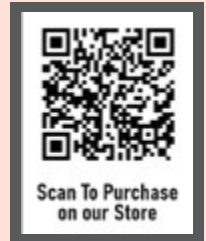


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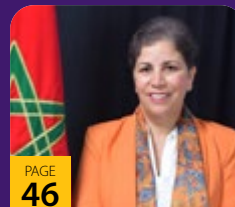
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As Publisher of *The New Africa Magazine*, I take deep pride in this special edition that highlights the transformative leadership of His Majesty King Mohammed VI and the far-reaching impact of Morocco's sovereign vision

This edition is more than a commemoration — it is a celebration of leadership that has turned disputes into opportunities, and borders into gateways for cooperation. From the Moroccan Sahara emerging as a continental hub for trade and diplomacy, to partnerships that empower African youth, judiciary, and civil society, the message is clear: Africa's future lies in unity, innovation, and inclusive development.

A particularly moving moment in this edition is the Hall of Fame tribute, which recognizes outstanding figures who embody the values of vision, integrity, and service. Among them, we proudly honor Chems Doha Alaoui Ismaili, Secretary General of the General Union of Arab Women, whose induction highlights the powerful role of women in shaping diplomacy, governance, and continental solidarity. Her leadership and lifelong dedication to advancing gender equality and social empowerment stand as a beacon of inspiration for Africa and the Arab world alike.

The royal vision showcased in this issue underscores how strategic foresight, rooted in dignity and peace, can redefine Africa's global place. It is a call for every African leader, institution, and citizen to see in Morocco's model a pathway for renewal and shared progress.

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...from the Editor-in-Chief

In curating this edition, what struck me most was the breadth of Morocco's partnerships. The tripartite agreements with Geneva-based institutions, the ENCG Casablanca initiatives, and the creation of new legal, diplomatic, and educational platforms reflect not only Morocco's leadership but also Africa's growing confidence in shaping its own destiny.

Here, the International Center for Diplomacy (ICD) deserves special recognition as a catalyst in advancing this transformation. By bridging academic excellence with civil society engagement, ICD has been instrumental in translating His Majesty King Mohammed VI's vision into actionable programs across Africa — from judicial cooperation to youth leadership training.

This is not just diplomacy on paper. It is a living movement—seen in the training of young advocates, the empowerment of magistrates, the digitization of African education, and the embrace of inclusive governance. His Majesty's leadership has inspired a generation to believe in the possibility of an Africa united in purpose.

Through these stories, ***The New Africa Magazine*** continues to serve as a bridge between visionary ideas and continental



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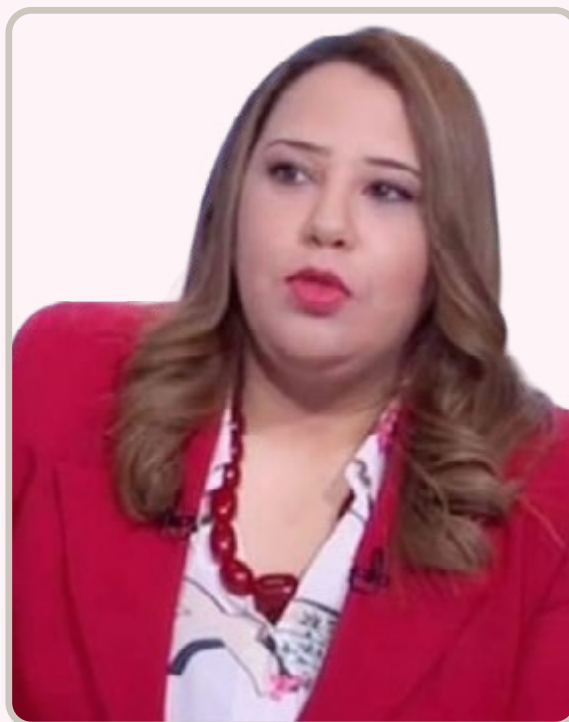
Senior Managing Editor's Reflection

From my perspective as **Global Managing Editor**, Morocco's sovereign strategic model — anchored in stability, human-centered development, and international trust — emerges as both unique and replicable.

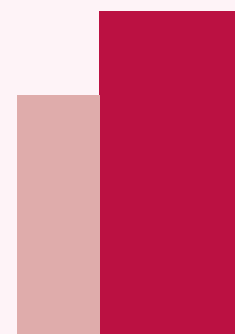
At the heart of this issue are the invisible heroes — the academics, diplomats, educators, and students who are turning vision into action. Whether in halls of justice, classrooms of ENCG Casablanca, or regional forums on governance, they are the engines of Africa's renewal.

This edition also carries a profound symbolism: as Morocco prepares to celebrate 50 years of the Green March this November, we are reminded of the enduring spirit of unity, sacrifice, and national pride that continues to inspire Africa's journey toward sovereignty and solidarity.

This is not simply a tribute; it is a blueprint. It shows how foresight and inclusive sovereignty can drive economic growth, peacebuilding, and African solidarity. By reflecting on these stories, we are reminded that Africa's strength lies in collaboration, rooted in respect for its people and their shared aspirations.



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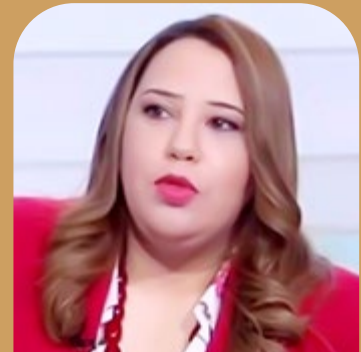
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“No Place for a Two-Speed Morocco”: His Majesty King Mohammed VI Puts Human Capital at the Heart of National Transformation

*By Karima Rhanem, Senior
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Each year, the celebration of the Glorious Throne Day stands as a solemn reaffirmation of the enduring bond between the Throne and the people. It is not simply an anniversary, but a moment of national reflection and strategic orientation. In His Speech to the Nation

on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of His Accession to the Throne, His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may God Assist Him, delivered a message of unity, determination, and forward vision. He presented a candid balance of Morocco’s achievements, remaining challenges, and a clear roadmap for inclusive and cohesive development.

At the heart of the Speech was a clear and resolute call to address social and

territorial disparities. His Majesty’s declaration—“It is not acceptable for Morocco – today or at any time in the future – to be a two-speed country”—was a powerful affirmation of the principle that national progress must be both shared and equitable. This vision affirms that the strength of Morocco lies in the unity of its development path, not in segmented or uneven growth.

His Majesty began by underlining

that Morocco's accomplishments—industrial expansion, economic resilience, and infrastructure modernization—are the result of deliberate policy choices and long-term planning. Sectors such as the automotive, aviation, renewable energy, agri-food, and tourism industries were highlighted as vital levers for investment and job creation. Morocco's integration into global trade networks—reaching nearly three billion consumers—was also presented as a major asset resulting from a coherent international economic policy.

However, the core of the message was not purely economic. His Majesty placed the Moroccan citizen at the center of all policy efforts. He made it clear that infrastructure and growth are only meaningful if they directly improve the living conditions of all Moroccans, in every region and from every social class. This reflects a consistent and long-standing approach in His Reign—one that elevates human dignity as the foundation of national development.

Referring to the findings of the 2024 General Population Census, His Majesty welcomed the reduction of multidimensional poverty and Morocco's advancement to the "high human development" category. Yet, He expressed concern that some regions—particularly in rural areas—continue to suffer from poverty and underdevelopment due to gaps in infrastructure and services. These inequalities, He stated, are not in keeping with the Morocco He envisions.

In response, His Majesty outlined a decisive policy shift: a move from traditional social development models toward integrated regional development. He called for a "quantum leap" in territorial rehabilitation and instructed the government to develop a new generation of development programs rooted in local potential, guided by the principles of advanced regionalization, solidarity, and impact. The aim, as articulated by the Sovereign, is to ensure that "all citizens – in all areas and regions – benefit from the fruits of progress and development, without discrimination or exclusion."



Institutional integrity was also a priority in the Royal Address. With legislative elections approaching in 2026, His Majesty called for the timely preparation and publication of the legal framework governing the electoral process. He emphasized the importance of inclusive political consultation and transparent preparation—essential steps for reinforcing democratic trust and ensuring stability.

Regionally, the Sovereign reaffirmed Morocco's openness and longstanding position toward its neighbors, particularly Algeria. He described the Algerian people as "brothers and sisters," bound to the Moroccan people by language, religion, history, and a shared destiny. His Majesty reiterated His readiness for a sincere and responsible dialogue with Algeria, reaffirming His belief in the unity of Maghreb peoples and the necessity of constructive regional cooperation.

On the national cause, His Majesty expressed pride in the continued international support for Morocco's Autonomy Plan as the sole basis for resolving the regional dispute over the Moroccan Sahara. He welcomed the

constructive positions of the United Kingdom and the Portuguese Republic, noting that their support reinforces the growing global consensus. While firmly upholding Morocco's sovereignty, His Majesty reiterated the Kingdom's commitment to a consensual and realistic solution that preserves the dignity of all parties.

In conclusion, the Throne Day Speech of 2025 conveyed several essential messages. It reaffirmed Morocco's steady economic trajectory while calling for a greater focus on social justice and territorial equity. It placed human capital—citizens' dignity, opportunity, and well-being—at the center of the national project. It called for deepened democratic preparation, revived regional unity, and responsible diplomacy rooted in sovereignty and peace. Above all, it reinforced the Royal conviction that no Moroccan and no region should be left behind on the path to progress. Under the enlightened leadership of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, Morocco continues to move forward, united in purpose and confident in its future.



