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Making MENA Region a Burgeoning Democracy: The Key and Strategic Role of Higher Education in Preparing Engaged and Leading Citizens

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Ryad Mogador Menara Hotel and Spa, Marrakesh

Day 1 (Feb. 25, 2013)	
Delegates Registration	8.00

Session/Topic	Speaker	Title	Time	Chair
OPENING SESSION			9.00	
	Mohamed Behnassi	Ibn Zohr University of Agadir & NRCS		
	Halima Ouamouch	FLSH-Ain-Chock, Casablanca		
	Julia Ganson	Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, USA		
	Driss Bouzaffour (Ibn Zohr University of Agadir)	Presentation of the Student Receptiveness Survey Key Findings (<i>State Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund Project</i>)		

PANEL I				
Higher Education and Engaged Citizenship	Ikram Benseddik (Al Akhawayn University)	Higher Education Systems in MENA Region: A Move From Closed to Open Systems, Case of Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane - Morocco	10.00	Julia Ganson (Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, USA)
	Aicha Lemtouni (Institute for Leadership and Communication Studies, ILCS)	The Role of Higher Education in Fostering Engaged Citizenship	10.20	
	Nadir Ismaili (Université de Moulay Ismail de Meknès)	Les enjeux de l'engagement civique dans l'enseignement supérieur : Regards croisés	10.40	
Discussion			11.00	

COFFEE & TEA BREAK	11.30
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TECHNICAL SESSION I				
State, Civil Society and Educational System	Rachid Touhtou (INSEA, Rabat)	State vs. Civil Society: Bargaining with the Devil	11.45	Richard Kendrick (Institute for Civic Engagement, USA)
	Hanan Bennoudi, Chadia Derkaoui (FLSH, Agadir)	The Role of the University in Enhancing Civic Engagement	12.00	
	Larbi Touaf (University of Mohamed I, Oujda)	Untimely Collaborations? On Getting University and Civil Society to Work Together	12.15	
	Khadija Safi-Eddine, Julia Ganson (FLSH, Casablanca)	The Role of Higher Education in Fostering Engaged Citizenship	12.30	
Discussion			12.45	

LUNCH	13.15
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PANEL II				
Shaping Democratic Values and Principles by Education	Richard Kendrick (Institute for Civic Engagement, USA)	Where are our "Habits of the Heart"? The Imperative of the Engaged Campus for Sustaining and Developing Democratic Institutions	14.30	Ikram Benseddik (Al Akhawayn University)
	Abdellilah Kamal (Al Akhawayn University)	How Could Higher Education Foster Within Moroccan Students, a Commitment to Democratic Values in a Hostile Environment? AUI as a Promising Model	14.50	
	Brian Seilstad (Al Akhawayn University)	Service-Learning in Moroccan Higher Education: Putting Civic Education Principles into Practice	15.10	
Discussion			15.30	

TECHNICAL SESSION II				
Higher Education Leadership Development	Zineb Gormat (American Language Center, Tangier)	Higher Education in Morocco: Engaging Youth in Service Learning	15.50	Halima Ouamouch (FLSH, Ain-Chock, Casablanca)
	Rachida Kerkech (Universite Mohamed V, Rabat)	Educating for Human Development and Citizenship in Morocco: The Role of Teacher Education Institutions	16.10	
	Rajae Saidi (Al Akhawayn University)	The Role of Extracurricular Activities in Developing Leadership Skills and Building Competitive Advantage: Al Akhawayn University Case	16.25	
	khadija Elatri (UCAM, Marrakech)	Democracy, Human Rights and Education	16.40	
Discussion			17.05	

COFFEE & TEA BREAK

TECHNICAL SESSION III				
Higher Education System in Morocco	Ahmed Chehbouni (UCAM, Marrakech)	Challenges et faiblesses de l'enseignement et de la recherche à l'université marocaine	17.40	Abdellilah Kamal (Al Akhawayn University)
	Fatim-Zahra Iflahen (UCAM, Marrakesh)	Breaking the Glass Ceiling : How Equal Opportunity can Make a Change	17.55	
	Abdellatif Noureddine (Université Ibn Zohr d'Agadir)	Les disparités spatiales et système de l'enseignement supérieur au Maroc	18.10	
	Fatima Z. El Ferd (Fakhr Eddine Errazi Junior High School-Taza)	Environmental Education-Environmental Club "O2" Experience	18.25	
Discussion			18.40	

Day 2 (Feb. 26, 2013)

PANEL III				
Political Participation and Leadership	Maurice Blanc (Université de Strasbourg, France)	L'apprentissage de la citoyenneté démocratique. Quelques leçons des expériences françaises et européennes dans et hors l'université	9.00	Nadir Ismaili (Université de Moulay Ismail de Meknès)
	Latifa Bennani Smires (FLSH, Fès)	Les rôles présumés des partis politiques dans l'apprentissage de la citoyenneté, le Maroc comme exemple	9.20	
	Mohamed Behnassi (Ibn Zohr University of Agadir)	Enhancing Engaged Citizenship and Political Leadership for an Active Political Participation: Do We Need a New Governance Paradigm?	9.40	
Discussion			10.00	

