

Nomination for standing as a candidate for the World Physiotherapy Africa region board member position 2023

Name: Prof Witness Mudzi

Member Organisation: South African Society of Physiotherapy

Member Statement

I would like to be considered for the World Physiotherapy Africa region board member position. I believe my experience serving at various levels of leadership within the South African Society of Physiotherapy and, before that, the Zimbabwe Physiotherapy Association have given me a grounded understanding of the Physiotherapy issues affecting not only South Africa and Zimbabwe but the African Region. I have participated in the Physiotherapy teaching and curriculum development for Malawi and Namibia and have also taught physiotherapy in Zimbabwe and South Africa. I have been a member of the World Physiotherapy Congress Scientific Committee for 2017 in South Africa and currently for Dubai 2023.

I currently serve on the World Physiotherapy Appeals Committee, which I chair. This exposure has given me a better understanding of the executive function of World Physiotherapy which is critical in positively contributing on behalf of the African Region at the World Physiotherapy Board level.

If elected to the position, I intend to bring the issues affecting the African Region to the fore. These include, among others, the provision of continuous professional development among African Countries to ensure the sustained growth of the profession and the provision of quality physiotherapy services to our people. Those countries still developing their own physiotherapy structures will receive the needed support to ensure the growth of the physiotherapy profession by leveraging on those member organisations that can provide that support.

Together with the Africa region executive committee, I intend to fully consult member organisations from the African Region for their input and voices on any important issues that will be brought for debate and finalisation at the World Physiotherapy Board level.

If elected, I intend to harness the World Physiotherapy Board's support for the various initiatives from the African member organisations aimed at providing physiotherapy to the African people and the profession of physiotherapy in Africa. I believe I have the ability to galvanise the African member organisations in taking initiatives that will highlight light and foster the growth of the physiotherapy profession with the support of World Physiotherapy. Particular attention will also be given to the Francophone member countries to ensure that their voices, aspirations and matters of interest are heard.

I am therefore appealing for your support in being elected as the World Physiotherapy board member for the African Region.

Kind Regards

Prof Witness Mudzi