



PROFILE AND CURRICULUM VITAE OF NOMINEE *Puji Pujiono - INDONESIA*

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 Asia-Pacific Regional President*

Candidate's Name and Country

- *Puji Pujiono, INDONESIA*

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

- *Master of Social Work (MSW), University of the Philippines (1996)*
- *Bachelor of Social Work, School of Social Welfare, Bandung (1985)*
- *Vocational School of Social Work, Malang (1981)*
- *Doctor of Public Administration (Disaster Mgt.), University of the Philippines (1998)*
- *Doctor of Planning Science (cand.), Tokyo Institute of Technology (1999)*

Professional Affiliations

- *President, Indonesian Independent Association of Professional Social Workers ([IPSPI](#))*
- *Expert Advisory Board, Indonesian Social Work Consortium*

Professional Leadership Experience over the past decade

- *President, Indonesian Independent Association of Professional Social Workers (IPSPI)- 2022 - present*

National Association and Leadership Experience over the past decade

- *Secretary General, Indonesian Independent Association of Professional Social Workers (IPSPI)- 2004-2007*

Community/Volunteer and Leadership Experience over the past decade

- *National Adviser to the Indonesian Disaster Management Authority ([BNPB](#))*
- *Steering Committee, Global Social Service Workforce Alliance ([GSSWA](#))*
- *Steering Committee, the Future of Aid 2040 ([IARAN](#))*
- *Member, OECD Expert Group on International Development Cooperation ([OECD](#))*
- *Expert Advisor, Multilateral Performance Network ([MOPAN](#))*
- *Senior Advisor to the SEAMEO Regional Open Learning Center ([SEAMOLEC](#))*
- *Founder & Convenor, Indonesian Development-Humanitarian Alliance ([AP-KI](#))*
- *Senior Adviser, the Pujiono Centre, Indonesia ([PuCen](#))*
- *Convenor, Asia Pacific Localisation Lab ([APLL](#))*

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:

● What are the three most important responsibilities towards IFSW:

- *Fulfill Fiduciary & Governance Duties: Accepting fiduciary responsibility for IFSW's operations and acting in accordance with global governance principles (Duty #2). This ensures the financial and ethical integrity of the entire Federation.*
- *Execute Global Strategy: Attending IFSW Executive Committee and General Meetings to represent your region and actively contribute to accomplishing the IFSW global Action Plan goals (Duty #1). This links regional action to worldwide priorities.*
- *Ensure Organizational Compliance & Reporting: Preparing and delivering regional activity reports for IFSW Executive and General Meetings (Duty #4), while also managing membership applications and transfer requests in strict accordance with the IFSW Constitution and By Laws (Duties #10 & #11).*

● What are the three most important responsibilities towards your Region:

- *Lead Regional Structure & Planning: Leading the development of the regional structure and operations (Duty #5) and facilitating regional planning and activities that promote the social work profession (Duty #6). This builds a sustainable and effective regional body.*
- *Facilitate Communication & Collaboration: Providing leadership to encourage communication, exchange, collaboration, and meetings between member organizations within the region (Duty #8). This strengthens the regional network and mutual support.*
- *Oversee Regional Governance & Finance: Taking overall responsibility for regional finance (Duty #13) and ensuring that transparent regional nomination and election processes are in place for selecting any regional executive or committee (Duty #7).*

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

- *Serve as a Direct Conduit for Communication: Acting as the primary two-way link—communicating IFSW global and regional initiatives back to your national association, while also faithfully representing your association's perspectives, needs, and activities within regional and IFSW decision-making forums.*
- *Provide Support & Monitoring on Core Values: Supporting and monitoring individual member country (including your own association's) activities related to ethical social work behavior, human rights, and excellence in social work education (Duty #6). This elevates your national association's alignment with global standards.*
- *Facilitate Access & Opportunities: Leveraging your position to ensure your national association can actively participate in regional conferences, workshops (Duty #15), exchanges, and collaborative projects (Duty #8), thereby bringing direct value and development opportunities back to your home members.*

