

# Press release

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## World Physiotherapy member organisations in two regions elect two regional board members

Member organisations in the Africa and Asia Western Pacific regions have elected the following people to serve as regional board members.

### Africa region

- **Jean Damascene Gasherebuka**, member of [Rwanda Physical Therapy Association](#)

21 ballots were submitted from 25 member organisations eligible to vote (84% voter participation), and Jean Damascene Gasherebuka was elected with 71.43% of the vote.

### Asia Western Pacific region

- **Yasushi Uchiyama**, member of [Japanese Physical Therapy Association/公益社団法人日本理学療法士協会](#)

28 ballots were submitted from 31 member organisations eligible to vote (90% voter participation), and Yasushi Uchiyama was elected with 53.6% of the vote.

Voting began on Thursday 1 June 2023 and closed on Thursday 29 June 2023. The results were announced via email to all member organisations within each region within two days of the vote closing. Jean Damascene Gasherebuka and Yasushi Uchiyama will both begin their four-year terms on 1 July 2023.

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Physiotherapists are experts in developing and maintaining people's ability to move and function throughout their lives. With an advanced understanding of how the body moves and what keeps it from moving well, they promote wellness, mobility and independence. They treat and prevent many problems caused by pain, illness, disability and disease, sport and work related injuries, ageing and inactivity.

Physiotherapists are educated over several years, giving them a full knowledge of the body's systems and the skills to treat a wide range of problems. This education is usually university-based, at a level that allows physiotherapists to practise independently. Continuing education ensures that they keep up to date with the latest advances in research and practice. Many physiotherapists are engaged in research themselves.

### **About World Physiotherapy**

World Physiotherapy is the profession's global body representing over 600,000 physiotherapists from member organisations in 129 countries/territories. More information: [www.world.physio](http://www.world.physio)