King Mohammed VI Reaffirms Openness Toward Algeria, Upholds Firm Position on Autonomy Plan

By Karima Rhanem, Senior Managing Editor

In his 26th Throne Day address, His Majesty King Mohammed VI renewed his appeal for reconciliation with Algeria, underlining Morocco's consistent diplomatic approach rooted in peaceful dialogue, regional cooperation, and sovereign clarity. At a time of regional uncertainties, the Monarch's remarks reaffirm Morocco's strategic patience and highlight its unwavering stance on the Moroccan Sahara, firmly anchored in the Autonomy Plan.

The King's words were clear: Morocco remains open to dialogue with Algeria, despite strained

diplomatic ties. "As King of Morocco, my position is clear and constant: the Algerian people are a brotherly people, bound to the Moroccan people by deep-rooted human and historical ties, and united by language, religion, geography, and a shared destiny" (Throne Day Speech, 2025). This deliberate tone of fraternity, reiterated over the years, stands in contrast to escalating tensions and misinformation often circulated in the media space.

A Diplomacy of Consistency and Restraint

Morocco's approach to its bilateral relationship with Algeria has been shaped by a policy of continuity,

refusing provocation while extending the hand of diplomacy. The Kingdom has repeatedly emphasized that open, direct dialogue—without preconditions—is the only path forward.

His Majesty's 2022 Throne Day address (23rd anniversary) took a particularly symbolic stance on the sensitive matter of closed borders. "I stress once again that the borders dividing the Moroccan and Algerian peoples should never be borders that close off the channels of communication and understanding between them. Rather, we want them to be bridges for building the future of Morocco and Algeria, and setting an example for other peoples of the region." By invoking the

image of borders as “bridges,” the King was speaking beyond political institutions, appealing directly to the peoples of both nations, and framing regional integration as a shared, generational responsibility.

From Strategic Patience to Forward-Looking Engagement

In hindsight, the 2021 Throne Day Speech (22nd Anniversary) represented one of the clearest and most forward-looking expressions of Morocco’s willingness to turn the page with Algeria.

The King declared, “We renew our sincere invitation to our Algerian brothers to work together, without preconditions, to build bilateral relations based on trust, dialogue, and good neighbourliness.” His call was rooted not in political convenience but in a deeper belief that “Morocco and Algeria are more than two neighboring countries—they are twins, complementing one another.”

On the politically sensitive issue of the border closure, His Majesty said:

“I am convinced that open borders are the normal state between two neighboring countries and two sisterly peoples. The closure is inconsistent with a natural right and a legal principle enshrined in international covenants, including the Marrakesh Treaty establishing the Arab Maghreb Union.”

By pointing out that “neither I, nor the current Algerian President, nor the former one, are responsible for the decision to close the borders,” the King anchored the debate not in blame but in collective responsibility—“before God, before history, and before our citizens.”

The Firm Pillar: The Moroccan Sahara

While Morocco extends its diplomatic overtures, it remains steadfast on matters of sovereignty.



The Autonomy Plan—presented by Morocco in 2007 as a political solution to the regional dispute over the Moroccan Sahara—remains at the heart of its foreign policy.

His Majesty’s discourse consistently reflects this reality: Morocco welcomes cooperation, but never at the expense of its territorial integrity. The tone is not one of confrontation but of determination: sovereignty is not a matter for negotiation, yet regional peace and cooperation are always open for discussion.

By aligning Morocco’s development vision with its international partnerships and principled diplomacy, the Monarch reinforces that recognition of the Moroccan Sahara under the Autonomy Plan is growing globally—not through coercion, but through credibility.

Toward a Renewed Regional Cooperation

The King’s latest call for Maghreb unity echoes his long-standing belief in the importance of the Arab Maghreb Union. In his 2025 address, he reiterated:

“We reaffirm our commitment to the Maghreb Union, convinced that its revival cannot be achieved without

the involvement of Morocco and Algeria.”

This message transcends bilateral ties. It is a strategic vision for North Africa—an invitation to turn the page on missed opportunities and advance toward economic integration, security cooperation, and shared progress.

Through a coherent diplomatic narrative spanning several years, His Majesty King Mohammed VI has set the foundation for a regional policy that values peace over provocation, clarity over ambiguity, and fraternity over hostility. From his 2021 and 2022 speeches to this year’s address, the King has shown that Morocco’s hand remains extended—not as a gesture of weakness, but as a demonstration of principled strength.

In a volatile geopolitical context, the Kingdom’s approach is deliberate: reinforce internal cohesion, defend sovereignty with dignity, and build regional bridges where others see only barriers.

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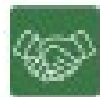
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Faith, Nation, Leadership: What Africa Can Learn from Morocco's Living Motto "Allah, Al-Watan, Al-Malik"

By Karima Rhanem, Senior Managing Editor

In Morocco, national identity is not confined to symbols or slogans. It is lived, expressed, and activated through three powerful words: Allah, Al-Watan, Al-Malik — God, Homeland, King. More than a motto, these words are the moral compass of Moroccan society, anchoring a nation's spiritual strength, collective dignity, and institutional continuity.

Today, as African nations navigate a complex terrain of sovereignty,

development, and identity, Morocco's experience offers a compelling model — one where tradition and modernity converge, and where leadership, loyalty, and spiritual ethics drive a people-centered vision for the continent.

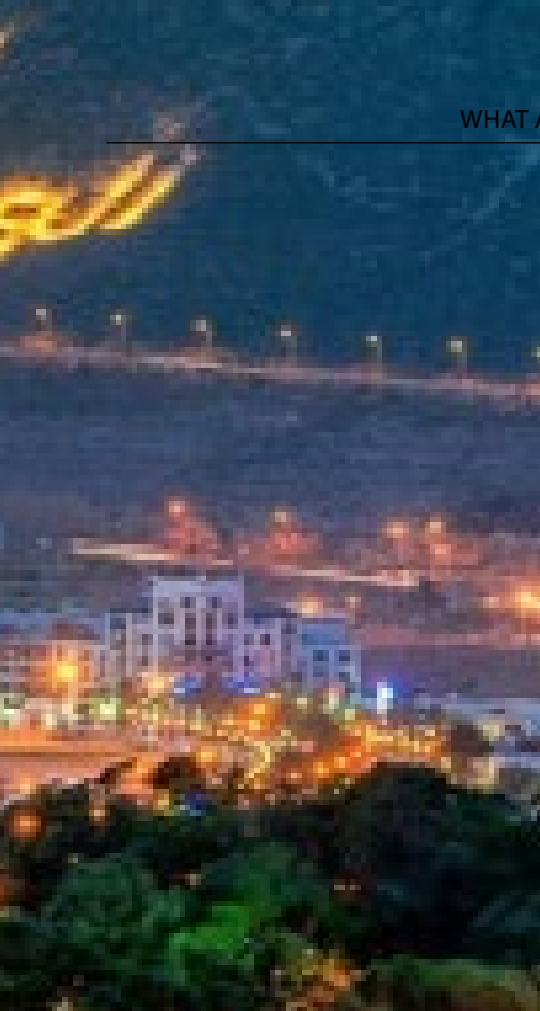
God: Faith Anchoring Public Life

In Morocco, faith is not a private affair; it is the ethical foundation of governance and society. Islam in the Kingdom is rooted in Maliki Sunni tradition and Sufi moderation, positioning Morocco as a global

reference for spiritual coexistence.

As Commander of the Faithful (Amir Al-Mu'minin), the King holds a unique religious authority. This is not symbolic. It translates into real action — from preserving religious freedom to training thousands of African imams in Rabat. The Mohammed VI Foundation for African Ulema and the Institute for the Training of Imams, Morchidines and Morchidates embody Morocco's commitment to spreading a peaceful, inclusive Islam beyond its borders.

In a world increasingly marked by ideological extremism and moral vacuum, Morocco's approach —



where religion reinforces national unity and coexistence — is worth emulating.

Homeland: Patriotism Beyond Borders

The word Al-Watan — Homeland — is sacred in Morocco. It transcends geography. It is emotional, historical, and developmental. Moroccans are taught from childhood that love of country is expressed through unity, solidarity, and service.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the case of the Moroccan Sahara. For Moroccans, the Sahara is not a disputed territory — it is an integral part of the nation. This belief is not founded merely on sentiment, but on history, legal continuity, and deep-rooted allegiance of the Sahrawi tribes to the monarchy.

The 1975 Green March stands as a peaceful, historic expression of this national will. When 350,000 unarmed Moroccan civilians crossed into the Sahara holding Qur'ans and flags — not weapons — they showed the world that sovereignty

can be reclaimed through peaceful patriotism.

Today, the southern provinces are booming: new roads, ports, universities, and renewable energy hubs are transforming the region. International recognition of Morocco's sovereignty over the Sahara is growing — from the United States to over 30 African countries. But even beyond diplomacy, the Sahara symbolizes what Al-Watan means for Moroccans: a duty to protect, develop, and dignify every inch of the homeland.

This sense of national ownership is critical for Africa. It reminds us that our borders, however artificially drawn, can be transformed into spaces of pride, productivity, and peace — if driven by people-centered policies.

King: Leadership Rooted in Legitimacy and Reform

The Moroccan monarchy is one of the oldest in the world, and among the most adaptive. Under King Mohammed VI, the royal institution has moved beyond ceremonial power into the realm of transformational leadership.

Since his accession to the throne in 1999, the King has launched major reforms: a new family code advancing women's rights, a national initiative to combat poverty and exclusion (INDH), progressive migration policies, and a green energy strategy that is making Morocco a continental leader in sustainability.