Please demonstrate:

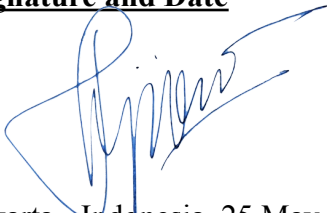
- **Commitment to the goals of IFSW as laid down in the Constitution**
- *The IFSW Constitution mandates the Federation to advocate for social justice, human rights, and social development through international cooperation. My commitment to these aims is demonstrated through practical, impactful action throughout my career.*
- *As President of IPSPI, I led the official translation of the Global Standards for Education and Training in Social Work into Indonesian, a project the IFSW Global Education Commissioner praised as a crucial step for inclusivity and accessibility in social work education.*

- *I personally noted that having these standards in our native language enables educators and students to implement them in a culturally responsive way. I have been utilising the global standards as I am leading the development of national standards for social workers and the enabling policies for their eventual implementation.*
- *My work in disaster risk reduction (DRR) directly fulfills the constitutional goal of social development. As Regional Adviser at UN ESCAP and a key contributor to the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management, I have focused on protecting vulnerable populations and building community resilience in the Asia-Pacific, a core tenet of IFSW's mission. Finally, my leadership in the bilateral exchange between IPSPI and the Malaysian Association of Social Workers in 2024 exemplifies the kind of international cooperation and shared learning the IFSW Constitution seeks to foster.*
- Possession of language(s) capabilities (preferably bilingual)
 - *I am fully bilingual in English and Indonesian. English has been my primary working language throughout my career in senior UN positions, including at UN ESCAP, UNDP in Geneva, and the International Telecommunication Union. I continue to use English daily in my roles on the steering committees of the Global Social Service Workforce Alliance and the OECD Expert Group on International Development Cooperation. Indonesian is my native language, which I use to lead our national association and to successfully advocate for policies like Indonesia's disaster management law and Social Worker Bill. This bilingual capability allows me to represent the region's interests and communicate its needs effectively on the global stage.*
- Identification with the region you represent, mainly by residence, work experiences, and knowledge of the main language(s) spoken in the region
 - *My identification with the Asia-Pacific region is profound and rooted in decades of residence and professional work.*
 - *Professionally, I have served the region in numerous capacities, including as Regional Adviser and Chief of Disaster Risk Reduction at UN ESCAP in Bangkok, and as an expert on disaster management for the ASEAN Secretariat. My work has consistently addressed the region's most pressing challenges, from the Indian Ocean tsunami to the Java earthquake. Furthermore, the 2026 IFSW General Meeting in Nairobi is a hybrid gathering, and I am fully prepared to participate in person or virtually to represent the Asia-Pacific perspective.*
 - *My linguistic ability spans five regional languages – Indonesian, Javanese, English, Tagalog, and Vietnamese – with additional working knowledge of Japanese and French. This allows me to communicate directly with over 450 million people in the Asia-Pacific without an interpreter; from the rice fields of Java to the barangays of Manila, the deltas of Vietnam, and the conference halls of Bangkok. Professionally, I have worked in 15 countries across the region, directly reaching an estimated 50 million people through disaster response, policy development, and social work leadership. My cultural identity is not just 'knowledge' – it is lived experience as an Indonesian social worker who has built bridges across ASEAN, the Pacific, and the UN system. I am not merely a representative of the Asia-Pacific; I am of the Asia-Pacific.*
- Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs
 - *My entire career has been an exercise in international affairs, marked by high-level diplomacy and practical problem-solving.*

