



**LOGISTICAL INFORMATION - WSF'IC MEETING May 6th to 9th 2009
INCLUDING:
FSA COUNCIL (3 and 4 May) and MAGHREB / MASHREK SEMINAR (4 and 5 May)**

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1. General

Morocco is located in north-western Africa and is part of the Maghreb. Rabat, the capital, with a population estimated at 2,727,932 habitants in 2008 is located in the north, on the Atlantic coast, on the left bank of Bouregreg river, facing the city of Salé, is the political and administration city. Important port, Rabat is also a commercial and industrial city where tourism and local crafts play also a major economic role. The economic capital of the country is Casablanca.

2. Practical Information

Languages:

The official language of Morocco, according to the constitution, is Arabic. Tamazight (Berber) is spoken by about 72% of the population. In Morocco, Tamazight has three dialects, rifain to the north, or tachelhit chleuh south and tamazight at the center of the country. The dialect of Morocco is "Darija" Approximately 60% of the population speaks Darija in the street and everyday life; it is also practiced by some amazighophones especially in urban centers.

French and other languages: French, although not official, is the working language of many institutions (private or public) including areas of the economy, higher education science and technology, tourism, etc. The Spanish is still practiced in the north and the Sahara, because of the former Spanish presence, roughly 4 million Spanish speakers.

Weather:

Rabat is located in the area of the Atlantic coast of the peninsula from Tangiers to El-Jadida. It has a Mediterranean climate with oceanic influence. It is highly subject to disruption ocean from the Atlantic during the rainy season that begins in October until May. In summer it's rather dry and sunny, still the temperatures are rather homogeneous. The average temperature in January is 12 to 13 ° C pretty fresh during the nights. The summer temperatures range around 24 ° C (hot days are relatively rare).

Time zone: UTC + 0

(2008: UTC+ 1 from 1st of June to 27th of September)

Telephone country code: +212

Electricity: 220 volts in the new buildings, 110 volts in the old. Inquire locally before use.

Public phones: Use 1 Dirham to make a local call (1 minute), add dirham when time is up or buy smart cards Maroc Telecom (from 10dh).

Emergency health

- SOS Médecins (Home visits) +212 (0) 5 37 20 21 23
- Clinique UN: United Nations Avenue Corner and Ibn Hanbal Street, Agdal
Tel. + 212 (0) 5 37 67 05 05
- Clinique Agdal: 6 place Taiha, Avenue Ibn Sina, Adel
Tel. +212 (0) 5 37 77 77 77
- Avicenne Hospital emergency department:
Tel. +212 (0) 5 37 67 28 71

Pharmacies:

• Pharmacy Azhar:

44 Avenue Fal Ould Oumeir, Agdal, Tel. +212 (0) 5 37 68 08 17

• Ibn Sina Pharmacy:

78 ave. Fal Ould Oumeir, Agdal, Tel. +212 (0) 5 37 67 20 16

• Pharmacy Oqba:

62 Avenue Oqba, Agdal, Tel. +212 (0) 5 37 77 26 99

Police: 190Exchange:

Rabat, Agdal neighborhood

• BMCE Avenue de France - Agdal

• BANQUE POPULAIRE Avenue de France - Agdal

Rabat, city center

• Bank Al Maghrib: 277, av. Med V

Tel.: +212 (0) 5 37 70 26 26

• BMCE: 260, av. Med V, place Mamounia

Tel.: +212 (0) 5 37 21 61 00

Harhoura/Temara:

Exchange office near the Hotel, from Monday to Friday;

Airlines:

List of airlines at the airport of Casablanca:

- Air ALGERIE
- Air FRANCE
- AIR MALTA
- AIR MAURITANIE
- AIR SENEGAL
- ALITALIA
- ATLAS BLUE
- Axis Airways
- CLICK AIR
- AIGLE AZUR
- BRITISH AIRWAYS
- BRUSSELS AIRLINES
- EGYPT AIR
- ETIHAD AIRWAYS
- EMIRATES
- EASYJET
- IBERIA STAR AIRLINES
- JET4YOU
- MY WAY
- KUWAIT AIRWAYS
- LIBYAN AIRLINES
- STAR AIRLINES
- LUFTHANSA
- QATAR AIRWAYS

- ROYAL AIR MAROC
- REGIONAL AIR LINES
- SAUDIA AIRLINES
- SYRIAN AIRLINES
- TUNIS AIR
- TURKISH AIRLINES

Tourist Office in Rabat:

