

ASWEK DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

OPENING REMARKS

The Association of Social Work Educators would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season!

Thank you, ASWEK members and the Executive committee team for the great work, patronage to our association and your contributions in 2022! As we come to the end of the year, allow me to take this great opportunity to congratulate you for keeping our ASWEK vision alive and remaining consistent to our mission. We have remained steadfast in our commitment to strengthen and improve the standards of social work education here in Kenya and beyond.

From the desk of the ASWEK president, it is my singular duty to bring you up to speed with our Association's status as at December 2022. Having held a virtual special AGM in August, we could not organize a normal AGM again this month as most of the deliberations and resolutions for the year were addressed in the said meeting. It is however our normal practice and a constitutional requirement to hold an annual general meeting.

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INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

The conference opened many doors for us including formation of local, regional and global strategic alliances among them;

- Transforming Field Education Landscape in Africa (TFEL).
- Maasai Mara University
- Millersville University (USA)
- Clarke University (USA)
- University of Calgary (UK).
- United Kenya Rising (UKR)
- Books and Bricks

The Executive is currently reviewing our Association's capacity to hold our next conference which shall be revealed in due time. We congratulate all who participated in our inaugural conference.

Kindly confirm if you did (not) receive your certificate of participation.

Congratulations!

ASWEK MEMBERSHIP

Any group's growth prospects are predicted by the number of its members. ASWEK is not an exception. After the conference, we received new members and many more potential members are in the process of joining.

As a membership policy, the new members should be taken through an induction session to orientate them into our Association and engage them on how to actively participate in actualizing the mission of the group. This must happen early into 2023 if it did not happen in this last quarter of 2022.

With a membership policy in place, it is possible to do and achieve more with the current members as we look forward towards an upward trajectory in growth of our numbers.



REGISTRATION



POLICY

Visit our website for registration :

www.aswek.org

or email us at:

info.aswek.org

BUILDING OUR ASSOCIATION

Rome was not build in a day. Our quench and dream to build a strong association is still very fresh. The how to do this must be clearly articulated and demonstrated by the current leadership so that members can locate a place within the strategic areas of focus where they can meaningfully take part in building our association.

I encourage you to be proactive and vigilant in offering suggestions on how the executive council can perform better in their leadership roles.

ASWEK PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

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| 1. Monthly Professional Talks | 2. Quarterly symposiums/Webinars for members |
| 3. Monthly ASWEK Dialogues | 4. Professional Development Program for ASWEK members and social work practitioners |
| 5. Field Attachment supervisors Program | 6. The Methodology Institute |
| 8. WSWD 2023 | 7. Minimum Standards for Social Work Education in Kenya |
| 9. Social Work Student Clubs | 10. Website |
| 11. Conference(s). | 12. Collaboration and partnerships |

ASWEK COMMITTEES

For us to operationalize and execute the above projects/programs, each one of us must be involved. You are encouraged to join any of the following committees and give your full and meaningful contribution in terms of ideas, time and resources.

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| 1. The Secretariat | 2. Visibility and branding committee |
| 3. Research, training and Publications committee | 4. Professional Development committee |
| 5. The strategy committee | 6. The conference committee |
| 7. Resource mobilization and management committee | 8. The Projects Committee |
| 9. Mentorship Committee | 10. Welfare committee |

ASWEK’S PRESIDENTIAL COMMENDATIONS (APCS) 2022.

1] This year, the President hereby pays special recognition and Commendation to the following members who graduated with Social Work Doctorates (PhDs) from their respective universities.

1. Dr. Titus Mutia – Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA). Congratulations!
2. Dr. Violet Simiyu Nekesa - Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA). Congratulations!
3. Dr. Patricia Kariaga – Maside Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST). Congratulations!

11] This year’s Presidential recognition and commendation also goes to;

4. Prof. Mary Wairimu Gitau – Clarke University, USA; Mary was honored by the University of Wyoming with 2022 Distinguished Alumna award as one who has distinguished herself both as a professional and a community leader. Congratulations!
5. Prof. Wanja Ogongi, - Millersville University in USA, for playing a critical role of mobilizing and bringing to the ASWEK inaugural conference the largest number of participants from the Diaspora. Congratulations!

