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## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

The SACSSP held a virtual bilateral meeting with delegation of Lesotho and the Department of Social Development International Relations Directorate from 14 until 15 October 2020. The government of Lesotho is in the process of drafting a Social Service Professions Bill and they toured Council to collect necessary information to be able to draft a piece of legislation for social service professionals in their country.

Council's Communication and Public Relations Practitioner attended the Portfolio Committee on Social Development virtual meeting on 21 October 2020 on the Cabinet resolution that was passed in 2018, that further affirmed that social workers must be appointed by all the departments that require them. An update on employment of social work graduates was presented. There is approximately 9000 unemployed social work graduates including those that are self-funded. The Department has reduced the social work scholarship and redirected the funding to absorb social work graduates; the department is engaging key stakeholders in unlocking more funds and more opportunities for these graduates.

## UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



There is a **FREE CPD accredited in-service training programme** designed for all child and youth care workers in South Africa to enable them to safely serve children, families and communities during the COVID-19 crisis. Please see the SACSSP's website or contact the Secretary of the *Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work* at [MolebohengM@sacssp.co.za](mailto:MolebohengM@sacssp.co.za) or more details.

**Please share this news with your networks as well.**

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