above	Guest speaker from country B to talk about role of women in social development or to showcase what women have contributed to social and economic development
13	7 <sup>th</sup> December,2020	Same as above	short videos of what social workers or women did across Africa to commemorate the day or have done in the past
14	8 <sup>th</sup> December,2020	Give E-Awards to Outstanding female social workers across Africa	Celebrating female social workers in Africa that have made meaningful contributions to social work
15	9 <sup>th</sup> December,2020	Conceptualizing the Social work Women Commission	Discussions on the need to have a women commission by some of the women celebrated
16	10 <sup>th</sup> December,2020	International Human Rights Day	Guest from Human Rights Commission