THE YEAR AHEAD

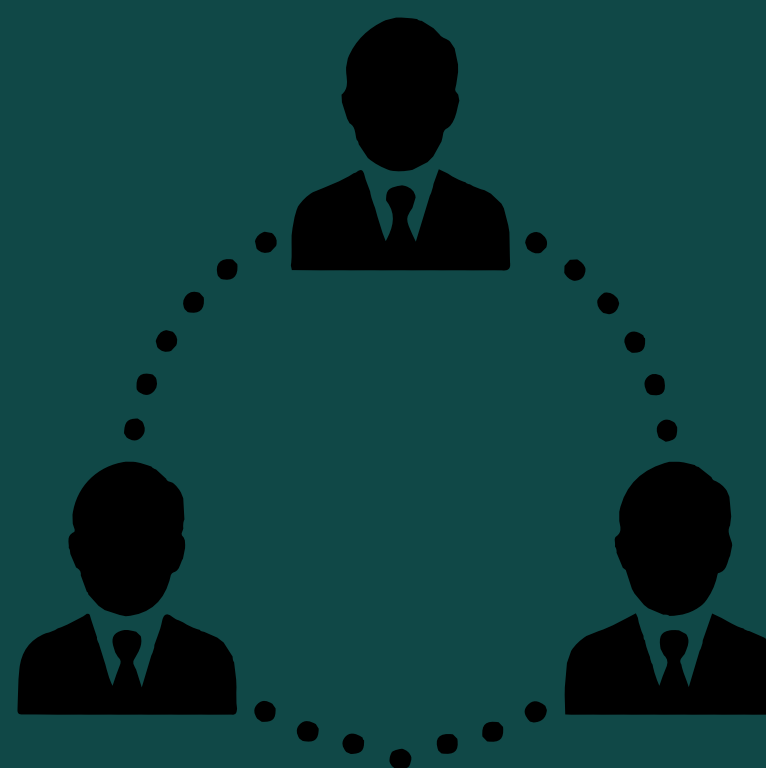
Plans by the Executive to ensure full implementation of our strategic plan are in place. In the coming year, we plan to up our game and operationalize the ASWEK working committees so that every member gets a chance to participate fully and more meaningfully in at least one of the ongoing projects.

We plan to upscale our partnerships with schools of social work so as to expand our capacity in membership and future collaboration.

It will be very helpful to receive any feedback from you on how we can improve on our ‘modus operadi’, and where possible, we can hold meetings where questions can be answered.

SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO MY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Dr. Kennedy Onyiko Karani – Vice President
2. Mr. Timothy Okatta - Secretary General
3. Dr. Wilkins Ndege - Treasurer
4. Prof. Wanja Ogongi - Ex-co Member
5. Ms. Euphracia Awour - Asst. Secretary
6. Mr. Wilfred Wanjala - Ex-co Member
7. Mr. Michael Waweru - Secretariat



ASWEK & POLICY

As a key stakeholder in Education, we participated in public participation on education reforms in November this year. Through a virtual meeting, Social work educators discussed and submitted their views on CBC education system and tertiary and university education.

The views were to be consolidated into a policy paper to be submitted to the Presidential Working Party on Education in Kenya.

ASWEK ably executed this important task through a four member committee constituted of Dr. Johnson Mavole of St. Augustine University in Tanzania, Dr. Mary Mutisya of The Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Ms. Euphracia Awour of Nairobi Women's Hospital College, and Ms. Phyllis Muraguri, ASWEK Chair.


Well done our team for your efforts that led to a very successful forum.



THE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORK EDUCATORS IN KENYA (ASWEK)

invites all Social Workers to

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM ON EDUCATION REFORMS IN KENYA


Meeting ID: 993 4754 5209
Passcode: ASWEK

WED. 16TH NOV. 2022
4:00PM EAT

All views to be consolidated into a **POSITION PAPER** to be submitted to the Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms (PWPER)

Topics

- ✓ Basic Education
- ✓ TIVET Training
- ✓ University Education, Research & Training

ASWEK. Strengthening SW Education in Kenya and Beyond.



I WISH EVERY ONE OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR 2023!

ENJOY LOTS OF
WHAT MAKES YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES HAPPY!



Sincere, regards

Ms. Phyllis Muraguri,
President, ASWEK.