

Position Title: Regional President

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 Regional President, elected by the member organisations from that region.

Position Requirements: The Regional President must be a member of a member organisation in good standing within the region h/she represents. It is recommended that candidates for Regional President have had, at a minimum, executive level experience within their member organisations.

Candidates undertake to give the time necessary to undertake the duties of Regional President and must have the background/abilities/competencies, required to carry out the duties and responsibilities of this position.

Terms of Office: The Term of Office is four (4) years. An Executive member may be re-elected or re-appointed to the same position for a second continuous term, but may not be re-elected to the same position for a third continuous term. The maximum continuous period during which an individual may be an Executive Committee Member in any capacity is three (3) terms, which is 12 years.

Position Duties and Responsibilities:

(1) Attends IFSW Executive Committee and General Meetings, to represent the region and to contribute to the accomplishment of the IFSW global Action Plan goals.

(2) Accepts fiduciary responsibility for the operations of IFSW in accordance with governance principles.

(3) Communicates and works with the Member at Large for the Region on a regular basis.

(3) Prepares a report on regional activities for the IFSW Executive and General Meetings.

2(4) Leads the development of the Regional structure and operations, consistent with the IFSW Constitution and By Laws.

(5) Leads/facilitates regional planning and activities related to promotion of the profession.

(6) Supports and monitors individual member country activities with respect to:

- Establishment of practices which encourage/enable ethical social work behaviour;

- Human rights activities;
- Promotion of excellence in social work education.

(7) Ensures there are regional nomination and election processes in place, which are actioned at appropriate times, for selection any regional Executive or committee.

(8) Provides leadership to encourage and support communication, exchange, collaboration and meetings between member organizations in the region.

(9) In consultation with the IFSW President and/or Secretary General, acts as the IFSW spokesperson and representative in Regional events, activities and networks, and in dealing with regional institutions.

(10) Assesses or guides the assessment of applications for membership in IFSW, in accordance with the IFSW Constitution and By Laws.

(11) Manages requests of member countries to transfer into, or out of, the Region.

(12) Replies to inquiries regarding IFSW or the Region.

(13) Takes overall responsibility for regional finance

(14) Ensures the support, supervision, and appraisal of any honorary or paid staff in the region.

(15) Oversees the planning of regional conferences or workshops, in close co-operation with the Secretary General.

(16) Carries out other tasks or projects which may be requested by the President from time to time.