

**FORMER COSW BOARD MEMBER HONOURED WITH A
'LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR SERVICES TO SOCIAL CARE'**



COSW congratulates former Board Member, Nigel Hall, on being awarded the 'Chairman's Lifetime Achievement Award for Services to Social Care' by the Zimbabwe Achievers Awards on 11 May 2024 in Birmingham UK. The event was reported on the IFSW website.

Nigel attended the launch meeting of COSW at the world social work conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in June 1994. He went on to be an active member of the COSW Board for many years and to edit the newsletter. Nigel was given an Honoured Commonwealth Social Worker award at the Policy Forum in October 2022. He is a member of the recently formed COSW Appointments Committee.

As Past President of IFSW Africa and Global Human Rights Commissioner, Nigel has been a key player in the development of the IFSW African Region and the training and development of many social workers in different parts of the world, from teaching positions in Zimbabwe and the UK. Over the years, Nigel has contributed to the development of social work writing and research and written extensively for IFSW. He also represented IFSW on the Board of the International Journal of Social Work published by Sage.

IFSW President and COSW Board member Joachim Mumba, in congratulating Nigel on his award, said "Nigel has been a key person in the development of social work in Africa. There are many social workers who as students were mentored by Nigel, who are now in leading positions in their countries and in IFSW. He is a social work elder in this region and globally. We deeply appreciate him".

David N Jones, COSW Board member, said "Nigel was a crucial member of the group which created COSW and laid the foundations of all that was to follow. Always generous with his expertise, Nigel continues to offer time and wisdom to social work. This is a well-deserved award for years of service to Zimbabwe, Africa and international social work. COSW extends our heartfelt thanks and congratulations."

See also <https://www.ifsw.org/ifsw-longstanding-leader-honoured-with-a-lifetime-achievement-award-for-services-to-social-care/>

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The Zimbabwe Achievers Awards (ZAA) is a globally recognised, independent organisation established in 2010 by Conrad Mwanza. ZAA honours and celebrates the accomplishments of Zimbabweans residing abroad across various industries such as business, art, sports, entertainment, and music. It has expanded to several countries including the UK, South Africa, USA, and Australia. Apart from hosting awards ceremonies, ZAA operates a sister publication named Zim Abroad, which showcases inspiring entrepreneurs, actors, musicians, and community leaders who represent Zimbabwe on the international stage, often overcoming significant challenges. Their mission is to acknowledge, reward, and celebrate businesses, organisations, and individuals of Zimbabwean heritage excelling in their respective countries. <https://zimachievers.org/>

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