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### International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)

**Att:** Elections Committee  
Interim Secretary General

Dear Sir,

### NOMINATION OF MR. JOSEPH KALELO FOR THE POSITION OF IFSW AFRICA REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Association of Social Workers in Malawi (ASWIM), we are pleased to nominate the above named candidate for the position of IFSW Africa Regional Vice-President.

Mr. Kalelo is an experienced social work practitioner with over fourteen years of progressive professional experience and leadership at national, regional and international levels. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and two Master's Degrees in Gender, Globalisation and Rights and Gender and Development, equipping him with strong academic grounding and practical expertise relevant to the position. At country level, he has demonstrated professional leadership within ASWIM as he currently serves as President (2025–Present), previously served as the Association's Founding General Secretary (2014–2017) and contributes as a Social Work Practice Educator since 2016. Through his work, Mr. Kalelo has demonstrated commitment to social justice, human rights, gender equality and the advancement of professional social work practice. He brings extensive experience in policy engagement, regional collaboration, capacity strengthening and programme leadership which are critical for advancing the mandate of IFSW in the Africa Region.

ASWIM believes that Mr. Kalelo possesses the vision, integrity and leadership required to effectively serve as IFSW Africa Regional Vice-President and to contribute meaningfully to strengthening the voice, visibility and impact of social work across the continent.

Please find attached the required supporting documentation as per the IFSW nomination guidelines.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

**Margaret Tendai Mwale**

  
Vice President, ASWIM

**Derrick Mwenda**

  
General Secretary, ASWIM