

## Moroccan Association of Social workers

The first communicative meeting about the professional roles of social workers.



The Moroccan Association of Social Assistants held a meeting with the representatives of civil societies, government institutions, students of social work, graduated social workers as well as a large number of researchers and interested and media to create communication pathways between professional social workers, government and civil society.



In his opening speech the President of the Moroccan Association of Social Assistants (MASA) Mr Mohammed Elardi addressed the importance that this conference communicates a forward-looking vision on the professional roles of social workers. He said the MASA aims to introduce its objectives, programs and highlight the importance of strengthening communication and coordination between governmental bodies and non-governmental institutions for the services provided to citizens. “Strengthening the skills and mechanisms of social intervention must be embraced by all social workers to ensure effective work”, he said.



Mr Mohammed Elardi President of the Moroccan Association of Social Assistants

- Speaker Dr. Saida Benkirane a specialist psychologist in Clinical Psychology confirmed that societies must have social workers to support the mental health of individuals.
  - Speaker Dr. Said Abu Yacoub Social Cell Coordinator from the Agency of Development and Rehabilitation for the city of Fez, spoke about the important roles played by social workers in the renovation project of the buildings.
- Speaker Dr. Soumia Benkhaldoune; previous Minister Delegate of Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Training, spoke about the

importance of family's stability and the key role of social workers in the areas family justice and providing cells for women and children victims of violence.

The meeting agreed on the following recommendations:

1. To employ 300 social workers as stated in the urgency program of various educational institutions.
2. Strengthen coordination and cooperation with NGOs interested in development and the elected government and institutions, as well as organizations of civil society.
3. Employ social workers in elected institutions.
4. Activate and development of the professional practice of the judicial social workers.
5. Development the role of social workers in various hospital institutions.
6. Accelerate the Ministry of Social Development for the release of the law governing the profession of social work.
7. Issuing laws and legislations to protect social workers rights.
8. Increasing media attention to this noble profession.
9. Strengthening the role of the university and scientific research laboratories to carry out scientific studies to facilitate effective social intervention of social workers.
10. The allocation of government support of the Moroccan Association for social workers for the advancement of the profession of social work.
11. Support the Moroccan Association of Social Workers to host international meetings to take advantage of the experience and expertise of foreign in this respect.