Importantly, the King has repositioned Morocco as a pan-African actor. The Kingdom's return to the African Union in 2017 was not a symbolic gesture — it was the strategic return of a country ready to invest, collaborate, and connect the continent.

Moroccan banks, construction firms, fertilizers, and telecoms now operate in over 30 African countries. Through OCP Africa, Morocco is tackling food security.

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Through spiritual diplomacy, it is fighting extremism. Through cultural exchange, it is reconnecting Afro-Arab identity.

This is not charity. It is shared growth — South-South cooperation in practice.

The monarchy's credibility — rooted in religious, historical, and national legitimacy — allows Morocco to chart long-term policies that withstand political volatility. In an era of coups, protests, and polarization across Africa, such stability is not stagnation. It is a platform for visionary reform.

The King and the People: A Revolutionary Pact

The bond between monarchy and citizenry in Morocco is not feudal — it is revolutionary. The “Revolution of the King and the People”, commemorated every August 20, marks the period when Sultan Mohammed V was exiled by the French for defending national sovereignty. The people rose. The Sultan returned. Independence followed.

This event cemented a sacred contract: the King defends the people, and the people defend the homeland. It is a pact of mutual sacrifice and shared destiny.

This revolutionary spirit continues to define the Moroccan model: reforms are not dictated from above; they are negotiated with the

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pulse of society. Whether through constitutional revisions, social programs, or diplomatic strategy, the King leads — but he leads by embodying national aspirations.

A Compass for the Continent

“Allah, Al-Watan, Al-Malik” is not a slogan frozen in time. It is a living motto — one that guides national behavior, institutions, and international relations.

It teaches us that:

- *Faith can be a force for tolerance, not division.*
- *Patriotism can be peaceful, not aggressive.*
- *Leadership can be stable, reformist, and visionary.*

At a time when many African nations are searching for models that blend authenticity with progress, Morocco's experience offers lessons worth studying — not to copy, but to contextualize.

Africa can learn that sovereign identity is not a barrier to integration. That a shared sense of purpose, anchored in culture, faith, and strong institutions, can drive both national development and continental solidarity. That leadership — when



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The Moroccan monarchy has transformed itself from a traditional throne into a modernizing institution — guiding development while maintaining historical legitimacy

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rooted in legitimacy and vision — can serve as a bridge between generations, ideologies, and regions.

This model shows that modernity does not require abandoning identity. That sovereignty can coexist with solidarity. That change can come without collapse.

As Africa moves forward, it must do so with confidence in its own cultural, spiritual, and institutional assets. Morocco's journey — guided by the triad of God, Homeland, and King — proves that a nation anchored in its values can rise not only for itself, but with and for Africa.

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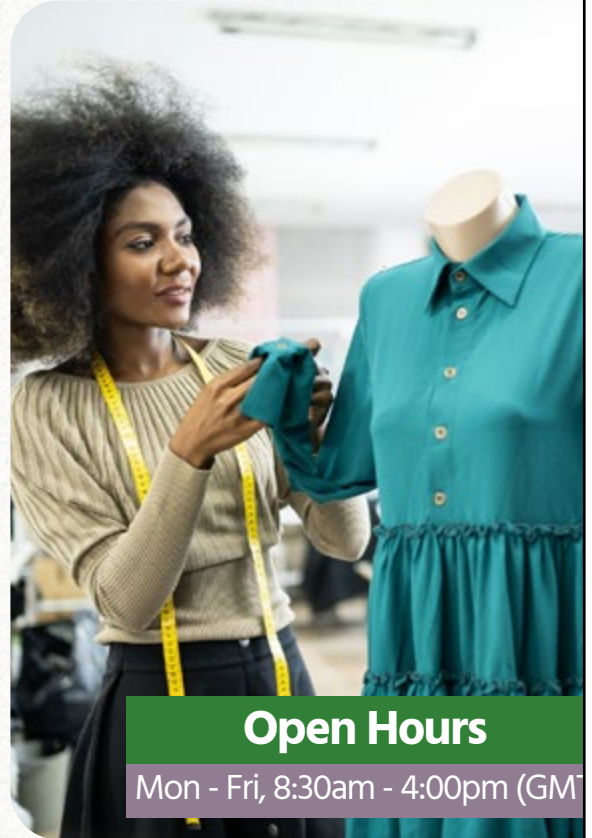
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African Experts Reflect on Royal Vision for Continental Transformation





As part of the launch of The New Africa Magazine’s special royal edition, the National School of Business and Management (ENCG) Casablanca hosted an expert panel focused on sovereign leadership, diplomacy, and continental development. Organized in partnership with the International Center for Diplomacy and the International Observatory for Peace, Democracy and Human Rights – Geneva, the session brought together prominent Moroccan and African voices and was moderated by journalist Said Maouaj.

Dr. Gift Chidimma Nnamoko Orairu:

Publisher of The New Africa Magazine, reaffirmed the magazine’s unwavering support for Morocco’s sovereignty over its Southern Provinces, describing the Moroccan Sahara as “a gateway for trade, cooperation, and pan-African

connectivity.” She praised the Royal leadership that turned a long-standing dispute into an opportunity for continental integration.

Karima Rhanem:

President of the International Center for Diplomacy and Global Managing Editor of the magazine, introduced the “Strategic Model of Sovereign Foresight” based on ten pillars, including human-centered development, Atlantic strategy, moderate religious leadership, and crisis preparedness. She described it as “a Moroccan model with an African soul — anchored in sovereignty, open to the world, and oriented toward the future.”

Smail Kabbaj:

Acting Director of ENCG Casablanca, opened the event by emphasizing the school’s civic role in shaping a generation aligned with His Majesty’s vision for Africa. He underscored the importance of partnerships between academia and institutions of influence and announced a new collaboration between ENCG and The New Africa Global Economic Institute to strengthen leadership education across the continent.

Dr. Mustapha Sarhiri:

Doctor in Public Law and Political Science, highlighted the three foundational dimensions of Morocco’s strategic direction under His Majesty King Mohammed VI: spiritual security, Atlantic integration, and justice for



Dr. Gift Chidimma



Karima Rhanem



Smail Kabbaj



Dr. Mustapha Sarhiri



Maître Souad Batal



Amine Sami

Moroccan women. He emphasized the unique Moroccan model of moderate Islam as a pillar of both national unity and soft power across Africa, anchored in coexistence and institutionalized through the Mohammed VI Institute for Imams and the restoration of

religious heritage.

Sarhiri also underlined the transformative role of Atlantic cooperation, referencing key infrastructure initiatives like the Nigeria–Morocco Gas Pipeline and the Dakhla Atlantic Port. On gender

justice, he pointed to the constitutional reforms and the rise of female legal professionals as reflections of the King’s commitment to inclusive governance. He called these reforms “foundational pillars of a sovereign African renaissance that harmonizes tradition and progress.”

Maître Souad Batal:

Lawyer and President of the Women and Children Committee at the African Organization for Human Rights, focused her intervention on Morocco’s legislative advancements in women’s rights. She traced a legal trajectory from the 2004 Family Code reform to the criminalization of gender-based violence through Law 13-103, emphasizing their combined impact on legal empowerment and societal equity.

Batal further positioned Morocco as a regional actor in gender advocacy through South–South cooperation, especially in sharing legal models with African states. She stressed the importance of integrating women’s rights into broader human rights diplomacy and recommended increased regional legal exchange platforms. “Empowering women,” she concluded, “is not just a social duty, but a strategic necessity for continental justice.”

Amine Sami:

Expert in territorial development and strategic planning, introduced the concept of “Scarcity Diplomacy” as a Moroccan model for converting underutilized resources into strategic assets. He explained how Morocco identifies neglected or undervalued spaces—such as the Cocody Lagoon in Côte d’Ivoire—and transforms them through integrated urban and environmental investments. These spaces, once considered liabilities, become levers for sustainable competitiveness and territorial branding.

Sami further emphasized that this model is guided by the early



Nidal Benali



Salahadine Haggar



identification of “signals of the future”—subtle economic, ecological, and social indicators that anticipate regional needs. He presented Dakhla as a flagship example: once a remote outpost, now a rising Atlantic hub. “By aligning vision with action,” he said, “Morocco demonstrates how forward-thinking development becomes a tool of influence and regional positioning.”

Nidal Benali:

Youth policy specialist and ICESCO Peace Ambassador, explored the evolution of Moroccan youth from independence-era activists to central agents of today’s development strategy. He emphasized that under King Mohammed VI, youth are no longer passive recipients of opportunity but recognized as leaders of change, with the 2011 Constitution institutionalizing youth participation and consultation

mechanisms.

Benali also highlighted major national and continental milestones—such as AFCON 2025 and the 2030 World Cup—as platforms for youth inclusion and leadership. He called for more youth-centered public policies and programs across Africa. “Empowerment,” he stressed, “is not a gift. It is a responsibility handed to the generation that will define Africa’s future.”

Salahadine Haggar:

PhD candidate in Public Law and expert on the Sahel, analyzed the implications of the Atlantic Initiative announced by His Majesty. He presented it as a game-changing geopolitical framework that grants landlocked Sahel countries access to maritime trade and development corridors. The initiative, he argued,

represents a sovereign African response to the chronic marginalization of the region.

Haggar emphasized that Morocco’s vision redefines regional security not through military coalitions, but through infrastructure, solidarity, and economic interdependence. By reframing the Sahel as a zone of opportunity and not just crisis, Morocco promotes a model of security anchored in dignity, cooperation, and sovereign agency. “Peace,” he concluded, “is no longer the absence of war — it is the presence of opportunity.”

