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# **Africa Day Indaba**

SOCIAL WORK AND DEVELOPMENT

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27 May 2022 (Online)



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# AFRICA DAY INDABA 2022

## SOCIAL WORK AND DEVELOPMENT

FRIDAY, 27 MAY, 8-10AM WAT; 9-11 AM CAT; 10AM-12PM EAT



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Professor Rodreck  
Mupedziswa

Professor of Social  
Work

Topic: Making  
fieldwork education  
relevant



Mr. Neeleshwar  
Viveksingh Urjoon

African Social Work  
Award Recipient  
2021

Topic: Running  
successful social  
programs



### Other Speakers

Dr Rugare J. Mugumbate, ASWNet  
Professor Shahana Rasool & Professor Tanusha Raniga, ASSWA

**REGISTRATION LINK: [BIT.LY/3N20DYJ](https://bit.ly/3N20DYJ)**

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# Welcome



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## Africa Social Work Network (ASWNet)

The ASWNet aggregates information and resources to facilitate Social Work on the African continent.

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# ASWNet membership



ASWNet, as the name suggests, is a network of African social workers but also development workers. The network started in 2020, and it has 72 registered members. The major goal of the network is to aggregate information about African social work and share through our website, meetings like this one and social media channels.

# Africa Day 2022



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**THE YEAR OF NUTRITION**

**Strengthening Resilience in Nutrition &  
Food Security on the African continent:**

Strengthening Agro-Food Systems, Health & Social Protection Systems for the  
Acceleration of Human, Social & Economic Capital Development

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Happy Africa day to you all. This is an important day on the African calendar, commemorating the birth of the OAU, now AU in 1963. The theme for this year focuses on nutrition and food security. There is no doubt that food security is central to human, social and capital development. The theme resonates very well with social work.



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# Why nutrition matters

“At the same time, overweight, obesity and non-communicable diseases related to the quality of diets are increasing rapidly, worsening morbidity and mortality rates. Malnutrition, by its double manifestation, does not spare any African country at one point in the life cycle. **Malnutrition is not only one of the worst killers of children under five years of age but prevents children and adolescents from reaching their full potential, and traps entire populations in vulnerability.** Through its negative effects on the development of human capital and its productivity, malnutrition contributes to the delay in African countries’ economic and social development, with unacceptable human consequences on African individuals, communities and nations”.

*Findings of the Continental Accountability Scorecard launched by the African Union and the Africa Leaders for Nutrition (ALN) in 2019*

# Why nutrition matters

“New evidence has shown that the persistence of the burden of malnutrition has very significant consequences for **physical, mental, cognitive and physiological development of African children**; hence it has become a critical human rights issue that goes far beyond the already existing volatile public health impact. At the same time, evidence shows that malnutrition **leads to decreased social and economic development of nations** and becomes a very important political and economic development issue”.

*Findings of the Continental Accountability Scorecard launched by the African Union and the Africa Leaders for Nutrition (ALN) in 2019*



# African Social Work



About 70% of Africans are farmers, producing food for themselves and for the market. The theme for this year reminds us, as social work development workers, that the solutions that we seek to poverty that is ravaging our continent exist in families and communities. In short, it reminds us of focusing more on indigenous approaches in our education, fieldwork, research and practice. Another important lesson is that, our social work must be more aligned with African institutions. In our social work we should not start at the United Nations in new York but the AU in Addis. We should not look outside without looking inside first. We should value our African philosophies and philosophers, and there are many of them. We should value African literature, and African stories. The African social work story should never begin in England or USA, it should begin in Africa with the likes of Jairos Jiri and Mai Musodzi in Zimbabwe and Charlotte Maxeke in South Africa

# African Social Work – some of the forgotten contributors



Charlotte Makgomo-Mannya  
Maxeke (1871-1939), South  
Africa



Jairos Jiri  
(1921 – 1982), Zimbabwe



Mai Musodzi  
Chibhaga Ayema  
(1885-1952),  
Zimbabwe

<https://africasocialwork.net/biography-of-african-social-work/>

# Ubuntu Lecture in November 2022

UBUNTU LECTURE 2022, Online, November 2022

The African Social Work Network is organizing the inaugural Ubuntu Annual Lecture in November 2022. Further details will be shared as they become available.

## Keynote Speaker



Professor Bagele  
Chilisa, University of  
Botswana

Post-colonial scholar, researcher,  
author and educator



Indigenous  
Research  
Methodologies

Bagele Chilisa



# African Social Work Award 2021

## Congratulations to



Mr. Neeleshwar  
Viveksingh Urjoon,  
Mauritius, African  
Social Work Award  
2021 Speech.



# Kuumba Mentoring

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The screenshot shows the top section of the ASWNet website. On the left is the ASWNet logo, which consists of a globe with a green 'N' and the text 'ASWNet Africa Social Work Network'. To the right of the logo is the text 'Africa Social Work Network (ASWNet)' and a sub-header 'The ASWNet aggregates information and resources to facilitate Social Work on the African continent.' A search icon and the word 'SEARCH' are in the top right corner. Below this is a navigation bar with the following items: HOME, ACADEMICS (+), PRACTITIONERS (+), STUDENTS (+), and COMMUNITIES (+). Underneath the navigation bar is a grid of links: African Journal of Social Work (AJSW) (+), People Centred – The Journal of Development Administration (+), Library and ASWNet Databases, Information about Social Work in Africa (+), and Shopping and Bookshop. At the bottom of the grid are links for COVID-19, Lecture Room, Blog (+), Join our Network (+), and Contact us.

The screenshot shows the 'Mentees' page on the ASWNet website. The page has a dark header with 'HOME > MENTEES' and a main title 'Mentees'. Below the title is a grey box with the text 'Information for this page is being populated. Thanks for visiting.' Underneath is the name 'Oluwagbemiga Oyinlola, Nigeria' in blue. To the left of a photo is a paragraph of text: 'Oluwagbemiga is a Nigerian Medical Social Worker, passionate about care and support for disadvantaged and vulnerable group, he has special interest in mental health services across age group, psycho-social support services, social interventions in the management of chronic health condition, electronic social case management. He became registered as a Medical Social Worker in Nigeria in 2010. Currently, a Principal Medical Social Worker at the University College Hospital, Ibadan and pro bono Director of Programs of the Mandate Health Empowerment Initiative (MHEI) (a not-for-profit making organisation) and also Director of Social Services, ASIDO Foundation. He is an Alumnus of the WHO training on Mental Health Leadership and Advocacy Program (MhLAP). He was'. To the right of the text is a portrait of Oluwagbemiga Oyinlola, a young man in a blue suit and tie, smiling. Below the photo is the caption 'Oyinlola Oluwagbemiga'. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Translate' section with a 'Select Language' dropdown and 'Powered by Google Translate'. Below that is a 'COVID-19 UPDATE' section with the text: 'Africa Infections: 11 million people. Deaths 245 000. World infections: 400 million. Deaths 5.8 million. Data aggregated by ASWNet on 7 February 2022. View the COVID-19 references list for Africa'. At the bottom right is a 'Social Work in:' section with flags for ALGERIA, ANGOLA, BENIN, and BOTSWANA.