Corner of Oued Al Makhazine street / Zalaga street-BP. : 19-Agdal-Rabat-Morocco

E-mail: contact@onmt.org.ma

Phone: + 212 (0) 5 37 67 40 13 / + 212 (0) 5 37 67 39 18

Visa

Countries whose nationals are exempt from entry visa to Morocco

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Algeria	Italia
Germany	Japon
Arabie Saoudite	Koweit
Argentina	Lettonia
Australia	Libya
Autriche	Liechtenstein
Bahrain	Lithuania
Belgium	Mali
Bulgaria	Malta
Canada	Mexico
Chili	Niger
Cyprus	Norway
Congo (Brazzaville)	New Zélande
South Korea	Oman
Côte d'Ivoire	Pays-bas
Croatia	Peru
Denmark	Philippines
Spain + Andorra	Poland
Estonia	Porto Rico
Emirats Arabes Unis	Portugal
USA	Qatar

Russia	Romania
Finland	Senegal
France + Monaco	Singapore
Grande Bretagne	Slovaquia
Grèce	Slovenia
Guinea (Conakry)	Sweden
Hong-Kong	Suisse
Hongria	Tcheque republic
Indonésie	Tunisie
Irlande	Turkey
Island	Venezuela

All countries that are not on the table above, are subject to the formality of a visa to Morocco.

3-Currency:

The Moroccan currency is the Dirham (DH) divided into 100 cents.

3.1. Exchange

Non-resident foreigners in Morocco can exchange currency imported freely in dirham in the banks or institutions licensed to conduct foreign currency exchange (hotels, bazaars etc.).

In case of exchange of currencies in dirham, you must keep the change receipt. This document will be useful for the acquisition with a bank, of foreign currency for the remaining amount of dirhams in your possession.

Exchange rate:

* As of 30/03/2009

- 1 EUR (Euro) = 10.9589 MAD (Moroccan Dirham)
- 1 USD (U.S. Dollar) = 8.4724 MAD (Moroccan Dirham)
- BRL (Brazilian real) = 3.5610 MAD (Moroccan Dirham)

3.2. Money Advice

- Credit cards such as Visa or Master Card are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, shopping and crafts.
- It is also possible to take money from the CAB with most credit cards European, American, bearing the mention "INTERAC / System + etc..

- Tipping is included in the service, although it is customary to give a symbolic tip, it is not mandatory.

4. Public Transport

4.1. Trains:

Office Nationale des Chemins de Fer (ONCF):

Call Center: +212 (0) 8 90 20 30 40

www.oncf.ma (see schedules and fares on this link)

- The TNR (Fast Train shuttle) is undoubtedly the means of transport between the Casablanca and Rabat: Schedule round pace and rhythm to 1 departure every 30 minutes from 6h to 21h. 32 dh Rate (1 hour trip);
- Airport Train Shuttle **Med V (Casablanca)** - Destination Train Station **Casablanca Voyageurs** or **Casablanca Port**: departure every hour from the airport, fare: 35dh (1 hour trip);
- Airport Train Shuttle **Med V (Casablanca)** - Destination Train station **Rabat Agdal** or **Rabat Ville**, departure every hour from the airport, price: 65 dh (2 hours trip);

4.2. Taxi

Small taxis

Small taxis (blue for Rabat and red for Casablanca) crisscross the two cities at any time of day or night and can be taken directly into the street or where there are taxi stands (near railway stations, road, etc.). The use of the meter is required. The night surcharge legal is +50% of the daily rate. Meter starts at 5dh in Rabat and 7dh in Casablanca.

Large Taxis / collective – (white) long distances and / or inter-urban

- The cost for large taxi shuttle from the airport MV Casablanca - Rabat (city) or Témara Harhoura is 650 DH *.
- The cost for large taxi shuttle from the airport MV Casablanca - Casablanca (city) is 250 DH
- The cost for large taxi shuttle from the airport Salé (Rabat) - Rabat (city) is 150 DH
- The cost for large taxi shuttle from the airport Salé (Rabat) - Témara Harhoura- is 300 DH*.
- The cost for large taxi shuttle from Rabat City - Témara Harhoura- is 150 DH *.

* The prices indicated for the shuttle from and to the airport - city or intercity mean for a “run” based on 1 to 4 people with luggage and 1 to 6 people without luggage.

4.3. Coaches

Bus stations in Casablanca:

- CTM: 3, rue Léon L'Africain (behind the Hotel Safir) +212 (0) 5 22 54 10 10
- Ouled Ziane: 56, rue Ouled Ziane, +212 (0) 5 22 85 35 45

The Bus Station Ouled Ziane, is the largest bus station in Morocco. 800 buses serving the entire country each day.

Bus station in Rabat:

- **Kamra** / CTM: Route de Casablanca (5 km from the city center of Rabat), + 212 (0) 5 37 28 14 86

A multitude of companies provides links as with many cities in the country.

