

*Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco  
Washington, D.C.*



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October 22, 2007

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University invite you to attend an important conference on Morocco entitled: “*Morocco: Recent Trends and Future Prospects*”. The conference will take place November 8-9, 2007 at Georgetown University. On Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, three scholarly panels will discuss issues relevant to Morocco, and on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> presentations will be given geared toward Moroccan business, trade and investment.

I hope your schedule will permit you to participate in this conference which aims to provide a better understanding of Morocco as a Muslim, Arab and African country through stimulating presentations and significant intellectual discussions. If you plan to attend the conference, please RSVP to Mr. Karim El Mansouri at (202) 462-7979 ext. 26, or via email at [kelmansouri@moroccous.com](mailto:kelmansouri@moroccous.com).

I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Aziz Mekouar



**Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University  
and  
The Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco, Washington D.C.**

Cordially invite you to attend a conference titled

## **Morocco: Recent Trends and Future Prospects**

**ICC Auditorium**

***November 8, 2007***

**9h00-9h30:** Registration

**9h30-10h00:** Welcome

**Keynote speech**

***US-Moroccan Relations***

**H.E. Aziz Mekouar, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United States**

**10h00-11h30:** Plenary Session

***Morocco: A Historical and Contemporary Social Perspective***

- *Morocco and the European Influence*, Dr. Susan Gilson-Miller, Harvard University
- *Muslim-Jewish Relations in Contemporary Morocco (19th and 20th century)*, Dr. Mohammed Kenbib, Professor, Mohammed V University, Morocco
- *Women, Society and Culture: A Paradigm Shift*, Dr. Rahma Bourqia, President, University Hassan II, Morocco

**11h45-13h15:** Plenary Session achievements

***Morocco: Achievements and Challenges***

- *Current Political Reforms in Morocco*, Dr. Abdelhay Moudden, Professor of Political Science, Mohammed V University, Morocco.
- *Tolerance in Islam: The Moroccan Experience*, Dr. Ahmed Abbadi, Director of Islamic Affairs, Government of the Kingdom of Morocco
- *Morocco's Involvement for Peace*, Dr. Lahcen Haddad, Professor, Mohammed V University

**13h15-14h15:** Luncheon

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**14h15-15h45:** Plenary Session

***Evolution of the Moroccan Literature***

- *The Empowering Uncertainties of the Diasporic Narrative*, Dr. Mokhtar Ghambou, Assistant Professor of English, Yale University
- *Language and Literature in Morocco*, Dr. Abdelfettah Kilito, Literature Professor, Mohammed V University, Morocco
- *On Writing*, Dr. Laila Lalami, author of *Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits* and Assistant Professor of Creative Writing, University of California, Riverside.

If you wish to attend the **1st day** of the conference, please *RSVP* at:

<https://www12.georgetown.edu/sfs/rsvp/index.cfm?Action=View&EventID=1375>

**November 9, 2007**

**9:00am-9:30am:** Registration

**9:30am-12:00pm:** Plenary Session

***Morocco, Land of Opportunity***

- *Expanding Horizons in Morocco: From Transition to Growth*, Dr. Saad Laraqui, Professor and Program Director, Doctor of Management, University of Maryland University College
- *Benefits, and Opportunities Generated by the US-Morocco Free Trade Agreement (FTA)*, Mrs. Catherine A. Novelli, Vice President, Worldwide Government Affairs, Apple Inc, and former Assistant U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) for Europe and the Mediterranean
- *Morocco's Legal and Investment Framework*, Mr. Hassan Bernoussi, Director of Finance, Ministry of Investment, Government of the Kingdom of Morocco
- *Boeing : The Moroccan Experience*, Mr. Ihsane Mounir, Director of Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes

**12h00-13h00:** Luncheon

**13h00-15h00:** Plenary Session

***Academic Cooperation***

- Round table 1 : Promoting inter-university educational exchange (students, professors, and doctoral researchers), Dr. Amine Bensaid, Vice President, Academic Affairs, Al Akhawayn University (AUI), Ifrane, Morocco

- Round table 2 : Promoting cooperation in Technology Transfer (among industries, as well as between professors, researchers, and doctoral students), Dr. Sami Ainane, Ph.D, Director of Student Affairs, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Maryland

If you wish to attend **2<sup>nd</sup> day** of the conference, please *RSVP* at:

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