

Bill no. 45-18 to Regulate the Social Work Profession



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The Speaker of the House of Councilors (Upper House) asked the CESE to examine and look into “Bill no. 45-18 to Regulate the Social Work Profession”. The Council’s opinion thereon was adopted unanimously during the General Assembly’s 116th regular session on 26 November 2020.

Against a backdrop of countless challenges for social development in Morocco, and in keeping with the spirit of the Royal project of the New Development Model (NDM), the need has grown even more urgent than ever for our country to highlight and recognize the need and importance of social work, enhance social workers’ skills and abilities in such a way as to enable them to provide clients with what they need, and advance social work as a profession devoted to public service and as a potential job-creating field of activity.

This law project has several main areas of strength and others of concern that need to be overcome. Not only is this law project perceived as unambitious, but it also receives little support and onboarding from social work associations. Worse, the CESE’s analysis goes on, it does not regulate social work practice and cannot claim to contribute to the unification of the social work profession.

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