



## **Profile Details**

Name: **Professor Dr. Azlinda Azman**

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Position within Board of Directors and Terms of Serving: **Treasurer (2022-2026)**

Affiliation and Position (other than IASSW):

**Deputy Vice-Chancellor  
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11800 Penang, Malaysia**

Membership of organisations (other than IASSW): **President, Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW)**

Educational Qualification/s: (Degrees): **Ph.D – New York University, NY, USA.**

Languages written and spoken: **English Language and Bahasa Malaysia**

Interest Areas (social work teaching, research and practice):

Current Activities (social work teaching, research, practice, others): **Social Work Education & Practice; Social Policy; Child & Adolescent Sexuality; Family Institution & Well-Being; Community Development; Poverty; Psychosocial Issues, Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS.**

*Dr. Azlinda Azman is a Professor in Social Work, a first in Malaysia and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Student Development Affairs and Alumni, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Penang, Malaysia. She was a Fulbright Scholar and obtained her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) degree in Clinical Social Work from New York University in 2005.*

*Nationally, Dr. Azlinda is actively involved in advocating for social work education and practice. Currently, she Chairs the National Joint Council Committee on Social Work Education, Malaysia. She was appointed by the Ministry of Women, Family and Committee Development as a member of Special Project Team in Enhancing Social Work Profession Bill/Act in Malaysia (2018 – to-date).*

*Dr. Azlinda was also appointed as the Council Member of Allied Health Profession, Ministry of Health, Malaysia (July 2020 – July 2023) and Country Coordinating Mechanism Malaysia (CCM Malaysia) on HIV and AIDS, Ministry of Health, Malaysia (2022 – 2025). She is highly sought-after to provide her expertise input for the development of professional social work services, training and capacity building for the many stakeholders in Malaysia, including with UNICEF Malaysia and the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia.*

*Dr. Azlinda is also an expert resource person, appointed by the Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA), Malaysia to assess and audit most of the social work programmes in the country (2012 – to date). Her experience as programme assessor and auditor for the MQA developed her skill further to become an expert in social work education curriculum development and capacity building.*

*She is involved in various NGOs, including as an Assistant Honorary Secretary of the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC), Board of Trustees of Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), Board of Trustees of Yayasan Budi Penyayang (YBP), the Executive Committee Member and was then appointed as the President of the Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW) for 2021-2023.*

*Regionally, Dr. Azlinda have been actively involved in the ASEAN Social Work Consortium (ASWC), and has been representing the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia to provide input and expertise in the field of social work education and practices. She has been appointed as Visiting Professors, external assessor for social work curriculum, external examiners for many postgraduate researches, and international assessor for promotion for many social work educators and practitioners in the region. Internationally, Dr. Azlinda has been invited as keynote speakers in conferences and symposiums, advocating and providing professional input in the field of social work education and practices.*

*On 16 March 2021, she was awarded the Social Work Academic ICON by the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia, for her significant contribution to the development of the Social Work profession in the country.*