*** Also Big Taxis for inter cities shuttle.**

5. Getting to Morocco- Airport transfer – Rabat

BY ROAD

To go by car to Morocco via Spain towards Algeciras in Spain, car, sleeper train, bus or motorcycle you there. Cross the Strait of Gibraltar to Tangier or Ceuta. Also from Sète (France) to Tangier and Almeria to Nador or Melilia.

BY SEA

The ports of Tangiers and Nador provide an important passenger traffic, from Sete, Algeciras, Almeria and Genoa.

Maritime Port Algeciras
Paseo Maritimo
11380 Tarifa, Spain

Port Marine Sète
23 rue d'Alger
34200 Sète, France

Maritime port of Genoa
16128 Genoa (Genova), Italy

Maritime Port Almeria
Avenida Maritimo
04002 Almeria, Spain

BY AIR

Many charter and scheduled flights daily linking Morocco to the major cities of Europe, America, Africa and the Middle East. It is possible to arrive at the airport of Casablanca or Rabat (Sale).

Note: those flights are often cheaper on Casablanca. The distance between Casablanca and Rabat is 70 Km (1 hour away by train or car).

• **Airport Rabat / Sale:** +212 (0) 5 37 80 80 90

The airport in Rabat / Salé is located 10 km north of Rabat, Salé. No public transport to get there, only the big taxis can take you there (150 DH).

• **Med V airport in Casablanca:** +212 (0) 5 22 33 90 40

The **Med V** airport is located in Nouasseur (30 km from Casablanca). Access by large taxi (taxi available at arrival zone 0, available 24h/ and 7days; Taxis are identifiable by their sign and their taxi number;

Train Station Access is located at -1 in arrival area.

Schedule: From the airport train service is every hour from 06h00 to 00h00. On arrival at the airport train service is available from 06h30mn to 00h00mn.

NB: A permanent committee of volunteers of Fsmagh will be in both airports to facilitate the arrival of participants.

6. Event place of venue:

The activities programs of the FSA, Maghreb / Mashrek seminar and the WSF'IC meeting will be held at:

• **Hotel Club Yasmine:**

Temara, Rabat coastal road, Harhoura (about 10km south of Rabat)

Tel: 212 + 37 64 14 01 / Fax: +212 5 37 64 13 54

Facilities / accommodations on site:

Conference Room (200 persons), 3 spaces / meeting rooms, simultaneous interpretation equipment (in the conference room); Projection equipment: Data show; facility for photocopying, Internet Wi Fi at the hotel reception and conference room; restaurants accommodation.

Accommodation:

People who will be taken in charge by the FSM solidarity fund will be housed at the Hotel Club Yasmine double occupancy or multiple (4) formula BB (double rooms, bungalows, chalets, etc.).

The center (Club Yasmine) has an accommodation capacity of 175 people. People who are not covered by the "Solidarity Fund" can also be accommodated at Yasmine, simply notify the organizers in Morocco for the reservation at your attention, a separate billing (accommodation) will be made for these people. Accommodation in single room is limited, please specify your requests. The types of accommodation are double rooms or bungalows (4 to 6 people);

Rates: Double occupancy with breakfast: 230dh/person; double or multiple (bungalows) occupancy with breakfast and diner: 360dh/person.

Restaurant:

• Coffee breaks and lunches offered at the site of the event on 3 and 4 May for the African Council on 4 and 5 May for the seminar Maghreb / Mashreq and 6 to 9 May for the IC of the WSF.

• Breakfast: included in the formula BB accommodation

• Diner on charge of the participant - menu "snack" and "meal" will be offered by the hotel ranging from 50dh to 120dh (approximately 5 to 11 EU). The participant (s) might also go to snacks and affordable restaurants and cafes near the hotel.

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+212 6 62 40 15 63 + Arrival /departure Salé (Rabat) airport ;

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7. Getting to the Hotel Club Yasmine (or others)

The means of transportation for arrival at hotel Club Yasmine in Témara (Harhoura):

- From the **airport MV Casablanca** - to **Rabat Agdal Station**: You must take the **train**;

- From the arrival - **Rabat-Agdal** to the **Hotel Club Yasmine**: Large Taxi

Shuttle at the charge of the organizers will be available to facilitate the transfer from the railway station Rabat Agdal (next the hotel IBIS), which will lead you to Club Yasmine. Participants who do not pass by the train station Rabat AGDAL should take a taxi on their own (take a small taxi to Kamra- Bus station, you will find large taxis for Haroura, Temara);

- From the airport **Salé (Rabat)** - **Témara-Harhoura** Large Taxi, the price is 300 DH *.

- Taxi shuttles will be available in the evening (at the charge of participants) between-Harhoura/Temara and Rabat City for those who wish to go to Rabat, from 2 to 9 May 2009. Throughout the day, large taxis along the road opposite the hotel (approximately 100dh race - maximum 6 persons) and buses (No. 33) which will drop you off in front of "BAB EL HAD "(Rabat Medina) for 4 dirhams.

