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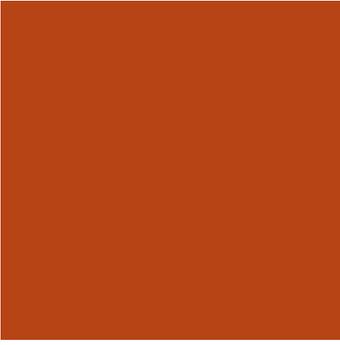
RABAT Morocco

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Morocco's bid to host the 2017 World Schools Debating Championship in Rabat.

Morocco was the first North African nation to participate in the World Schools Debating Championship and now, bidding to become the first North Africa nation to host the WSDC in hopes of seeing more North African nations participate while providing an unforgettable experience, Moroccan style!



Rabat – City

The capital of Morocco

Population
704,333

Official Languages
Berber & Arabic

The city is located on the Atlantic Ocean at the mouth of the river Bou Regreg. On the facing shore of the river lies Salé, the city's main commuter town. Rabat, Temara, and Salé form a conurbation of over 1.8 million people. Silt-related problems have diminished Rabat's role as a port; however, Rabat and Salé still maintain important textile, food processing and construction industries. In addition, tourism and the presence of all foreign embassies in Morocco serve to make Rabat one of the most important cities in the country.

Rabat is accessible by train through the ONCF system and by plane through the nearby Rabat–Salé Airport.

The Moroccan capital was recently awarded second place in "**Top Travel Destinations of 2013**" by CNN. [3] It is one of four Imperial cities of Morocco, and the medina of Rabat is listed as a World Heritage site.

Why Rabat?

Downtown Rabat is an administrative city and It does have many shopping districts and residential neighborhoods. The geographically spread out neighborhoods are as follows: The heart of the city consists of three parts: the Medina (old town); the Oudayas and Hassan both located to meet the Bou Regreg; and the Atlantic Ocean.

VENUES

+ ENA: National School of Architecture

Officially known as Ecole National D'Architecture (ENA). ENA was one of the three hosts for the USA-Maghreb Youth Debate Tournament (Pictures below). ENA Debate Club has three teams in three languages and Soufiane Choubani is the current head-coach of the ENA English Team. ENA is due to be the first Moroccan university in history to participate in the 2016 WUDC. ENA won the French and Arabic national championship in 2014. University has a newly renovated elegant campus that can host 16 debates each day.

University
District
Of
Rabat
(IRFANE)



INPT: Institut National of Postes & Télécommunications

INPT hosted the 2013 Moroccan National University Debate Championship and the 2014 regional championship. INPT Debate Club has been active since 2010 with three teams, English, Arabic and French. The auditorium (pictured below) is shaped like a bowl and will host the Octa-finals and Quarter-final debates. INPT is located in Irfan and only about 200 yards away from ENA.

GDM
Great Debaters of Morocco have been hosting the national championship for 7 years in French and Arabic. English: 3





Accommodations & Food

FOOD

Morocco, unlike most other African countries, produces all the food it needs to feed its people. Its many home-grown fruits and vegetables include oranges, melons, tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, and potatoes. Five more native products that are especially important in Moroccan cooking are lemons, olives, figs, dates, and almonds. Located on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, the country is rich in fish and seafood. Beef is not plentiful, so meals are usually built around lamb or chicken.

HOTEL

The Sofitel Rabat Jardin des Roses hotel occupies a majestic position in the heart of the capital city Rabat, close to the Royal Palace and Mausoleum of Mohammed V. Completely renovated, its contemporary design blends with the best in Moroccan architecture. This 5-star luxury hotel is set amongst a 17-acre garden. A real palace with an international reputation, its history is closely tied to the great conferences and international events that have taken place within the kingdom.

+ Organization



Moroccan Debate Association

MDA was created in March 2014 but officially established as an NGO in 2015. MDA hosted the Moroccan Open Debate Tournament (MODT) in Tangier in late December 2014, which was the first ever WSDC format and international high school debate tournament in Morocco. MDA also hosted the first ever Debate Camp in Morocco in Marrakech in June of 2014 and are now the hosts of the 2015 African Schools Debating Championship. MDA would also like to host the 2016 ASDC but in the meantime, will commence the Moroccan Schools Debate League in September 2015 with 18 schools registered throughout the country.



