



CANDIDATE PROFILE AND CURRICULUM VITAE

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

- IFSW Position for which nomination is sought

Regional Vice-President of the International Federation of Social Workers for Latin America and the Caribbean,

- Name and country of candidate

Gabriela Rodriguez Vázquez, Mexico.

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

Graduated in Social Work from the School of Social Work of the State of Zacatecas, Mexico in 1989, with a Master's degree in Thanatology from the Humanist Growth Centre in Zacatecas, in 2017, and a Doctorate in Thanatology from the same Humanist Growth Centre. I have experience in Social Work in health, as well as Health Services Administration and Social Management.

Work in the following areas: Social Work in the area of Bioethics, Thanatology and Social Work, Social Work and Bioethics, Informed Consent.

- Professional Affiliations;

I am part of the College of Social Workers of the State of Zacatecas, since 2017, I am also a teacher in the school of Social Work of the Carlos Coquí Institute, since, I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Colleges and Associations of the State of Zacatecas (FECOAPEZ). And currently I am the president of the National Federation of Colleges of Mexican Social Workers United by the guild, A.C. (FENACOTSMEX), I am a member of the Board of Directors of the College of Bioethics of Zacatecas (COLBIOZAC).

- Professional leadership experience over the last decade:

Currently, I am working on the implementation of Social Work in Palliative Care in the Ministry of Health of Zacatecas.

I assumed the Coordination of Research Ethics Committees and Administrative Coordinator in 2018 and until February 2024, in the State Council of Bioethics of the Secretary of Health of Zacatecas.

From 2013 until 2018, I was appointed State Chief of Social Work of the State of Zacatecas, in the Ministry of Health.

Prior to that, I was head of the Social Work Department at the Luz González Cosío General Hospital in the State of Zacatecas.

I have been teaching a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work since 2018, at the Dr. Carlos Coquí Institute.

- Experience of the National Association and Leadership over the last decade

I am the founder and first president of the FENACOTSMEX, I have achieved the constitution of more schools in Mexico, in order to have one for each state of the Republic and affiliate to the Federation.

I was the first founding president of the College of Social Workers of the State of Zacatecas, now affiliated to the Federation.

Push for the proposed Professional Practice Act through the federation, for professional recognition and labour justice.

I am promoting certification for social workers in different areas in order to guarantee society a coherent, efficient and effective professional practice.

With the support of the presidents of the federation's colleges, I managed to get FENACOTSMEX to join the International Federation of Social Workers, in order to adhere to the work agenda and the code of ethics of this organisation, and also to participate not only nationally but also regionally and internationally.

- Community/volunteer and leadership experience over the last decade

I have been involved in villages in order to have electricity installed in them, as they are far away from the capital, so access to electricity is not easy.

I work with groups of people of Huichol origin to help them with problems and cancer in programmes for minors, as well as taking them on trips to fulfil their dreams through the Civil Association "hay vida en mis sueños" (there is life in my dreams).

- Do you understand the job description, role and responsibilities associated with the position you wish to take up in the Executive of the Federation of Social Workers?

YES: X

NO:

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

- A. What are the three most important responsibilities towards the Federation of Social Workers?

1. maintains its active commitment to the global objectives of the International Federation of Social Workers, as well as to regional objectives;
- .2 Works and communicates respectfully with the entire Federation structure and its partners on a regular basis;
3. Provides leadership to encourage and support communication, exchange, collaboration and meetings between member organisations and regions to liaise with regional members in board decision-making and consultation.

- B. What are the three most important responsibilities to your Region?

- .1 Work within the member countries of the region with the aim of strengthening the organisations.
- .2 To work for the benefit of the World Federation of Social Workers through participation in national executive meetings, the fulfilment of tasks, reports, including the World Agenda.
- .3 To work outside the organisation, in constant contact with the socio-political problems of the countries of the Kingdom and other Regions, making declarations and statements with clear political positions regarding the defence of human rights.

- C. What are the three most important responsibilities to your national association?

1. To promote the law on the professional practice of social work in the country, so that it can be approved in the Senate of the Republic.
2. In the field of health, we are working against many social indicators that explain the social inequalities in the access of black and poor people to the single health system, especially in these times of COVID-19, as well as to be prepared for those that may arise, and in education these inequalities are even greater, so the Federation is working on policies to provide greater coverage in this area.
3. We are living, in Mexico, an intense process of deconstruction of social policies and destruction of human rights, and FENACOTSMEX has the role to fight against it.

Please demonstrate:

-Commitment to the objectives of the Federation of Social Workers as set out in the Constitution.

1. Build internal and external partnerships with individuals and wider communities that use social work services.
2. Facilitate international and regional cooperation for shared learning and joint action.
- .3 Develop ethical statements and policies that extend best practice in social work.
- 4 Advocate for social justice at global, regional and national levels and for individual, group, civic and cultural human rights.

.5 Advocate for social work professional values, ethics, human rights, recognition, training and working conditions.

- Possession of language skills (preferably bilingual)

I have no knowledge of other languages, but this does not limit my ability to carry out the corresponding activities.

- Identification with the region they represent, mainly through residence, work experience and knowledge of the main languages spoken in the region.

The Latin American and Caribbean Region of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW LAC) is currently composed of 17 members: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Panama, Paraguay, Barbados, and El Salvador. Although the language of our member countries is mainly Spanish, we also have members whose language is Portuguese (Brazil) and English (Grenada and Haiti). We are similarly situated in political and economic situations. And our knowledge and training in social work and its demands are similar. It is important to note that we will continue to strengthen the International Federation of Social Workers at the Latin American and Caribbean level.

- Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs

I have done research in relation to the National Laws of Social Work in different countries, with the aim that, in Mexico, the profession has its own.

Continue to spread the word about World Social Work Day.

- Willingness and ability to dedicate time to take on Executive or Regional Committee work responsibilities

I am willing and able to devote time to take on responsibilities in the Executive and Regional Committees.

- Ability, to the extent possible, to attend Executive or Regional Committee meetings

I have the capacity to attend meetings and general meetings of the International Federation of Social Work to represent the region and contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the IFSW global action plan.

- Participation, to the extent possible, as a delegate to the General Assembly or attendance at the Conferences of the International Federation of Social Workers.

I am available to participate as a delegate to the General Assembly or attend conferences of the International Federation of Social Workers.

- Any other information relevant to your nomination

From the year 2023, when we formally joined the National Federation of Social Workers, we joined the Indigenous Commission, where we are actively involved in the work requested, as well as in the conferences and we have participated in the meetings and activities of the Latin American and Caribbean region, I know and recognise the work of the Regional President and the Vice-President.

For Mexico it is very important to participate in this organisation in which we will continue to work hand in hand with the directors of the international and regional federation.

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