



PROFILE AND CURRICULUM VITAE OF NOMINEE

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 12 font and with margins no smaller than 0.75 cm on each side.

IFSW Position to which you seek nomination

Africa Regional Vice President

Candidate's Name and Country

Fela Bright, Nigeria

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

MSc Social Work 2010 LAUTECH, Nigeria
PGD Social Work 2007 LAUTECH, Nigeria
BSc Physics 1989. University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Professional Affiliations

Nigeria Association of Social Workers
British Association of Social Workers
Institute of Voluntary Sector Management
Nigeria Institute of Physics

Professional Leadership Experience over the past decade

Chairman. Technical Working Group on the Harmonization of the **Nigerians with Disabilities Bill 2016** **Aug 2016 till Date**
Executive Secretary, Nigeria Association of Social Workers (NASoW) **Feb 2016 till Date**
Editor-in-Chief, Nigeria Association of Social Workers, Kwara State Branch **Nov '15 – May '16**
National Administrative Manager, Old Grammarian Society **Feb – July 2014**
Executive Secretary, Results-Based M&E Consortium **Sept 2013 till date**
National Technical Committee Member, The Integrated Bio-Behavioural Surveillance Survey (2014). **Aug/Sept 2014**

National Association and Leadership Experience over the past decade

Ag. National Administrative Manager, Institute of Voluntary Sector Management

Community/Volunteer and Leadership Experience over the past decade

President, Steps to Life Nigeria (STLN).

Sept 88 till date

STLN is a Human Rights based NGO. This is the service that I have been rendering since graduation. It afforded me the privilege of serving in several executive positions in Networks.

Are you aware of the job description, role and responsibilities attached to the position you wish to have within the IFSW Executive?

YES:

NO:

If the answer is YES, please respond to the following questions:

a) What are the three most important responsibilities towards IFSW:

1. Attending IFSW Executive Committee and General Meetings representing African region, and contributing to the accomplishment of the IFSW Action Plan goals at both the global and regional level.
2. Maintaining an active commitment to the global goals of the IFSW as well as regional goals,
3. Supporting the work of the Regional President regarding activities related to the development of Regional structure and operations, consistent with the IFSW Constitution and By Laws.

b) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your Region:

1. Communicates and works with the Regional President for the Region on a regular basis
2. Supports regional planning and activities related to promotion of the social work profession.
3. Together with the Regional President, supports and monitors individual member country activities with respect to:
 - i. Establishment of practices which encourage/enable ethical social work behaviour;
 - ii. Human rights activities;
 - iii. Promotion of excellence in social work education.

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

- i. Promotion of excellence in social work education.
- ii. Promotion of practices which encourage/enable ethical social work behaviour.
- iii. Establishment of more functional State Chapters

Please demonstrate:

• **Commitment to the goals of IFSW as laid down in the Constitution**

I renewed the membership of NASoW with IFSW because of my strong commitment and admiration of the goals and achievements of IFSW. Under my watch the Constitution of NASoW has just been reviewed in conformity with the provisions and goals of IFSW's Constitution and ideals.

• **Possession of language(s) capabilities (preferably bilingual)**

I speak English fluently and understand basic French

• **Identification with the region you represent, mainly by residence, work experiences, and knowledge of the main language(s) spoken in the region**

I have worked in the Non-Profit sector for decades with particular interest in Prison Welfare and Youth offending. I have served in various positions in several Networks like CiSHAN, NACTAL, NAPTIP and others. I communicate effectively in English which is the main language spoken.

• **Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs**

Most of my appointments in the last decade have exposed me to international affairs. The work on the Nigerian Disability Bill is an international affair, as its provisions take into consideration its operation in conformity with world's best practices. Another example is Counter Violent Extremism whose functions are not restricted to Nigeria. My job as Executive Secretary of NASoW requires a sound knowledge and interest to work with similar bodies in other parts of the globe. I have also successfully worked and lived in the UK, which enhanced my interest in international affairs.

• **Willingness and capacity to devote time to assume work responsibilities in the Executive or Regional Committee**

I have the required time, and the background/abilities, required to carry out the duties and responsibilities of this position. Whatever skills that I may realize that I need to top-up would be improved upon. I am willing to learn and would always improve my knowledge and skills in that position.

- **Ability, in so far as possible, to attend Executive or Regional Committee meetings**

It is my intention to attend all Regional and Executive meetings, I have the ability and would source for support ahead, where need be. Meetings are for presenting or exchanging information, planning joint activities, making decisions, or carrying out actions already agreed upon, thus the need for me to attend.

- **Participation, so far as possible, as delegate of the General Meeting or attendance at IFSW Conferences**

I intend, as delegate of the General Meeting to participate fully at its meetings and Conferences.

- **Any other information relevant to your nomination**

Under my watch as Executive Secretary of NASoW, the following are parts of the achievements as a team:

- Renewal of NASoW's membership with IFSW.
- Review of tNASoW's Constitution and Code of Ethics to conform to best social work practice.
- Upgrade of the Association's Website. Still ongoing,
- Passing of the Bill to Establish the Nigerian Council for Social Work to Regulate the Practice of Professional Social Work in Nigeria by the House of Representatives.
- Consistent Advocacy to both Hon. Minister, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (MWASD) and Head, Federal Civil Service which resulted in the renewed instruction and implementation process to professionalize the Ministry (MWASD). Once this is completed, a policy will be developed for states to follow suit.
- A new National Secretariat with assistants to see to the smooth and efficient running.

If elected, I intend to work assiduously towards increasing the effective membership of organisations in the African Region, by assisting them to overcome challenges confronting them and thus stand firmly on their feet.

Signature



Date: September 24, 2016