Sponsors & Supporters

1. OCP Foundation has pledged to cover the accommodation expenses of 50 teams for the 2017 WSDC.

2. MOROCCO WORLD NEWS has pledged to be media partner and provide video highlights/updates and coverage of the grand finals.

3. ADDICTEST has pledged to assist with a small sponsorship and provide rooms for sparing.

4. AL AKHAWAYN SCHOOL OF IFRANE has pledged to cover a small sponsorship.

5. HIT-RADIO has agreed to conduct live radio interviews of contestants.

6. IDEA MENA has pledged to support MDA in their bid and support new nations with training workshops.



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Organizing Committee

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Co-Convenor



Soufiane Choubani

Soufiane has a degree in Education from Kean University of NJ, USA and has been a Doping Control Officer and Team Leader for WADA for over 6 years now. He founded the MNDT in March 2014 and has recently been appointed the northern regional coordinator of the African Debate Coaches Association: ADCA. In 2014, he also won the Best Coach in Morocco award and the national championship in 2013 & 2014.

Soufiane is also the head-coach of the ENA University English Debate Team, which will be the first Moroccan university to compete at the WUDC in Greece. Soufiane has made it his life mission to spread WSDC debate throughout Morocco and Africa and hope to see more African nations at the 2016 & 2017 WSDC.

Co-Convenor



Rajae Boujnah

Rajae started off as the vice president of the Great Debaters of Morocco organization and was nominated to president the following. In her inaugural year of president, GDM hosted the first ever-international university debate tournament in Morocco. The USA-Maghreb Youth Debates with 6 nations and in three different languages, Arabic, French & English. Rajae is currently studying to obtain her master degree in engineering at ESI University in Rabat.

Co-Chief Adjudicator



Mehvesh Mumtaz Ahmed

Mehvesh has long been involved with the World Schools Debating Championships, first as a debater, then as coach, and now as a judge. She was a debater for the Pakistani team that was Runners Up at the WSDC, and was at one time ranked among the top public speakers in the world. She has coached the Pakistani team at WSDC twice, and has been judging at the Worlds since 2004. Mehvesh was co-Chief Adjudicator at the World Schools Debating Championships in Thailand in 2014. As a passionate advocate of online adjudicator training, she helped pioneer WSDC's first adjudicator training website in the run-up to Thailand.

Mehvesh has also served as co-CA at the Eurasian Schools Debating Championships in 2012, and on the Chief Adjudicators' Panel at WSDC 2013. Having served on several Motions Committees at the WSDC and as a Board Member of WSDC Ltd.

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Logistics Officer

Pearl Sahibdeen

Mrs. Sahibdeen was a public prosecutor in South Africa. She has taught students of all nationalities at the American Language Centers of Casablanca, Rabat & Mohammedia. She has been teaching at the American Language Center of Tangier for the past 10 years. Mrs. Sahibdeen is very passionate about debating and has been all her life.



Communications & Registration

Abdelilah Lendani

Abdelilah lives in Marrakech and is the president of the DYA Abdelilah has just in charge of the commencement of Moroccan Arabic National Debate Team. MDA will also organize a national high school competition in Arabic in the WSD format. Abdelilah is of the leaders and chairs of the North African International Model UN, which is the largest MUN in Africa.



Media Supervisor

Jonathan McConnell

Jonathan (from Canada) has been living in Rabat for the last 11 years and is an English Teacher and a freelance film director. Jonathan has been a huge supporter of the MNNDT since the beginning and has been a WSDC judge for most of our events. For Jonathan, Rabat is the best city in the world!