The panel closed with a shared recognition that the Royal vision offers a replicable model of sovereign development for Africa—one that balances identity, innovation, and inclusion. A full white paper of the policy recommendations will be published in an upcoming issue of The New Africa Magazine.



The International Center for Diplomacy is a Moroccan non-profit organization created on April 2, 2011, with the aim of improving the representation and influence of non-state actors in the continental and international policies of multilateral institutions such as the United Nations, the African Union and the European Commission, and to strengthen cooperation relations with other actors around the world.

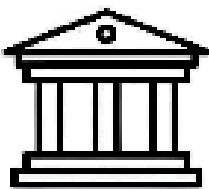
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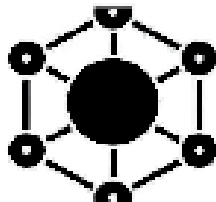
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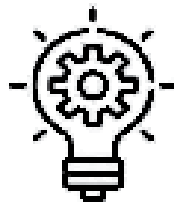
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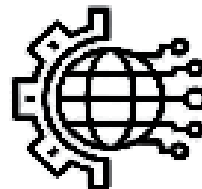
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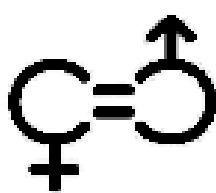
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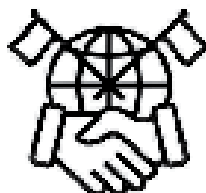
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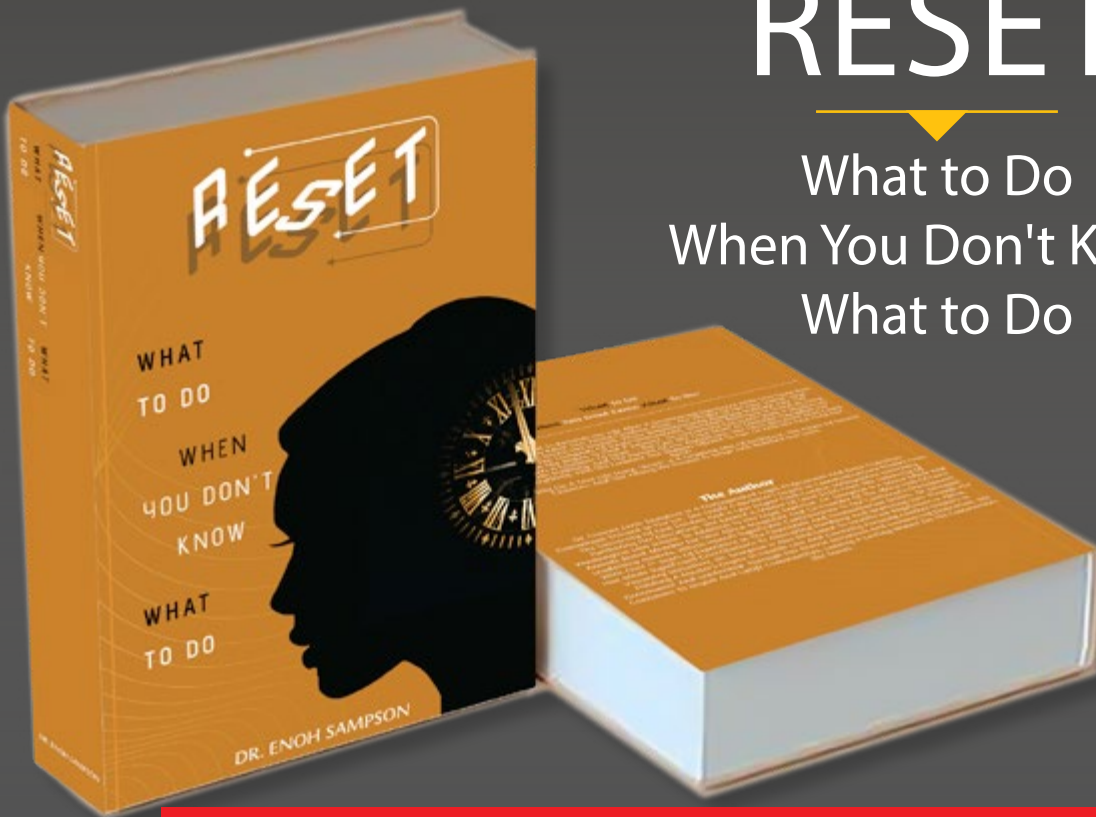


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HM King Mohammed VI: Transforming a Regional Dispute into a Continental Development Opportunity

Casablanca Hosts the Official Launch of The New Africa Magazine's Special Royal Edition

As part of the national celebrations of the 26th anniversary of Throne Day, the National School of Business and Management (ENCG) in Casablanca hosted an important conference dedicated to the official launch of the third special edition of The New Africa Magazine, entirely focused on the strategic and transformative leadership of His Majesty King Mohammed VI in Africa.

Organized in partnership with the

International Center for Diplomacy, the International Observatory for Peace, Democracy and Human Rights – Geneva, and ENCG Casablanca, the gathering brought together distinguished academics, diplomats, and institutional leaders to reflect on Morocco's evolving role in African diplomacy, development, and regional stability under the Sovereign's guidance.

A Tribute to Visionary

Leadership

Dr. Gift Chidimma Nnamoko Orairu, Publisher of The New Africa Magazine, delivered the opening keynote, calling the edition:

“A crowning tribute to 26 years of visionary, inclusive, and sovereign leadership.”

She emphasized the continental admiration for His Majesty's leadership model:



“His Majesty King Mohammed VI is not only a King — he is a symbol of Africa’s future.”

The magazine’s latest edition completes a trilogy that began in 2021 with a focus on Morocco’s South–South cooperation, followed by a 2025 issue recognizing the King as Africa’s #1 Iconic Leader. This new edition centers on a model of leadership rooted in stability, inclusion, strategic diplomacy, and sustainable development.

Turning to the Moroccan Sahara, she declared:

“We reaffirm our full support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Morocco, and we fully endorse the Autonomy Plan for the Moroccan Sahara as a credible, serious, and sustainable solution — firmly aligned with

international legitimacy and increasingly supported across Africa and beyond.”

Dr. Orairu praised the transformation of the Moroccan Sahara from a long-standing dispute into a driver of continental integration:

“His Majesty has succeeded in transforming a decades-long regional dispute into a continental opportunity — turning the Moroccan Sahara into a gateway for trade, cooperation, and pan-African connectivity.”

She also announced that the New

Africa Global Economic Summit and Honours will take place in Casablanca and Dakhla from October 7 to 11, 2025, celebrating leading Moroccan figures and featuring a book signing of this royal edition.

A Model of Sovereign Foresight

Karima Rhanem, President of the International Center for Diplomacy and Global Managing Editor of the magazine, presented The Strategic Model of Sovereign Foresight of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, a comprehensive framework built

on ten pillars: strategic stability, human-centered development, institutional reform, South-South cooperation, sovereignty-respecting diplomacy, moderate religious leadership, humanitarian migration policy, Atlantic strategy, foresight and crisis response, and a listening, action-oriented monarchy.

“This is more than a policy framework. It’s a Moroccan model with an African soul — anchored in sovereignty, open to the world, and oriented toward the future.”

Highlighting the transformation in the Southern Provinces, she said:

“In Dakhla and Laâyoune, the Autonomy Plan is not a theoretical proposal — it is a lived reality. It’s visible in infrastructure, in international partnerships, and in how local citizens manage their own development.”

Diplomacy Anchored in Sovereignty

Aicha Duihi, President of the International Observatory for Peace, Democracy and Human Rights – Geneva, examined Morocco’s diplomatic approach to the Sahara issue, noting its evolution under His Majesty’s leadership:

“His Majesty has reframed the issue — from conflict to opportunity. The Moroccan Sahara is now central to Africa’s rebirth, and not just Morocco’s cause.”

She highlighted the diplomatic momentum Morocco has achieved, citing:

“The U.S. recognition of Moroccan sovereignty in 2020, the opening of over 30 consulates in Laâyoune and Dakhla, and the explicit support of major European and African nations mark a new chapter of irreversible legitimacy.”

Duihi stressed that sovereignty



now manifests in developmental success:

“In the Moroccan Sahara, sovereignty is expressed through development — through ports, universities, local governance, and empowered citizens.”

ENCG: A Civic-Minded Institution Committed to the African Future

Ismail Kabbaj, Acting Director of ENCG Casablanca, opened the session with a warm welcome, reaffirming the school’s role as a hub of civic engagement aligned with royal aspirations for Africa:

“We are honored to celebrate this occasion in our institution, which proudly aligns itself with His Majesty’s vision for African unity and excellence.”

He added:

“Higher education in Morocco has been reformed through quality, innovation, and regional partnerships. ENCG Casablanca is a civic-minded institution — deeply engaged in the socio-economic and academic development of Morocco and Africa.”

Kabbaj also announced the forthcoming signing of a strategic partnership between ENCG and The New Africa Global Economic Institute to foster leadership research and academic collaboration across the continent.

Panel of Experts: Diverse Perspectives on Regional Strategy

The conference continued with a panel discussion moderated by journalist Said Maouaj, where five experts shared insights on governance, diplomacy, and development.

Dr. Mustapha Sarhiri, Doctor in Public Law and Political Science and a researcher in new economy and



development, presented “Public Policy and Continental Diplomacy”, analyzing Morocco’s evolving diplomatic strategies in Africa.

Maître Souad Batal, Lawyer and President of the Women and Children Committee at the African Organization for Human Rights, addressed “Human Rights and Gender Equity in Pan-African Agendas”, emphasizing inclusive legal protections and Morocco’s advocacy across the continent.

