

ASWEK Newsletter

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Keynote

The UN Agenda on Sustainable development is a milestone and blueprint that has a bold aim- providing guidelines on how to achieve transformational change by the year 2030. The Social work profession is no longer new but it is indeed very relevant to the desired transformation.

For Kenya to achieve the global social work agenda, Kenyan social work professionals must step forward and resolve to work together through a united front. The time has come for Educators, practitioners, students of social work, the Government, social service organizations and other key stakeholders to speak in one voice and lobby aggressively to have quality standards for social work education and practice.

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The President,

Association of Social Work Educators in Kenya (ASWEK), the professional watchdog for social work academics has its vision aligned with the SDGs through its vision; strengthening social work education in Kenya and beyond.

In pursuit of this, ASWEK has just concluded a very successful 1st ever international conference on Social Work Education and Practice. The conference took place in Maasai Mara University on 25th to 27th and the theme was "Enhancing SDGs through Social Work Education and practice".

The conference brought together researchers, academics and leaders from different institutions in Kenya and Internationally. The interactions during the conference will lead to alliances and collaborations that are mutually beneficial to participating institutions and individual participants moving forward.

Professionalizing social work in Kenya requires each of us to be devoted in this mission and play their part meaningfully.

When we work together and complement each other's efforts, we shall all become the change that we all desire and deserve to see in our dear profession.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Conference Mission

The conference aimed to bring together local and international social work educators and practitioners to examine the sustainable development goals through social work education and practice and its impact during the COVID 19 pandemic. The conference also aimed to provide attendees with opportunities for networking with organizational leaders from around the world..



CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Provide a platform for interaction and discussion on emerging issues in the social work profession and the contribution of the profession towards realization of SDGs during the COVID 19 pandemic.

To create synergy between research on sustainable development goals in social work Teaching and practice across the world.

Offer an opportunity for sharing and showcasing scientific research findings.

Provide upcoming and emerging social work researchers with a platform to present and showcase their research findings.

Provide network opportunities that will lead to collaboration nationally and internationally.

Provide a platform for synergy between academia, non – governmental and government departments in the field of social work education and practice.

Showcase the Association of Social Work Educators in Kenya (ASWEK), as a SW professional body whose sole mandate is to establish, promote and enhance quality standards for social work education in Kenya.

SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK IN AFRICA

1. University of Johannesburg S. A.
2. University of Kwa Zulu Natal, S. Africa
3. University of Witwatersrand, S. Africa
4. Northwest University, S. Africa
5. University of Pretoria, S. Africa
6. University of the Free State, S. Africa
7. The Catholic University of Rwanda
8. Makerere University, Uganda
9. St. Augustine University of Tanzania
10. Scott Christian University

SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK IN KENYA

1. Maasai Mara University
2. The Technical University of Kenya
3. KCA University
4. Pan African Christian University
5. University of Eldoret
6. Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and T.
7. Chuka University
8. Moi University
9. The Catholic University of Eastern Africa
10. Daystar University
11. Tangaza University College
12. Nairobi Women's Hospital School of Social Work

SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK GLOBALLY

1. Millersville University of Pennsylvania, USA
2. Clarke University, USA
3. University of Concord, West Virginia, USA
4. West Chester University, USA
5. University of Minnesota, USA
6. University of Calgary, Canada
7. University of Quebec, Canada
8. York University, Canada
9. West Sydney University, Australia
10. University of Peshawar, Pakistan
11. University of Wolverhampton, England
12. Ohio State University, USA

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BENEFITS OF THE CONFERENCE



The conference brought together researchers, academics and officials from different institutions in Kenya and Internationally. The interactions during the conference will lead to alliances and collaborations that are mutually beneficial to participating institutions and individual participants moving forward.

Through these strategic alliances, collaborative projects can be initiated in which exchange of researchers and academics is envisaged.

Collaborations established between schools of social work, non-governmental organizations, industries, government departments and Industry will enhance dissemination and impact of the research outcomes



For ASWEK

These alliances and collaborations will lead to increased internationalization of ASWEK and ultimately increase global rating

SW Students

Students were exposed to an international conference thereby increasing their confidence and experience on presenting and articulating their research findings at an international forum.

For community development

Presentations viable to community development will be made available for implementation.

For all presenters

Publication of The conference book of abstracts will enhance academic rating of all presenters.



Next conference and looking into the Future

The next conference is scheduled for May 2024.

ASWEK CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR June to Dec 2022

Monthly Webinars on sampled emerging trends in sw

Survey on Minimum Standards for Social Work Education in Kenya

Professional Development Trainings /courses for Social Work practitioners

Capacity Building for SW Field supervisors in social service agencies

Planning for WSWD in March 2022

Expanding our partnership and collaboration base

Ongoing membership strengthening and recruitment drive

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