Secretary

Rajae Louyarh

Rajae has a degree in Marketing from one of the best business schools in Morocco, ENCG; (Ecole Nationale de Commerce et de Gestion). She has just recently joined the MDA and is a firm believing in our national team programs and activities and the potential of the Moroccan youth. Rajae lives in Casablanca and works at a Marketing



Treasurer

Amina Maziane

Amina is the current treasurer of the Moroccan Debate Association and does an amazing job and make sure the funds are available for all. Amina has a degree in communications from Middlesex Community College and is also running to be governor of Casablanca. She is currently part of the

+ Adjudication Details



+ MDA in Morocco & Africa

Before our participation in the 2014 WSDC, the WSD format did not exist in Morocco. However since then, two American schools have adopted it as its debate format as well as a dozen English center debate clubs which are very popular in Morocco as most school do not provide debate activities or courses. Four schools hosted a debate in the WSD format for the first time in the 2014/2015 school year and we anticipate more will follow soon. The MNDT kicked off the new wave of eager WSD debaters with the first international high school and WSD format debate tournament in Tangier. The Moroccan Open Debate Tournament, which hosted teams from France, Croatia and 5 from Morocco.



The fifth annual **African Schools Debating Championship (ASDC)** will be hosted in Marrakech, Morocco from August 27th to the 31st 2015. Morocco also plans on hosting the 2016 edition, pending agreement with South African Debating Board, which were the founders of the competition and have hosted the first four editions. Not only is it an honor for Morocco to be the only other African nation to host the ASDC but it a pleasure for us bring together the bright minds of the African Youth!

Moroccan Schools Debate League

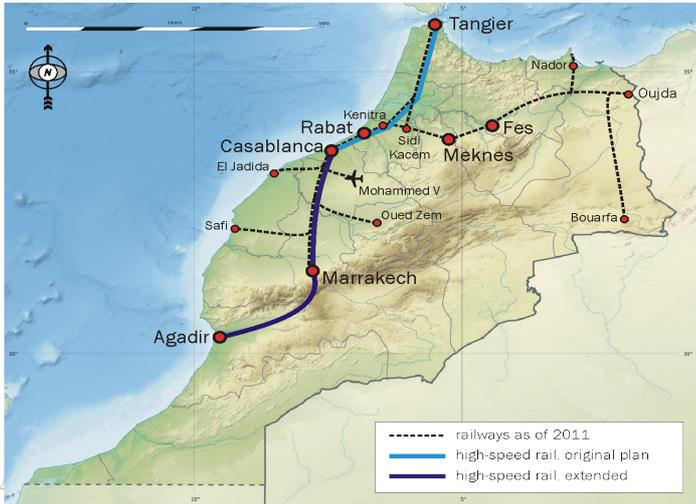
The Moroccan Schools Debate League is due to commence in September 2015 with 17 schools/centers registered. We've also made a registration contact sheet for new judges who will be trained in the format and after, judge local events at the nearest school/center to them. As of late June 2015, we have 21 registered judges, 7 of which have already been trained by the MDA in the format and judged at least two or more of our national events. Interestingly enough, many of our new judges are expats living in Morocco and enjoy enjoying seeing bright Moroccans debate in English. The rest still require training but we are very optimistic about having a large pool of WSD experienced judges living in

Moroccan-Youth Debate Champ

The 2nd Moroccan-Youth Debate Camp will take place in Ifrane Morocco, which is in the heart of Morocco. The first debate camp was brought up as an idea in the spring of the 2014 as we were looking for ways to get the new recruits together in one place for a long period to train them. As many of them lived throughout the country, we decided to have an MNDT camp and then later made it an open camp to allow interested high school debaters to get ahead start in debating and find their inner voice while enjoying a wonderful weekend with like-minded peers. We plan to host the camp again in the summers of 2016 and 2018.

MORE-AFRICA TRIP

The More-Africa Trip is just one of our efforts to see more African WSDC national teams at the upcoming ASDC and WSDC. Two of coaches will travel from Marrakech, Morocco to Freetown Sierra Leone to reach out to as many schools as possible to promote debate and help Africa youth find their voice. The trip will begin on September 10th and end on October 12th with the coaches using only public transportation to save travel costs. If Morocco is successful in the bid, we will make it our priority to make sure the 2017 WSDC has at least 10 AFRICAN TEAMS!



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