Amine Sami, Strategic Planning Consultant and Expert in Territorial Development, discussed “Scarcity Diplomacy and Signals of the Future,” highlighting how Morocco identifies undervalued assets — such as the Cocody Lagoon project in Côte

d’Ivoire — and transforms them into symbols of urban and continental renewal.

Nidal Benali, Youth Policy Specialist and ICESCO Peace Ambassador, presented “Youth Empowerment in Royal Vision”, focusing on the strategic investment in youth as agents of Africa’s future leadership.

Salahadine Hagggar, PhD candidate in Public Law and Political Science at Mohammed V University, explored “The Sahel and the Geopolitics of Stability”, reflecting on Morocco’s peace-driven role and cross-border alliances in the region.

A follow-up article will provide full coverage of the panel presentations and policy recommendations.

Gift Chidima Nnamoko Orairu Presents the Moroccan Sahara as a Continental Gateway Under HM King Mohammed VI's Leadership

During a special event held at the National School of Business and Management (ENCG) Casablanca, Dr. Gift Chidima Nnamoko Orairu, Publisher of The New Africa Magazine, unveiled the magazine's third royal edition in honor of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, celebrating 26 years of transformational leadership.

Speaking before a distinguished

audience of academics, diplomats, and institutional leaders, Dr. Orairu described the edition as the culmination of a trilogy devoted to the Monarch's strategic influence in Africa. She emphasized how His Majesty's leadership model—grounded in sovereignty, stability, and human development—has reshaped the regional landscape, particularly in the Moroccan Sahara.

“We are truly impressed by how His Majesty has succeeded in transforming a decades-long regional dispute into a continental opportunity — turning the Moroccan Sahara into a gateway for trade, cooperation, and pan-African connectivity.”

Dr. Orairu reaffirmed the magazine's full support for the Autonomy Plan, calling it “a credible,



serious, and sustainable solution” aligned with international legitimacy. She highlighted how development efforts in Dakhla and Laâyoune reflect this vision in action, where infrastructure, investment, and local governance demonstrate the integration of the Southern Provinces under Moroccan sovereignty.

She also praised the Atlantic Gas Pipeline as a symbol of growing Morocco–Nigeria relations and of the King’s broader Atlantic Vision, which repositions the Kingdom as a bridge linking Africa with global markets.

“This is not only a national achievement; it is an innovative approach to conflict resolution. It demonstrates how development, decentralization, and inclusion can turn tension into progress.”

The event—organized by the International Center for Diplomacy (ICD), the International Observatory for Peace, Democracy and Human



Rights (OSPDH), The New Africa Magazine, and ENCG Casablanca—offered a platform for African voices to reflect on Morocco’s sovereign model and its implications for the continent.

Dr. Orairu concluded by announcing that Casablanca and Dakhla will co-host the upcoming New Africa Global Economic Summit and Honours in October 2025, further celebrating Morocco’s leadership and regional partnerships.

Morocco's Strategic Sovereign Model: A Vision Rooted in Stability, Development, and African Solidarity

At the official launch of The New Africa Magazine's special royal edition on July 17, 2025, Ms. Karima Rhanem, President of the International Center for Diplomacy and Global Senior Managing Editor of the magazine, delivered a keynote presentation titled: "The Strategic Model of Sovereign Foresight of His Majesty King Mohammed VI." Her address offered an in-depth look into Morocco's distinctive and replicable leadership approach — one founded on sovereignty, strategic foresight, and people-centered development.

"The Strategic Model of Sovereign Foresight of His Majesty King Mohammed VI is more than a national policy framework. It is a Moroccan model with an African soul — anchored in sovereignty, open to the world, and oriented toward the future."

Ten Pillars of Sovereign Leadership

Ms. Rhanem detailed ten interdependent pillars that form the foundation of the Moroccan leadership model: strategic stability and gradual reform, human-centered development, institutional trust, South-South diplomacy, sovereignty-based mediation, moderate religious leadership, humanitarian migration, Atlantic integration, crisis preparedness, and a responsive, listening monarchy. Each component reflects a deeply rooted yet forward-looking vision of governance.

This holistic framework enables Morocco to balance historical legitimacy with innovation, reinforcing public trust and creating resilient systems prepared for global uncertainty.

Foreign Policy: Anchored in Sovereignty, Committed to Peace



She described Morocco's foreign policy under His Majesty King Mohammed VI as principled, consistent, and respectful of national dignity. Morocco maintains its territorial integrity without compromise, while promoting win-win partnerships rooted in mutual respect.

"Morocco responds with concrete actions and achievements, not rhetoric — prioritizing peace, development, and international cooperation."

Rather than imposing solutions, Morocco facilitates dialogue based on the sovereign choices of nations — a diplomacy of humility and wisdom.

The Southern Provinces: Sovereignty as a Driver of Development

Highlighting the Southern Provinces, Ms. Rhanem pointed to Dakhla and Laayoune as living examples of Morocco's Autonomy Plan in action. These cities have witnessed rapid infrastructure growth, economic expansion, and citizen-led development under national sovereignty.

"The development model in the Southern Provinces proves that

sovereignty, far from being restrictive, is a driver of growth, stability, and inclusion."

This transformation showcases how territorial integrity and inclusive development go hand in hand, setting a new standard for regional empowerment.

A Scalable Model for Africa

Ms. Rhanem emphasized that Morocco's strategic foresight is not a one-size-fits-all solution, but an adaptable model for other nations seeking sovereign, ethical, and future-driven governance. It provides direction for governments designing public policy, institutions restoring trust, businesses pursuing ethical performance, and youth and civil society seeking alignment between values and action.

"Morocco offers no universal recipes — but shares a proven, sovereign, and scalable model of leadership."

Through this model, Morocco presents not only a path forward for itself, but a compelling proposition for African renewal rooted in dignity, cooperation, and resilience.



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ENCG Casablanca and NAGI Forge Strategic Pan-African Partnership to Advance Digital Education and Leadership

In a move that signals a bold step toward reshaping the future of higher education across Africa, the École Nationale de Commerce et de Gestion de Casablanca (ENCG Casablanca) and the New Africa Global Institute (NAGI) have signed a landmark partnership agreement to collaborate on academic innovation,

digital learning, and leadership development across the continent and the diaspora.

The agreement, signed in Casablanca on July 19, lays the foundation for a long-term collaboration between two institutions that share a strong Pan-African vision for education. ENCG

Casablanca, a public institution recognized for shaping Morocco's next generation of business and public sector leaders, joins forces with NAGI, a Nigerian-based institute dedicated to fostering African excellence through hybrid learning models and leadership training.



At the heart of the partnership is a shared mission: to expand access to high-quality, digitally enabled education while cultivating a new class of African thinkers, entrepreneurs, and changemakers. The agreement outlines key areas of cooperation, including student and faculty exchanges, collaborative research, executive training, virtual learning integration, and co-organization of academic events and leadership forums.

ENCG Casablanca will serve as a strategic academic and operational partner, facilitating student engagement, offering bilingual localization in Arabic and French, and organizing local academic activities in Morocco. NAGI will provide its robust digital infrastructure—including its learning management system, virtual library, and online teaching tools—to support scalable, inclusive education across borders.

Both institutions emphasized their



commitment to transparency, mutual respect, and innovation in delivering transformative opportunities to African learners across sectors and geographies.

As Africa continues to embrace

digital transformation, this partnership exemplifies the type of visionary collaboration that will be essential in shaping a generation of capable, connected, and confident leaders prepared to take on global and continental challenges.

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Moroccan Partnership Aims to Train a New Generation of Global Advocates for Peace, Rights, and Diplomacy

A groundbreaking partnership has been signed between three institutions: the National School of Commerce and Management of Casablanca (ENCG Casablanca), the International Center for Diplomacy (ICD), and the Geneva-based Observatory for Peace, Democracy and Human Rights (IOPDHR-GENEVA). This tripartite agreement is designed to empower students, professors, and civil society actors with the tools to lead in the fields of human rights advocacy, diplomacy, conflict resolution, and international

governance.

The partnership reflects a bold vision to strengthen South-South and South-North cooperation by bridging academic excellence with civil society expertise and multilateral diplomacy. By combining ENCG's academic strength with ICD's youth diplomacy platforms and IOPDHR's global human rights advocacy experience, the initiative seeks to build a new ecosystem of leadership rooted in international legality, equity, and sustainable development.

The agreement includes the creation

and support of student clubs within ENCG Casablanca focused on global advocacy, UN mechanisms, mediation, and peacebuilding. These clubs will receive direct mentorship from ICD and IOPDHR, ensuring exposure to real-world diplomatic processes, including UN simulations (MUNs), the production of shadow reports, and participation in consultations at the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva.

A key element of the initiative is the promotion of international advocacy on the Moroccan Sahara issue. Students



and faculty will be trained to engage diplomatically on this national priority within the framework of international law, with the aim of developing a new generation of human rights ambassadors and credible youth voices on the global stage.

IOPDHR-GENEVA brings to the table its extensive work in international monitoring, legal research, and diplomatic advocacy, particularly in the MENA, Sahel, and African Union contexts. Its contribution will also focus on resilience-building in response to humanitarian crises, the climate-peace nexus, and inclusive governance in fragile regions.

ICD, meanwhile, will deploy its flagship programs—such as YouthLead AfricaNextGen, OutspokenGirls, Peace1325, and the ICD Policy Hub—to channel student potential into structured global engagement. These programs are designed to reinforce leadership, multilateral negotiation skills, and civic innovation across Africa and the diaspora.