- *My practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs are demonstrated through 35+ years of senior humanitarian leadership—from UNHCR refugee operations (Galang, Hong Kong, Vietnam, West Timor) to regional roles as Chief of DRR at UN ESCAP, Head of UN OCHA Kobe, and expert for the ASEAN Secretariat (drafting the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management)—and current service as National Adviser to BNPP, Steering Committee member of the Global Social Service Workforce Alliance, the Future of Aid 2040, and the OECD Expert Group on International Development Cooperation, Expert Advisor to MOPAN, Senior Advisor to SEAMEO SEAMOLEC, Sherpa for Grand Bargain 2.0, Convenor of the Asia-Pacific Localisation Lab and the Indonesian Development-Humanitarian Alliance (AP-KI), and Senior Adviser at the Pujiono Centre. Across six languages (Javanese, Indonesian, English, French, Tagalog, Vietnamese) and dozens of disaster responses (Haiti, Myanmar, Philippines, Indonesia, Bangladesh), I consistently translate global policy into local action—assessing multilateral performance, shifting power and resources to national actors, and grounding international cooperation in the lived realities of the Asia-Pacific's most vulnerable communities.*
- **Willingness and capacity to devote time to assume work responsibilities in the Executive or Regional Committee**
 - *I have a proven record of dedicating the substantial time required for demanding leadership roles.*
 - *As President of IPSPI (an association of 6,500 members), I have successfully balanced national, regional, and global duties.*
 - *Having recently concluded my role as Senior Programme Manager at ITU (2023-2024) and now working as a Senior Adviser on a consultancy basis, my professional commitments are flexible, allowing me to fully dedicate the necessary time to the Regional Presidency.*
 - *My previous full-time roles at UN ESCAP, UNDP, and OCHA were all time-intensive positions that required managing large teams and complex portfolios, demonstrating my capacity for the work.*
- **Ability, in so far as possible, to attend Executive or Regional Committee meetings**
 - *My career is built on consistent, reliable attendance at high-level meetings.*
 - *In my roles at UN ESCAP and the ASEAN Secretariat, attending intergovernmental meetings, regional forums, and executive sessions was a core function. The 2025 IFSW Asia-Pacific Regional Conference was held from 18-21 November in Colombo, Sri Lanka, under the theme "Social Work Responds to Climate Change and Other Environmental Issues," and I was fully prepared to attend and participate. Having just completed a role at the ITU, an agency specializing in global connectivity, I am also highly proficient with virtual meeting platforms and ready to engage in IFSW's hybrid or fully online meetings.*
- **Participation, so far as possible, as delegate of the General Meeting or attendance at IFSW Conferences**
 - *I have a history of active participation in IFSW's core events.*
 - *Under my leadership, IPSPI co-hosted the Learning Forum on Psychosocial Support in Disaster Situations in Jakarta in collaboration with IFSW-AP in 2016. I have also actively engaged in member exchanges to strengthen regional ties. Looking ahead, the 2026 IFSW General Meeting is scheduled to be held in Nairobi as a hybrid event. I am committed to participating in that meeting, either in person or virtually, as the Asia-Pacific delegate.*

- Any other information relevant to your nomination
 - *Several additional elements strongly support my candidacy:*
 - *Academic Foundation: I hold an MSW and a Doctorate in Public Administration, providing both the practice wisdom and the strategic policy expertise necessary for this role.*
 - *Grassroots Social Work Roots: I began my career as a refugee service worker with UNHCR in 1986. This frontline experience with vulnerable populations grounds all my strategic leadership.*
 - *Unmatched Disaster Expertise: The Asia-Pacific is the world's most disaster-prone region. My entire UN and ASEAN career has focused on building regional disaster response systems. I have served on the Expert Team for both the Disaster Management Bill and the Social Worker Bill in Indonesia, directly linking regional policy to national needs.*
 - *Proven Multi-stakeholder Leadership: I have extensive experience building consensus among governments, UN agencies, NGOs, and local civil society. My role as a Sherpa for the Grand Bargain and as Chair of the Global Localisation Lab are direct examples of skills required for the Regional President's duties.*

Signature and Date

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Jakarta - Indonesia, 25 May 2026