

Augusta Yetunde Olaore

Biographical Sketch

Augusta Yetunde Olaore, PhD, M.S.W a leader in Social Work Education and practice, is pioneer Director, Student Support Center and Head of department, Social work and Human Services, Babcock University, Nigeria.

Augusta, native Nigerian Yoruba by birth, is a globally exposed practitioner and educator. Undergraduate education in Nigeria, MSW from the University of California, (UCLA) and PhD from the University of South Africa. She pioneered the nationally accredited Department of Social Work at Babcock University and participated in the formulation of the benchmarks for minimum standards for undergraduate and post graduate Social Work education in Nigeria. She has taught classes, seminars/ workshops across four continents. She was an expert observer on the technical committee for the West African Network for the Protection of Children funded by ECOWAS and International Social Services.



Augusta initiated educational exchange program between Nigeria, South Africa and the United States of America with a current 5-year MOU with the Savannah State University, Georgia, USA. She was awarded the 2017 IASSW International Education Project grant. As a reviewer for the Forum for African Medical Editors (FAME), she also has published works in the areas of Social Work education and Indigenous Social care for children and family welfare.

Vision for IASSW

My Vision Statement

Visioning is said to be taking a trip to the future and coming back into the present to plan for it. Standing on the mountain of IASSW accomplishments, over the years, I see a bright future of excellence in Social Work education around the world.

When elected as board member at large, by reading reports and attending board meetings, my vision for IASSW is to enhance: Voice, Visibility and Viability. Voice for underrepresented countries and Institutions. Visibility of Social Work education as a key player in the global agenda. Viability for developing Social Work educational programs and regional initiatives.

My goal is to actively support IASSW's commitment to diversity and inclusiveness through a growing membership of underrepresented countries and minority institutions. Currently

approximately 3.6% and 5.7% of individual and institutional membership respectively come from the African region with numbers smaller for Sub Saharan Africa, where I come from. My presence on the Board promises to give voice to the underrepresented social work education communities.

The visibility of the profession in the ongoing struggle for the wellbeing of humanity will be enhanced through my support for the Association's mission to utilize excellence in social work education, research and scholarship as key components for the enhancement of human wellbeing globally. I am convinced that Social Work education and educators can greatly influence the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development goals. My vision for the visibility of social work will also be pursued by supporting the progress of the global agenda project of, **Building a Comparative perspective on Media Representation of Social Work: The First Step. I will support adequate funding of the project and that the objectives of including service users and carers are met.**

When elected as a board member at large, my vote will count towards the support for the viability of developing social work educational programs as well as regional initiatives. Such initiatives include EASSW's new social inclusion Erasmus project and social work education in Croatia; APASWE's capacity building program in Vietnam; NACASSW's drive for increased Caribbean membership; ASSWA's commendable ethical guide for social work educators in the African region; ALAEITS drive to pull social work academicians in Latin America together.

My vision for IASSW is to make underrepresented voices more audible, enhance social Work education visibility in the global arena and support the viability of developing social work programs and regional initiatives.