ENCG Casablanca will act as both a hub and incubator, offering



institutional support and academic space for all activities, while embedding these initiatives into the school's strategic vision for internationalization, responsible citizenship, and business with human rights.

The partnership not only advances academic and civil society collaboration, but also highlights Morocco's commitment to shaping

future leaders capable of contributing meaningfully to global policy debates. With cross-cutting priorities including gender equality, peace and security, climate resilience, and the right to development, this initiative positions Casablanca as a rising node for transnational thought leadership and action.



Casablanca: Tripartite Partnership Agreement Signed to Strengthen Pan-African Cooperation in Justice, Judicial Diplomacy, and Governance

The Forum for Dialogue of African Magistrates, the International Center for Diplomacy, and the National School of Business and Management (École Nationale de Commerce et de Gestion – ENCG) of Casablanca have signed a tripartite strategic partnership agreement, marking a significant step forward in advancing Pan-African cooperation in the fields of justice, judicial diplomacy, and governance.

The agreement was signed during the graduation ceremony of the 14th cohort of ENCG Casablanca and reflects a shared commitment to fostering structured and sustainable collaboration among African institutions working in legal, diplomatic, and governance domains.

This partnership brings together three prominent institutions: the Forum for Dialogue of African Magistrates, a key platform for judicial cooperation and continental dialogue; the International Center for Diplomacy, recognized for its leadership in promoting institutional and diplomatic collaboration; and ENCG Casablanca, a national reference in higher education for business and management.

Together, they aim to reinforce the integration of African judicial systems and promote an inclusive, forward-looking model of legal and institutional

development that directly contributes to continental unity and capacity-building.

The agreement is structured around five strategic pillars. These include the creation of a digital distance learning platform for African legal training institutes, designed to expand access to legal education and strengthen the professional and technical skills of judicial actors across the continent. The development of continuing education programs tailored to African magistrates is also planned, with particular focus on commercial law, economic diplomacy, mediation, and the protection of investments.

Furthermore, the partnership will support the joint organization of seminars, conferences, and forums across various regional legal and economic communities, including the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA), the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU/UEMOA), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the East African Community (EAC). Academic exchanges and the production of legal publications with continental impact will be encouraged, contributing to the growth of a shared African legal scholarship.

At the heart of this initiative is the promotion of preventive judicial diplomacy,

conceived as a tool for peace, stability, and sustainable development throughout the African continent.

Importantly, the partnership places a strong emphasis on empowering youth and students—particularly through academic programs and training opportunities—within the broader framework of South-South cooperation. By investing in the next generation of legal and governance professionals, the initiative seeks to build resilient institutions and inclusive systems aligned with Africa's long-term aspirations.

The Forum for Dialogue of African Magistrates plays a leading role in this initiative, reaffirming its commitment to a connected and innovative judicial community. The International Center for Diplomacy contributes its capacity to mobilize institutional actors and design regional cooperation frameworks, while ENCG Casablanca brings its expertise in academic development and educational engineering, ensuring the relevance and quality of the training and content delivered.

This tripartite agreement reflects a shared ambition to establish the African Magistrates Network as a continental reference point for legal innovation, capacity-building, and strategic cooperation in the service of justice, peace, and good governance.



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Invisible Actors of Africa: The Quiet Force Shaping Our Societies

By Karima Rhanem, Senior Managing Editor

In every African town, city, and village, there are men and women whose names never trend, whose faces never appear on billboards, but whose impact is carved deeply into the lives they touch. These are not influencers. They are not ministers in the spotlight. They are the quiet revolutionaries, the moral architects of progress. They do not build careers on speeches — they build nations on sacrifice.

Some of them are women — mothers, educators, caregivers, and quiet healers. Others are men — patriots, true statesmen, builders of the nation whose service is not

fueled by applause, but by purpose and loyalty. Together, they embody the soul of their countries. They are the ones who should be honored — not just those who make headlines or sit on panels.

They have built shelters for abused women, created cooperatives for single mothers, launched literacy campaigns, opened vocational training centers, and offered psychological support where no psychologist was available. They help children escape cycles of poverty and teach them to believe in more. They help young men find purpose outside the pull of violence. They are rebuilding trust in places fractured by despair.

Among these heroes are men in civil society and public life who have resisted the temptation of

corruption, populism, or self-interest. While it's true that public trust in political institutions is often strained — sometimes for valid reasons — we must not let this disillusionment erase the reality that ethical, values-driven leaders do exist. They are parliamentarians, local officials, advisors, and community organizers who use their roles to serve rather than dominate. They champion youth employment, mediate local disputes, expand access to justice, and fight for transparency and inclusion — not for fame or fortune, but from a sincere sense of national responsibility. Some pay the price through political backlash or isolation, but their dedication remains rooted in the belief that public office can still be a noble platform for real change.

You won't find them boasting on social media. You will find them sitting beside a grieving father, or advocating for a widow's land rights, or mentoring youth after hours in a dusty classroom. They don't wait for policies to change — they create alternatives in the meantime.

They are the retired colonel who started a free agricultural program for unemployed boys. The former civil servant who used his pension to build a small legal aid center. The imam who mediates family disputes with fairness and heart. The community elder who leads peace circles in neighborhoods touched by crime. These are men of conscience and conviction, whose service is a reflection of deep national love — not for show, but for impact.

And alongside them are women who refuse to let another generation grow up believing pain is normal. They transform modest spaces into sanctuaries of hope. With limited resources and boundless resolve, they open shelters, lead support groups, organize training workshops, and provide care wherever it's needed — not because it's easy, but because it's essential.

These men and women are often survivors themselves — of trauma, neglect, war, and marginalization. They've lost children, homes, careers. But rather than collapse, they chose to rise — and to lift others as they climbed. They don't just restore people. They restore belief in what community can be.

They are not always loved by the powerful. They challenge silence. They expose injustice. They demand that dignity is not a luxury but a right. And they do it all with no entourage, no grants, no television cameras.

While others seek prestige, they seek solutions. While others are awarded for ideas, they are working on impact. And while others are featured on international stages, these invisible actors are in the neighborhoods, the rural roads,



the informal settlements — quietly changing lives.

When the history of modern Africa is written, let it not forget these builders — both men and women — who worked without titles and awards, but whose fingerprints are on every healed child, every rescued woman, every empowered man.

They are the reason we still believe in community.

They deserve medals. They deserve funding. But more than anything, they deserve to be seen. Not in a charity frame, but in a

frame of respect — as leaders, not victims; as makers of change, not recipients of it.

Let us raise a quiet, enduring standing ovation — for those who labor in the margins, whose service is their legacy, and whose humility makes their heroism even more profound.

Let their names be spoken. Let their stories be shared. Let the spotlight widen.

Because while others chase visibility, these men and women deliver transformation.



Moroccan Trailblazers Honored at the 2025 New Africa Hall of Fame

Under the towering white arches of a grand marquee set up on the grounds of ENCG Casablanca, a historic gathering unfolded — one that transcended the academic pageantry of a traditional graduation. Elegant, vibrant, and charged with continental pride, the space hosted the 2025 edition of the New Africa Hall of Fame, organized by The New Africa Magazine, the International Center for Diplomacy, and ENCG Casablanca.

Themed “Our Strength: Knowledge, Our Pride: Dedication,” the event honored eleven exceptional Moroccan figures whose leadership continues to shape Africa’s evolving narrative — across justice, diplomacy, governance, education, and science.

Eleven Names. One Continent.

Shared Legacy.

As each name was called, the applause rising beneath the vaulted tent felt deeply earned. These were not just public servants; they were builders of institutions and voices of principle.

Dr. Naïma Ben Yahya – Minister of Solidarity, Social Inclusion and the Family, Kingdom of Morocco

Mr. Hicham Sabiry – Secretary of State to the Minister of Economic Inclusion, Small Business, Employment and Skills, in charge of Employment

Dr. Hicham El Blaoui – Attorney General of the King at the Court of Cassation, President of the Public Ministry, Member of the High Council of the Judiciary, and Secretary General of the Association of African Prosecutors

Dr. Moulay Ismail Alaoui – Former

Minister of National Education and Former President of the National Commission for Dialogue on Civil Society and Constitutional Prerogatives

Mrs. Chems Doha Alaoui Ismaili – Secretary General of the General Union of Arab Women and Executive Board Member of the National Union of Moroccan Women (UNFM)

Mrs. Jamila Sedqi – Attorney General at the Court of Cassation, Member of the African Union Administrative Court, and President of the African Magistrates’ Dialogue Forum

Dr. Khadija Bendam – First Vice President of the International Nuclear Societies Council (INSC)

Dr. Fathallah Oualalou – Economist, former Minister of Economy and Finance, and honorary patron of the 2025 graduating class



Professor Smail Kabbaj – Interim Director of ENCG Casablanca

Professor Mustapha El Khayat – President of AMLOG and international expert in logistics, trade, and transport policy

Professor Najib Ibn Abdeljalil – Renowned academic and contributor to higher education excellence in Morocco and Africa

Beyond Recognition: A Continental Partnership is Born

The evening was more than ceremonial. It marked the birth of a strategic alliance uniting:

- *The New Africa Magazine*
- *The International Center for Diplomacy*
- *ENCG Casablanca*
- *The Dialogue Forum of African Magistrates*
- *OSPDH – The Observatory for Monitoring Human Rights Policies*

The partnership is set to foster collaboration in diplomacy, legal cooperation, human rights education, youth leadership, and African civic dialogue. Its aim: build a generation of ethical African leaders equipped for a



complex, rapidly changing world.

“This is a moment of direction, not just celebration,” one speaker said. “Africa must invest in institutions — and this is what we’re doing here.”

