



Call for applications: LAC representative to the IFSW Indigenous Commission

The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) Latin-American and Caribbean Region invites applications for the position of Regional Representative to the IFSW Indigenous Commission. This role involves collaborative work with Global and other Indigenous Commission members as well as regional membership and can include inter-commission work that highlights Indigenous issues on behalf of IFSW and its members.

Role Overview:

- Regional Commissioners are expected to attend online Indigenous Commission meetings that occur every two months on a rotating schedule to accommodate the range of time zones of our members. Sometimes meetings occur during early morning or late night hours but the timing of meetings rotates so no region has the burden of always meeting at a difficult time.
- Regional Commissioners are expected to contribute to the work and goals of the Commission. This includes contributing regional content to statements and presentations developed by the Commission and taking leadership on projects periodically as agreed upon in the annual work plan.
- Regional Commissioners fulfil their roles as volunteers, they do not receive payment.

Who Should Apply:

- Applicants should have Social Work experience in public policy implementation, especially in areas under the purview of the commission.
- Applicants must be Indigenous and members of a national social work organization that is part of IFSW.
- Applicants must have and maintain an active commitment to Indigenous issues and the global goals of the IFSW.
- We are seeking candidates from Latin America and Caribbean countries.

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.
- Works in consultation with the regional president, vice-president and members.



For more details of the work of the Indigenous Commission, see past reports and statements on the [IFSW website](https://www.ifsw.org/)

How to Apply:

Interested individuals should email their Expressions of Interest to lac-applications@ifsw.org on or before 28th August 2025. The Selection Committee comprises the Global Commissioner, Regional President, Vice President and IFSW Secretariat. Applications will be copied to the LAC member organisation's Presidents for their information at lac@ifsw.org

The Selection Committee will identify the eligible applicants based on the new [Terms of Reference for the Global Commissions](#), as well as the applicant's unique skills and fit within the global commission team. The selection of applicants will be made by consensus of the committee or referred to the IFSW Executive for final selection.

The final step involves the LAC member presidents voting on the application or applications approved by the Selection Committee.

The application should include:

1. A brief statement outlining your interest in the role and your relevant experience.
2. A letter of endorsement from your national social work member association (applications without this letter will not be considered). and
3. Applicants curriculum vitae

We look forward to your application!

Humankind has not woven the web of life

We are but one thread within it

Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves

All things are bound together

All things connect

Chief Seattle LEADER OF THE SUQUAMISH AND DUWAMISH NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES (1854)