
Region: Africa

Country Members of the region

Zimbabwe
Malawi
Kenya
Botswana
Rwanda
Uganda
Burundi
Sierra Leone
Tanzania
Nigeria
Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
DR Congo
Morocco
Togo
Zambia

Names, countries, and positions of the Executive

Noel Muridzo, Zimbabwe, Regional President

Joachim Mumba, Zambia, Regional Vice President

Name, countries of the representatives in the different commissions

Antoinette Lombard, South Africa, Education Commission

Charles Rutikanga, Rwanda, Indigenous Commission

Charles Mbugua, Kenya, United Nations Commission

Stephano Joseph, Malawi, Ethics Commission

Adetoun Oreoluwa Ogedagbe, Nigeria, Human Rights Commission

New members this year

Report on the Regional Delegates Meeting

Report on the Regional Conference (if happened)



The Region held a successful Hybrid Conference, from the 23rd to 26th November 2021. The conference theme was ‘Towards Ubuntu and Sustainable development: Social Work Position in Achieving SDGs. The conference attracted 750 delegates of which 600 participated through the online platform and 150 delegates physically attended the conference which was spread across two venues in Huye and Kigali - Rwanda.’ The advocacy policy brief on social work legislation in Africa was one of the key conference outcomes, see IFSW global website <https://www.ifsw.org/advocacy-policy-brief-on-social-work-regulation-in-africa/>. Key partners to the conference included, Government of the Republic of Rwanda, University of Rwanda, UNICEF Rwanda, UNICEF ESARO and Hope and Homes for Children.

Report on General Activities and Achievements during the period in the Region

The Region reports the following notable activities and achievements in 2021-2022:

- Hybrid Regional Conference, the hybrid IFSW Africa Region conference was successfully held by Rwanda.
- National Associations within the region conducted successful elections in accordance with democratic tenets of managing national associations. Elections were held in Botswana, Zimbabwe and Malawi with the new leadership taking over the running of the associations.
- National Associations in Nigeria and Tanzania held their annual conferences bringing together social work educators, practitioners and students.
- During the period under review, Mozambique, Cape Verde and Madagascar expressed interest to join IFSW.
- During the period under review, the region continued with its strategic partnerships and collaboration with the British Association of Social Workers (BASW); Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work; Children and Families International and UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office

- Most countries in the region commemorated 2021 World Social Work Day virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Africa Region hosted a number of webinars bringing together social workers across the region.
- Education commission commenced conducted an assessment on the adherence to the Global Education standards in training institutions sampled in Zimbabwe, South Africa and Uganda. Data collected from the assessment has since been analysed and report being compiled.

2022 World Social Work Day Highlights in pictures



Key Planned Activities and Events for next year

- Participate in the People's Global Summit 2022
- Participate in the IFSW General Meeting
- African Webinar series “telling and documenting our social work practice experiences”
- Engaging and motivating members to join the Federation
- Webinar series dubbed the African Conversation Project which addressed a number of topical issues affecting social work practitioners in Africa amid the COVID-19 pandemic