ENCG Casablanca: A Hub of Values and Vision

By co-organizing this continental initiative, ENCG Casablanca has further

anchored its identity as more than a management school. It has positioned itself as a platform for African excellence, where public service, knowledge, and continental leadership intersect.

As graduates took their final walk across the stage beneath the marquee, they carried with them more than diplomas. They left with the echoes of legacy and the responsibility to write Africa’s next chapter.

HE Lalla Chems Doha Alaoui Ismaili, Secretary General of the General Arab Women Federation, Inducted into the 2025 New Africa Hall of Fame



A standing ovation crowned the moment as Her Excellency Lalla Chems Doha Alaoui Ismaili, Secretary General of the General Arab Women Federation, was officially inducted into the 2025 New Africa Hall of Fame during a landmark ceremony held at ENCG Casablanca.

Organized by The New Africa Magazine, ENCG Casablanca, and the International Center for Diplomacy, the event — held under the theme “Our Strength: Knowledge, Our Pride: Dedication” — honored

eleven prominent Moroccan figures whose leadership continues to shape Africa’s trajectory in diplomacy, education, governance, and social equity. Among them, Her Excellency stood as a towering symbol of commitment to women’s empowerment, civic leadership, and national service.

Her tribute was a moment of profound national symbolism — not only in recognition of her distinguished institutional roles, but for what she embodies: a living expression of Morocco’s en-during

values, rooted in its spiritual heritage, cultural richness, and civic tradition. Her life’s work reflects a seamless alignment with the Kingdom’s forward-looking reforms under the wise and visionary leadership of His Majesty King Mohammed VI — may God assist and protect him.

The ceremony also acknowledged her active role in national academic and social advancement initiatives, particularly through her membership on the Steering Committee of the Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Meryem Chair at Mohammed V

University. This position reflects Her Excellency's deep commitment to supporting the national vision embodied in the guidance and directives of Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Meryem, whose steadfast advocacy for the rights and dignity of women and children continues to shape national discourse. Through this academic platform, Her Excellency contributes meaningfully to advancing institutional efforts that uphold

these values and promote inclusive development in line with the Kingdom's broader social priorities.

A Career of Distinguished National and International Service

Her Excellency Lalla Chems Doha Alaoui Ismaili is Secretary General of the General Arab Women Federation, Member of the Board of Trustees

of the Arab Woman Authority, and Executive Board Member of the National Union of Moroccan Women (UNFM). She also serves as President of the Regional Accredited Association of the UNFM in Salé, covering the Rabat-Salé-Kenitra region.

Her Excellency is also President of the Grand Moulay Ali Cherif Foundation, Vice President of the International Center for





Khadija Bendam Elected President of the International Nuclear Societies Council: A Global Pioneer in Nuclear Leadership

By Karima Rhanem, Senior Managing Editor

Khadija Bendam, an accomplished Moroccan nuclear expert and global advocate for women in science, has been elected President of the International Nuclear Societies Council (INSC) during its General Assembly on the sidelines of the 69th IAEA General Conference in Vienna. With this appointment, Bendam makes history as the first woman in the world to hold this prestigious position, a groundbreaking milestone in the

advancement of women's leadership in nuclear governance.

Her election is more than a personal triumph: it is a symbol of Morocco's rising influence on the international stage and a testament to Africa's growing voice in shaping the future of science, technology, and strategic cooperation.

A Voice for Women and Africa in Nuclear Science

Bendam is no stranger to trailblazing. She currently serves as President of Women in Nuclear (WiN) Morocco,

an Executive Board Member of WiN Global, and founder of WINEPRI (Women in Nuclear in Emergency Preparedness and Response Initiative), a pioneering platform launched in 2022 with the IAEA to strengthen women's participation in nuclear emergency management worldwide.

Her leadership combines technical expertise with international diplomacy, and her vision is clear:

"Visibility matters: when young people see women leading safely in nuclear fields, it shifts narratives and

builds trust. Africa needs strong advocates for peaceful nuclear applications in energy, health, agriculture, and water management.”

Strengthening Global Cooperation: Highlights from 2025

The year 2025 has been a defining one for Bendam, marked by a series of impactful missions across three continents:

Vienna, Austria (September 2025): At the IAEA General Conference, Bendam engaged in high-level networking with global leaders, including the EU Delegation and TerraPower, reinforcing WiN Global’s momentum for gender equality and collaboration.

Washington, D.C. (August 2025): She played a key role at the INMM 66th Annual Meeting (24–28 August), contributing to workshops on nuclear security strategies and cybersecurity. Days earlier, she represented Morocco at a technical mission (20–23 August) organized by the U.S. DOE/NNSA and the Office of Radiological Security with the Arab Women’s Network in CBRN. Her keynote speech, “Powering Africa’s Future”, highlighted Africa’s nuclear potential and the importance of South-South cooperation.

Tunisia (August 2025): Bendam joined the MENA Regional Nuclear Security Support Centres (NSSC) Workshop (11–14 August), co-organized by the U.S. DOE/NNSA, INS, and the Arab Atomic Energy Agency. As a panelist, she mentored young scientists, shared Morocco’s WiN achievements, and built regional frameworks for nuclear security. She also deepened bilateral ties during exchanges between WiN Tunisia and WiN Morocco.

Abuja, Nigeria (June–July 2025): Earlier in the summer, Bendam served as IAEA Lead Expert at the Regional School of Radiation Emergency Management, hosted by the Nigerian Nuclear Regulatory Authority (NNRA). Organized by the IAEA’s Incident and Emergency Centre, the two-week



program gathered professionals from over 30 African countries.

Bendam worked closely with experts from Ghana and Nigeria to strengthen nuclear and radiological emergency preparedness across the continent. Training sessions addressed safety of radioactive sources, nuclear security event management, lessons from past emergencies, and implementation of emergency preparedness and response (EPR) exercises.

Expressing gratitude for the opportunity, Bendam emphasized:

“International cooperation is key to building safer and more resilient systems across Africa.”

The program’s opening was presided over by Dr. Yau Idris, Director General of the NNRA, underlining its national and regional significance.

A Symbol of Morocco’s Leadership

Through these missions, Bendam has positioned Morocco as a regional hub for nuclear safety, governance, and gender inclusion. Her presidency of the INSC consolidates this

leadership and opens new avenues for African contributions to global nuclear governance.

As the first woman at the helm of the INSC, she views her election with humility and responsibility:

“This is not just a personal achievement—it is an opportunity to serve, to support the growth of women in nuclear, and to contribute to a safe, secure, and sustainable future.”

Looking Ahead


Khadija Bendam’s journey reflects a broader transformation in nuclear science: from exclusivity to inclusivity, from stereotypes to leadership, from representation to active decision-making.

Her election is a milestone not only for Morocco but for all women and developing nations striving to shape the future of nuclear energy, safety, and technology. As she takes on this historic role, she carries with her the hopes of Africa and the global scientific community for a more secure, collaborative, and sustainable future.

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Dr. Fathallah Ouassalou

Dr. Fathallah Ouassalou is a renowned Moroccan politician, author, and political leader. A Ph.D. holder in Economics from Paris in 1988, he served as Morocco's Minister of Economy and Finance (1998-2001) and Minister of Health (2009-2010). A key figure in the Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP), he led its parliamentary group for 17 years and was named "Leader of the Year" for his exceptional contributions, including as President of the Moroccan Association of Economists and the Union of Moroccan Economists.

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Mrs. Jamila Sedqi

Mrs. Jamila Sedqi is an outstanding Moroccan judge who began her career in 1987. She has over 20 years of professional service. She currently serves as the Director General of the Court of Commerce and Industry in Tangier, Morocco, and as the Public Prosecutor in Oujda. She has held various judicial positions in the Moroccan judicial system, including as a judge in the Court of Appeal in Marrakech. She also serves as the President of the Moroccan Association of Judges and as the Vice-President of the Moroccan Association of Women Judges.

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Khardija Bendam

Prof. Khardija is the Head of National and Subnational Safety and Security Units at the Faculty of Sciences, Mohammed VI University of Casablanca. She is also the Head of the National Center for the Study and Research of the Moroccan Judiciary. She has been a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010. She is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010. She is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010. She is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010.

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Naima Ben Yahya

Naima Ben Yahya is a Moroccan politician and lawyer. She is currently serving as the Minister of Health in Morocco. She has a long history of public service, having held various positions in the Moroccan government, including as the Minister of Health and the Minister of Social Security. She is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary. She is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010. She is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010.


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Chama Ouhia Alaoui Ismaili

Secretary General of the High Council of the Judiciary and Executive Board Member of the National Office of Moroccan Women (ONM). A leader in the Moroccan women's movement, she has held various positions in the Moroccan government, including as the Secretary General of the High Council of the Judiciary and Executive Board Member of the National Office of Moroccan Women (ONM). She is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary. She is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010. She is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010.

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Mr. Moulay Ismail Alaoui

Former Minister of Education of Morocco, academic, and senior researcher. A leader in education, public service, and social development, he has held various positions in the Moroccan government, including as the Minister of Education and the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010.

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Mr. Mohamed El Blaoui

Member Professor at the Court of Cassation, President of the Moroccan Association of Judges, Director General of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary, and member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary. He has held various positions in the Moroccan government, including as the President of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary and the Director General of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010.


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Prof. Smail Kabbaj

Professor Smail Kabbaj is the former Director of the National Office of Research and Development of Morocco (ONDR) and the former Director of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary. He has held various positions in the Moroccan government, including as the Director of the National Office of Research and Development of Morocco (ONDR) and the Director of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010.

