



Regional Commissioner Role Description

IFSW Education Commission

1. Role Overview

The Regional Commissioner for the IFSW Education Commission provides leadership in advancing social work education within their region and globally. They collaborate with the Global Commissioner, IFSW Secretary General, and regional stakeholders to ensure alignment with IFSW's global strategy.

2. Key Responsibilities

- Contribute towards implementing the Commissions' Vision towards 2028 (see attached).
- Represent the Education Commission in regional activities and advocate for high-quality social work education.
- Collaborate with universities, policymakers, and social work associations.
- Support policy and programme development aligned with IFSW education standards.
- Provide annual reports, monitor regional education initiatives, and escalate key issues.
- Promote capacity-building, faculty development, and knowledge exchange.
- Cooperate with the Regional IFSW Europe President and other IFSW representatives for the purpose of information exchange and collaboration. Attend annual regional Delegates' Meetings and biannual regional IFSW conferences if possible.

3. Appointment and Term

- Must be affiliated with an IFSW member organisation in good standing.
- Should have experience in social work education or academic leadership.
- Appointed for four years, renewable upon performance review.
- Selection by the Global Commissioner, Regional President, and IFSW Secretary General.
- This role is not remunerated (paid). The Representative will be able to claim reasonable expenses.

4. Accountability and Commitment

- Reports to the Global Commissioner and contributes to biennial work plans.
- Expected to attend at least three virtual meetings per year.
- Must uphold IFSW's ethical principles, social justice, and education excellence.

This role is an opportunity to strengthen social work education at a regional and global level.



Requirements

The IFSW Main Representative to the United Nations must be a member of an IFSW member organization in good standing. It is recommended that candidates for Main Representative have had senior level experience within their member organizations or in their employment positions/universities. An education background in Social Work is required.

The IFSW Europe Region Main Representative to the Education Commission should have the time, flexibility and the background/abilities, required to carry out the duties and responsibilities of this position.

It is essential that the IFSW Europe Region Main Representative uses the definition of social work, the IFSW policy paper and other key IFSW resources as a leading orientation for their leadership role.