



**SOUTH AFRICAN
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Council@ASASWEI Conference

The Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions (**ASASWEI**) hosted in association with the Department of Social Work (**University of Zululand**), Association for the Schools of Social Work in Africa (**ASSWA**), International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), South African Council for Social Service Professions (**SACSSP**), South African Student Social Workers Association (**SASSWA**) and National Department of Social Development (**DSD**), the first online **International Social Work Conference** from 1 to 3 September 2021 under the theme "Pandemics, poverty and inequality: Social work in the 21st century". The Minister of Social Development, *Honourable Ms Lindiwe Zulu*, delivered a special message at the Conference during the opening.

The Registrar, *Ms Malamba*, gave a presentation in the one of the four Conference workshops themed Concerns on social work graduate unemployment, where she proposed possible solutions to mitigate the unemployment faced by newly qualified graduates. Members of **Council** were also actively engaged in the Conference: *Prof Rika Swanzen*, *Prof Willem Roestenburg*, *Ms Civil Legodu* and *Ms Julia Zingu* were session chairpersons. *Prof Roestenburg* also presented on the acceptance of technology amongst social workers under the COVID-19 lockdown and *Mr André Viviers* presented on rethinking the construct of social work ethics in a changing world. Visit www.asaswei.org.za for more information.

Council wishes to congratulate:

- *Prof Adrian van Breda*, who is also Member of the **Professional Board for Social Work**, for receiving ASASWEI Social Work Lifetime Achiever of the year 2021 at the ASASWEI Educator Award ceremony.
- *Prof Willem Roestenburg*, who is a Member of **Council**, with his election as Vice-President of the ASASWEI Executive Committee.
- *Dr Poppy Masinga* from the SA College for Applied Sciences with her election as President of the ASASWEI Executive Committee.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT: The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work calls on all qualified child and youth care workers who have left the profession to submit their contact details to the Secretariat. Please see **General Notice 7 of 2021** on the SACSSP's website for details.

RESEARCH: The SACSSP invites all social service professionals to participate in research related to the landscape of social service professions in the country. Please see **General Notice 8 of 2021** on Council's website. The closing date for responses is 12 September 2021.

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