



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)

Universities of Lincoln UK, Aalborg Denmark, Paris Nanterre France, Institute Superior Ciencias Social Politica (ISCSP –Lisboa) Portugal and Warsaw Poland – 2022/2024 - MA Advanced Development in Social Work (Joint masters)

University of Makeni (UNIMAK) – 2011 /2012 –Master in sustainable development (Pending)

University of Management and Technology (UNIMTECH/NJALA) -2008/2010 –Bachelor's degree in development and Economics

Essex county council – United Kingdom – 2006 – Parenting certificate – Webster Stratton

Institute of Adult Education and extra-mural studies –Fourah Bay College- University of Sierra Leone- 1998/2000 Certificate &Diploma in Adult Education

Christian Children's Fund Inc. – 1997 – Certificate in Youth leadership training

Institute of Public Administration and Management (IPAM-USL) University of Sierra Leone– 1995- Certificate in project planning and management

Institute of Public Administration and Management – University of Sierra Leone – 1990/91 – Certificate in Social Development

Wesleyan Secondary school – Kamakwie -1986 – General Certificate of education ordinary level div.2

Professional Affiliations

President of the Sierra Leone Association of Social Workers (SLASW)
Sierra Leone Adult Education Association (SLADEA)
Africa Social Work and Development Network (ASWDNet)
British Association of Social workers (BASW)
International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP)

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/institution	Position
1986-1989	American Wesleyan secondary school	Teacher
Role: I took a class of 45 pupils teaching social studies, supervising school clubs and schools evening lessons		
1989-1990	St. Vincent De Paul Society	Volunteer- Lead
Role: Adult care – cared for 10 destitute males		
1991-1993	Freetown city council	Social worker
Role: worked with 244 street children – rehabilitation and reunion with families and their communities		
1993-1997	Christian Children’s fund	Social worker
Role: Worked with vulnerable children in meeting their needs; nutritional, educational, health and psychosocial		
2000-2005	GOAL Ireland	programme supervisor
Role: Working with 1000 war affected boys and girls including psychosocial support, family reunion and Supporting reunion		
2004-2005	Action for Child Protections Sierra Leone	Volunteer Teacher
Role: Working with 56 child soldiers offering psychosocial support		
2005-2006	Ringwood Waldorf school Hants. UK	Assistant teacher
Role: Teaching, play supervisor and organizer of cultural activities		
2006-2008	Goderich Waldorf school	Administrator-Teacher
Role: Ensured the running of the school on Steiner philosophy and teacher early years (class one)		
2009-2012	Forikolo Action project	Programme manager
Role: Built ten schools in rural Sierra Leone partly modeled on the Steiner curriculum – Social work in social development		
2013-2015	Nektarina non-profit –Education4sustainability	Partnership manager
Role: Integrating ecological social work in the education system /co-creating and co building With Communities		
2014	Kiradi initiatives Sierra Leone	Country director

Role: Directs programme for ten primary and two secondary schools respectively serviceable to War affected children. Formation of a national association of social workers and gaining membership with the IFSW

2017-Present Ruth's Hope kindergarten –Sierra Leone CEO & Co- founder

Role: Director – Ecological social work with rural communities in Sierra Leone/ critiquing western models that do not work well in some circumstances/ promoting indigenous social work practice. Cross border work with neighboring Guinea and facilitating the setting up of a national association during the Ebola and Covid 19 outbreaks. Development of the ‘Ubuntu Ecological Resource Center’ for International social work development - supported by Avenir Sociale –Switzerland and friends

2023 (july/August/September) Care4calais –France Outreach team lead
Volunteer

Role: Emergency response

2023 - 6th International conference on Practice Research in Social work (ICPRSW)
Aalborg - University Volunteer

Role: Events organizers team member

National Association and Leadership Experience over the past decade

President of the Sierra Leone association of Social Workers (SLASW)

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:

Upholding the objectives outlined in the IFSW constitution as a primary responsibility.

Promoting the dissemination of information through publications and advocacy, aiming to popularize and adopt suitable social work models that align with the unique needs of diverse communities in their pursuit of sustainable development.

Participating actively in shaping the global strategic goals of IFSW with a focus on incorporating African perspectives. This involvement is crucial to ensuring sustainable transformation in the countries I represent.

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

Elevating the visibility of the profession in countries where governments are slow to recognize the crucial role of social workers in sustainable development within the regions I represent

Coordinate sub-regional gatherings and conferences to advance and uplift the social work profession collectively.

Collaborating with sub-regional organizations to advocate for acknowledgement, adoption, and engagement of national associations of schools of social work and national social work councils. Additionally, facilitating the review of social work curricula to align with the unique realities of each country

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

Bolstering national and sub-regional meetings and engagements to solidify advancements and advance growth of the profession.

Conducting research on various issues and needs, publishing findings to impact policy, and implementing model social work projects based on those findings.

Promoting the professionalization of the field by establishing a presence in every ministry, department, agency, and community. Showcasing the roles and significant impacts social workers make in these settings

Please demonstrate:

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

My dedication to the objectives outlined in the IFSW constitution is evident in my collaborative approach to work, both within the social work association and in community projects. I believe in jointly creating and producing solutions. In Africa, where political challenges are complex, I emphasize the role of social work in driving social development. While positive changes are emerging, I recognize the need for collective effort to achieve more significant transformations. Throughout my career, I have been committed to advocating for individuals to take charge of their own progress in alignment with the goals of the IFSW constitution.

- Possession of language(s) capabilities (preferably bilingual)

Some African languages proficiency that cuts across countries in the region and 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 nine other dialects spoken in Africa (Susu, Mandingo, Yalunka, Baga, Koranko, Temne, Krio, Limba and Launduma)

- 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 written a book with Ruth Stark supported by BASW International Development Fund published by the IFSW, book chapters with other authors and journals.

- 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 to 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 tenth 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 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 love will bring positive energy to the global executive for attainment of the desired results as situations and conditions evolve.



Signature and Date

15/01/2024