Position Title: President, International Federation of Social Workers

Position Mandate: IFSW Constitution

For organizational purposes, the Federation is made up of five geographic regions (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and Caribbean, North America), and each region has one Vice President, chosen by the member organisations from that region.

Position Requirements: The President must be a member of a member organisation in good standing.

The President must have previous personal service in some capacity with the Federation of no less than two years.

It is recommended that candidates for President have had, at a minimum, executive level experience within their member organisations.

It is assumed that candidates for President have the time, and the background/abilities, required to carry out the duties and responsibilities of this position.

Terms of Office: The term of office of the Global President shall all be four years and executive committee members having served a maximum of eight consecutive years shall be eligible to run for this position, thus giving them a maximum of twelve years if elected.

Position Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Is responsible for the overall activities of IFSW

2. Has overall responsibility to the General Meeting for the implementation of the work plan

3. Promotes the goals of the IFSW in both internal and external environments.

4. Represents the IFSW to other organisations including
NGO’s, Government and business as required/appropriate

5. Attends and chairs IFSW Executive Committee, General and other IFSW Meetings


7. Assists the membership of the Executive Committee to understand and fulfil their responsibilities in line with governance principles.

8. Reports on the activities of the IFSW for Executive, General and other IFSW Meetings.

9. Leads/facilitates activities related to the development of the IFSW in a manner that is consistent with the Constitution and By Laws.

10. Leads/facilitates planning and activities related to promotion of the social work profession.

11. Supports and monitors the work of the Executive Committee members and Main representatives to achieve the IFSW Action Plan.

12. Works in close co-operation with the Secretary General with regard to the business of the IFSW.

13. Gives direction and support to the Secretary General as required.

14. Is a member of the Finance Committee and as such is involved with the financial responsibilities of the organisation.

15. Accepts fiduciary responsibility for the operations of IFSW in accordance with governance principles.

16. Provides leadership to encourage and support communication, exchange, collaboration and meetings between member organizations.
17. Along with the Secretary-General acts as an IFSW spokesperson and representative in political and professional events and networks as appropriate.

18. Replies to inquiries regarding IFSW.