COFFEE & TEA BREAK

TECHNICAL SESSION IV (Simultaneous)				
Promoting Democratic Skills and Politically	Mohamed Goulferni (Faculté de Charia d'Agadir)	Le système d'enseignement et la reproduction de l'élite politique au Maroc : l'exemple des technocrates النظام التعليمي وإعادة إنتاج النخبة السياسية بالمغرب: نموذج التكنوقراط	10.45	Latifa Bennani Smires
	Driss Bouzaffour	Partis politiques et démocratie	11.00	

Engaged Actors	(Université Ibn Zohr d'Agadir)			(FLSH, Fès)
	Ouidad Infi (Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University in Fez)	Evaluation in Higher Education: For a Participative Approach to Promote Democratic Skills and Engaged Citizenship	11.15	
	David Weir, Nabil Sultan (University Campus Suffolk, UK)	The Role of Higher Education in Fostering Engaged Citizenship Teaching for Political Knowledge and Understanding Teaching Democratic Participation Skills (<i>video-conference</i>)	11.30	
Discussion			11.45	

TECHNICAL SESSION V (<i>Simultaneous</i>)				
Tolerance, Peace & Justice Values	Mustapha Samadi (FLSH Ben M'sik, Casablanca)	Études islamiques et valeurs civiles الدراسات الإسلامية والقيم المدنية	10.45	Nabil Sultan (University Campus Suffolk Ipswich, UK)
	Sawsan Malla Hussein (Université Mohamed V, Rabat)	Peace Studies in Moroccan Universities: An Urgent Need	11.00	
	Anas lamchichi (Université Moulay Ismail, de Meknès)	Le rôle de la socialisation sociale dans la diffusion des valeurs de tolérance دور التنشئة الاجتماعية في نشر قيم التسامح	11.15	
	Fatima-Zahra Lamrani, Amina Iraqi (Mohamed V University, Rabat)	Introducing "Forensic Linguistics" Classes in the Curriculum of the Higher Institute of Judicial Studies in Morocco: an Essential Step Towards Building Democracy and Impartial Justice	11.30	
Discussion			11.45	

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PANEL IV				
Reforming Education Systems: Perspectives	Connecting Learning to Critical Civic Questions (UCAM, Marrakesh)	Connecting Learning to Critical Civic Questions	14.00	Maurice Blanc (Université de Strasbourg, France)
	Yahya Haloui (Université Mohamed I, Oujda)	L'encadrement pédagogique de l'enseignement supérieur : Diagnostique & perspective	14.20	
	Halima Ouamouch (FLSH, Ain-Chock, Casablanca)	Exposing the Ills of the Moroccan Educational System and Designing some Strategies for an Efficient Reform Agenda by Highlighting the Values of Civic Responsibility and Democratic Citizenry	14.40	
Discussion			15.00	

TECHNICAL SESSION VI (<i>Simultaneous</i>)				
Education Systems and Development	Amaghous Jabrane, Ibourk Aomar (UCAM, Marrakech)	Enseignement supérieur et croissance économique : Essai d'investigation empirique en données de panel	15.45	Aicha Lemtouni (Institute for Leadership and Communication Studies, ILCS)
	Tarik Zahrane (Université Mohamed V, Souissi, Rabat)	La sensibilisation à la culture entrepreneuriale. Vers un changement de paradigme. Cas de la formation imposée avec évaluation notée	16.00	
	Zaynab El Bernoussi	Lessons from the Green March: Politics of Dignity and the Development Discourse	16.15	

	(The University of Hong Kong, China)	(video-conference)		
	Idlallène Samira (UCAM, Marrakech)	L'approche participative pour le développement durable à travers l'institution du Waqf : un parallèle avec l'Agdal et le Trust	16.30	
Discussion			16.45	

TECHNICAL SESSION VII (<i>Simultaneous</i>)				
Access to Information & Knowledge as a Key to Democracy	Aziz Ouchlikh (Mohammed V University, Rabat)	ICT Integration in Moroccan Higher Education: A Step Towards Innovation and Educational Development	15.45	Driss Bouzaffour (Université Ibn Zohr d'Agadir)
	Ibtissam Mzibri (Centre de Démocratie, Maroc)	Jeune et droit d'accès à l'information	16.00	
	Mbarek Akaddar (AMITICE, Beni Mellal)	The Potentials of Crowd Mapping in Boosting the Democratization Process in Morocco	16.15	
	Khalid Bahali (Ibn Zohr University of Agadir)	La motivation politique pour une citoyenneté engagée chez les jeunes من أجل مواطنة ملتزمة لدى حول ضرورة الحث على التحفيز السياسي الشباب	16.30	
Discussion			16.45	

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PANEL V				
Citizenship from a Global Outlook	Nabil Sultan (University Campus Suffolk Ipswich, UK)	Learning Democracy from the World: New Media and Higher Education	17.30	Julia Ganson & Richard Kendrick
	Mohamed Behnassi (Ibn Zohr University of Agadir)	Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship: The Urgent Need for a Paradigm Shift in our Value Systems	17.50	
Discussion and Concluding Remarks			18.10	