For the participant (s) and participants who do not wish to stay at the Hotel Club Yasmine, here is a list of hotels in Rabat you can make your reservations by yourself:

IBIS MOUSSAFIR (3*)

Address: 32-34 Rue Abderrahman Ghafiki, Agdal

Tél: 05 37.77.49.19 à 26

Email: H2036@accor.com

ANNAKHIL (3*)

Address: 23, Rue d'Alger

Tél: 05 37.72.33.55/72.18.33

BALIMA (3*)

Address: 283, Avenue Mohamed V B.P 173

Tél: 05 37.70.77.55/ 70.86.25

Email: hotelbalima@menara.ma

MAJLISS (4*)

Address: 6, Rue Zahla 10000

Tél: 05 37.73.37.26/27/28/20.27.46

Email: majliss@majlisshotel.ma

TERMINUS (3*A)

Adresse : 384, Avenue Mohamed V

Tél : 05 37.70.06.16/ 70.96.20

ROYAL (2*)

Address: 1, Rue Amman BP 175

Tél: 05 37.72.11.71/ 72

Email: royalhotel@mtds.com

MAJESTIC (2*)

Address: 121, Avenue Hassan II

Tél: 05 37.72.29.97/70.93.79

Email: hotel@majestic.ma

GAULOIS (2*)

Address: Rue de Hims Bd Mohmed V
Tél: 05 37.72.30.22/ 73.05.73

BELERE (4*)

Address: 33, Avenue Moulay Youssef
Tél: 05 37.70.38.97/ 20.33.01/02
Email: belerehotels@menara.ma

BOUREGREG (2*)

Address: 1, Rue Nador
Tél: 05 37.72.41.10 /72.04.14
Email: hotel_bouregreg@menara.ma

7. Programs / activities**AC of FSA – MEETING AGENDA –
May 3 and 4 2009****WSF IC MEETING AGENDA
May 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th 2009**

	6 th May	7 th May	8 th May	9 th May
9h30 - 12h30	IC Opening session (1 hour) - Presentation of participants - Presentation of agenda - Evaluation of Belém WSF 2009 Outcomes	Response to Global Crisis	Strategic challenges and introduction to 2010 - 2011	Commissions report
13h30 - 16h30	13h30 – 15h30 Dynamic of Social Movement in Maghreb and Machrek	Commissions	2010 - 2011	- Liaison Group - Next IC meeting
17h – 20h	16h – 18h Response to Global Crisis	Commissions	Commissions	

DRAFT PROGRAM SEMINAR MAGHREB / MACHREK
4th - 5th of May 2009

	May 4 th, 2009	May 5th, 2009	May 7th, 2009
<p>9h00- 9h30</p> <p>9h30 à 11h 15</p> <p>11H15 à 11h30</p> <p>11h30-13h00</p>	<p>- Opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the work program • Report on the meeting in Belém <p>Social movements in the region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testimonials / state places, characteristics, mobilization, coordination; • Political and social situation etc... <p>Coffee Break</p> <p>Presentation on the WSF and discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The World Social Forum: performance, strategy and prospects? • What opportunities for the social movement in the Maghreb and Mashrek? 	<p>Workshop I: Global situation 1-Impact of the global financial crisis on the region 2 - The fight for access to natural resources, 3 - Free trade agreements;</p> <p>Workshop II. War, resistance and conflict resolution;</p> <p>Workshop III. Democracy and human rights in the Maghreb and Machrek;</p> <p>Workshop IV. The situation of women in the Maghreb and Machrek;</p> <p>Workshop V. Religious movements and political power;</p> <p>Workshop VI. Social movements and strategies for the protection of economic, social and cultural rights.</p>	<p>-----</p>
13h00 – 14h30	Lunch	Lunch	
15h00 – 18h00	<p>Social movements and social forums: review of experiences and perspectives: FSMagh, Palestine, Lebanon. The experiences of Arab social forum, reasons for blocking, conditions raises, linking global and regional priorities, methods, agenda, etc.</p>	<p>15h00 - 17h00 <i>Restitution and discussions</i> 17h00 - 18h00 <i>Conclusions and recommandations, closing</i></p>	<p>-----</p>
19h00 – 22h30			<p>19h00 – 20h30 Network AlterInter: public event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of AlterInter: Feroz Mehdi <p>"Towards the Social Forum Maghreb-Mashrek: Kamal Lahbib Challenges and opportunities in Palestine": Jamal Zahalka (Palestine) <i>Iraq in the post-Bush":</i> Nahla Chahal (lebanon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the 2nd edition of CRISIS <p>20h30 – 22h30 Diner – Cultural evening</p>