

## DR. GIDRAPH WAIRIRE ELECTED PRESIDENT 6 ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK IN AFRICA (ASSWA)



The Department of Sociology and Social Work is proud to announce that Dr. Gidraph G. Wairire, a senior lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Social Work has been elected the president of the Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA) for a term of five years effective October 2015 by the ASSWA membership. ASSWA is a constituent of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) <http://www.iassw-aiets.org/>. The overall purpose of ASSWA is:

1. To promote the interests of social work education in the African region.
2. To provide opportunities for consultation and exchange of ideas, educational resources, faculty and students.
3. To serve as a body for channeling resources to social work educational institutions in the region.
4. To promote inter-regional, regional and international co-operation in social work education.

ASSWA membership comprises of the following categories:

1. Institutional membership comprising educational Institutions in the region which provide formal professional educational and training in social work and social development
2. Affiliate members who include agencies which exist to promote social work (and development) education or research directly related to social work and social development.
3. Individual members including full-time and part time social work and social development educators in the region and social work and social development practitioners who are interested in social work education.
4. Social work and social development educators located in other regions but interested in the affairs of the African region.

The president of ASSWA also serves *ex officio* as the Vice President of the IASSW. The results of the recently concluded ASSWA elections were announced during the Social Work and Social Development Conference <http://www.aceconferences.co.za/swsd2015> jointly hosted by ASSWA, the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW Africa Region) and the Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions (ASASWEI) that took place in East London, South Africa from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015