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President of ANAF, distinguished economist, legal advisor, and regular expert member of committees in Morocco and abroad. He has held various positions in the Moroccan government, including as the President of ANAF and the Director General of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010.

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Mr. Mohamed Bakry

Mr. Mohamed Bakry, Secretary of State in the Ministry of Economy, Trade, Investment, Employment and Skills, in charge of Moroccan trade policy and cooperation in the private sector. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010. He is also a member of the Moroccan Council of the Judiciary since 2010.

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MR. MOULAY ISMAÏL ALAOUI

Former Minister of Education of Morocco, academic, and senior statesman.

A visionary leader in education, public service, and civil society development, Mr. Alaoui helped modernize Morocco's education system and expand access to learning.

As Chairperson of the National Commission on Dialogue on Civil Society and Constitutional Prerogatives, he led groundbreaking nationwide consultations shaping the legal framework for civic engagement.

He also served as Minister of Agriculture and Secretary General of the Party of Progress and Socialism, earning distinction for his integrity, intellect, and national service.



CHEMS DOHA ALAOUI ISMAILI

Secretary General of the Arab General Union of Women and Executive Board Member of the National Union of Moroccan Women (UNFM).

A leading educator, civil society figure, and advocate for women's rights, with over 36 years of service. She is President of the Grand Moulay Ali Cherif Foundation and holds key leadership roles in several national and international organizations. Honored with over 100 national and international awards, she is recognized for her dedication to women's empowerment, civic engagement, and cultural diplomacy across Africa and the Arab world.



NAÏMA BEN YAHYA

Minister of Solidarity, Social Inclusion and the Family – Kingdom of Morocco.

As Minister, Naïma Ben Yahya has led major national efforts to combat gender-based violence, promote the rights of persons with disabilities, and expand inclusive social programs

through collaboration with civil society and international partners.

She is honored for her sustained commitment to equity, dignity, and institutional reform, building on a career that includes service as Director of Women, Family, and Children's Affairs and as a Member of Parliament advocating for gender parity and social development.



FATHALLAH OUALALOU

Fathallah Oualalou is a distinguished Moroccan economist, author, and politician, born on March 24, 1942, in Rabat. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics in Paris in 1968 at the age of 26. A leading figure of the Moroccan left and member of the Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP), he has held prominent political and academic roles throughout his career.

Dr. Oualalou served as Morocco's Minister of Economy and Finance from 1998 to 2007 and as Mayor of Rabat from 2009 to 2015. He was also President of the USFP parliamentary group for 17 years. Deeply engaged in regional and international economic discourse, he led the Moroccan Association of Economists for two decades and the Union of Arab Economists for 15 years.

An esteemed academic, he has taught economics at universities in Rabat, Casablanca, and Fès, as well as at the Royal College in Rabat. A



prolific author, Dr. Oualalou has published over 22 books in Arabic and French, many of which have been translated into English and Chinese. His research spans economic theory, financial economics, and the economies of Arab nations.

He currently serves as a senior

fellow at the Policy Center for the New South and lectures at Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P). In 2009, he was also appointed President of the Local Economic Development Network for Africa (LEDNA).

MR. HICHAM SABIRY

Secretary of State to the Minister of Economic Inclusion, Small Business, Employment and Skills, in charge of Employment.

Sabiry was appointed to this position in October 2024. A member of the Authenticity and Modernity Party (PAM), Sabri has built a diverse career that combines

professional, union-related, and political engagement. He previously served as President of the National Council of Notaries and has held various organizational roles within his political party. He is regarded as part of a new generation of public officials who seek to bridge professional expertise with public service, and who bring institutional and legal experience to their governmental responsibilities.



MRS. JAMILA SEDQI

Mrs. Jamila Sedqi is a distinguished Moroccan judge and legal expert with over 30 years of service. Appointed Attorney General at the Court of Cassation and Advisor to the Presidency of the Public Prosecutor's Office, she made history as the first Moroccan judge on the Administrative Court of the African Union. She also founded and presides over the African Judges Dialogue Forum, and serves as liaison coordinator of the Africa

Prosecutors Association.

A pioneer in judicial diplomacy, Mrs. Sedqi was Morocco's first liaison judge to Belgian authorities and has advised the Moroccan Embassy in Belgium and the Mission to the EU. Committed to women's and children's rights, she co-drafted Law 15.01 on Kafala. An expert in international arbitration, she is a member of multiple global legal bodies and has received top honors, including the Royal Medal of National Merit (2021) and the European Women's Leadership Award (2022).



KHADIJA BENDAM

Khadija Bendam is Head of Nuclear and Radiological Safety and Security Audits at CNESTEN and an IAEA expert in EPR, safety, and security. She is the first woman globally to serve as First Vice President of the International Nuclear Societies Council (INSC).

She is Morocco's focal point for WHO/REMPAN and holds several leadership roles: Board and Executive Committee

Member of WiN Global, Chair of its Awards Committee, WINEPRI Leader, Board Member of WiN Africa, and President of WiN Morocco. She also serves as Vice President of the Arab Women Network in CBRN Security.

UNESCO featured her as an inspiring woman in March 2024. Her outstanding contributions have earned her awards annually since 2022, including recognitions from national institutions and international events.

PROFESSOR ISMAIL KABBAJ

Interim Director of the National School of Business and Management of Casablanca (ENCG-C), part of Hassan II University.

He promotes an educational vision rooted in a culture of support, academic excellence, and strong professional

integration. Under his leadership, the school has stood out for its international outlook and the continuous improvement of its teaching and research programs, supported by its laboratories. Jovial and oriented toward pedagogical innovation (digital tools, continuing education), he combines academic rigor with a sensitivity to cultural engagement and regional cooperation.



MR. HICHAM EL BLAOUI

Public Prosecutor at the Court of Cassation

President of the Public Prosecution Service of Morocco

Secretary General of the Association of African Prosecutors

A distinguished jurist with over two decades of service, Mr.

El Blaoui has held key positions in the Moroccan justice system, including Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Justice, Head of Criminal Affairs, and Secretary General of the Public Prosecution Service. He is also a legal scholar and international expert in criminal law.

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PROF. MUSTAPHA EL KHAYAT

President of AMLOG, distinguished economist, legal scholar, and logistics expert.

Holder of doctorates in Economics and Private Law from leading French institutions, Prof. El Khayat has made significant contributions to transport,

logistics, and international trade development across Africa and beyond.

He has served as advisor to major global institutions including the World Bank, European Investment Bank, and the European Commission.

Vice-President of the African Federation of Logistics Associations (FAAL), professor at several universities, and legal counsel at the Casablanca Bar, he is widely published and recognized as a leading authority in his field.



PROFESSOR NAJIB IBN ABDELJALIL

A distinguished leader in finance and academia.

He served as advisor to the presidency of a Moroccan bank (1995–1999) and as financial expert for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) during Morocco's privatization program (1991–1995). He earned a Doctorate in Economic Sciences – Management Option – from

the University of Rennes I (France) in 1980. From 1981 to 2018, he was a university professor at the Universities of Rennes, Orléans, Casablanca, and ISCAE, teaching for 37 years. He coordinated the Master in Finance at FSJES Casablanca for 12 years. He is the author of three major books and around twenty peer-reviewed publications (1980–2010). From 2000 to 2020, he worked as a consultant in corporate finance and investment policy. Since 2018, he has been co-founder and co-director of an industrial enterprise.



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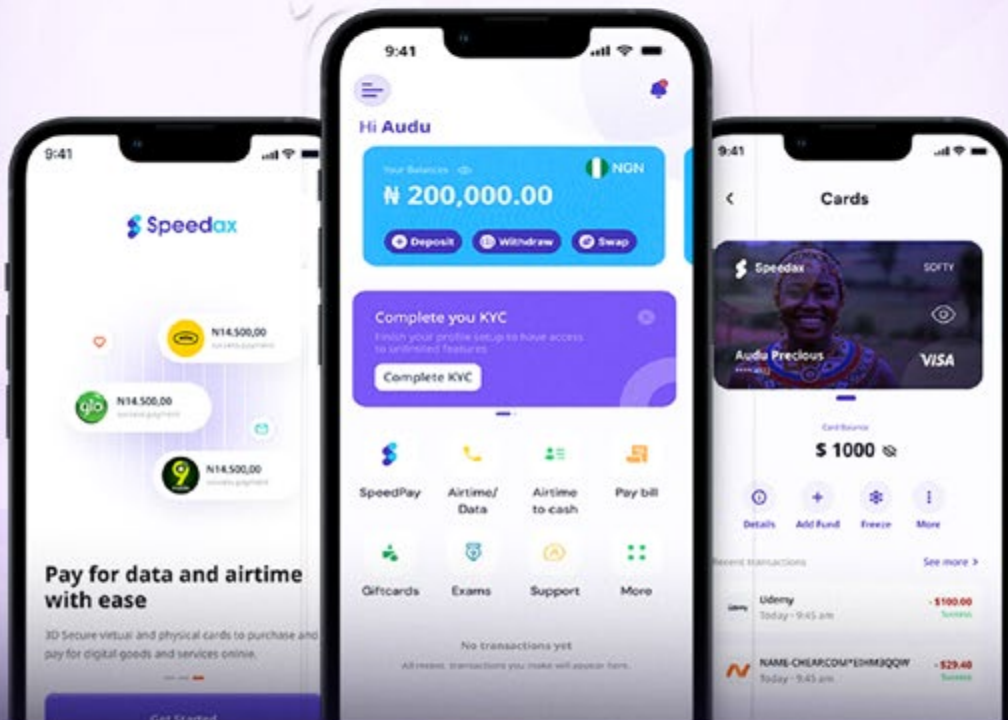
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