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ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE

On 26 May 2021, Council's *Committee of Preliminary Inquiry* (CPI), which is responsible for investigation of complaints of alleged unprofessional or improper conduct against social service professionals, convened and dealt with fourteen (14) complaints lodged against social workers.

On 9 June 2021, the Registrar, Ms Langi Malamba delivered a key note address at the *South African College of Applied Psychology* (SACAP) Johannesburg campus' Bachelor of Social Work orientation programme for 1st year social work students. Eleven (11) social work students were welcomed by SACAP's Academic Dean, Dr Jaclyn Lotter, who referred to these students as "*advocates for change in South Africa*" as they are starting a journey that will contribute to the promotion of socio-economic development. Head of the Social Work and Community Development Faculty at SACAP, Dr Poppy Masinga, presented SACAP's vision and assured the class of 2021 that they made a right choice by choosing SACAP, as they will be transformed into highly qualified practitioners as this institution competes equally with the best in the world and in the country.

The Registrar led the oath taking ceremony where the students took a solemn declaration before their peers and lecturers to honour the integrity of the profession and adhere to the ethical code of social work profession. Ms Malamba emphasised that the code of conduct starts with an individual before one aspires to become a social worker. She reminded the students about the principle of treating each client as a unique individual. Ms Malamba wished all students well with their studies and congratulated them for choosing social work as a career of choice.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT: The *Finance Division* is currently emailing receipts as per requests from practitioners, please also check your junk folder when you have requested a receipt to be emailed. It is important to update one's particulars as soon as possible (on the website) or by completing and submitting [FORM RR.1](#) (available on website) if your last known details have changed.

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