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Presentation

From now onward, the Moroccan young generations abroad, mainly from old immigration countries such as France, Belgium, and the Netherlands, are likely to hold an important position among all Moroccans in the world. Similarly, their emergence in more recent immigration countries like Spain, Canada, Italy, and the United States becomes increasingly unquestionable.

This growing presence, which mostly occurs in a controversial framework, involves numerous questions about the future prospects and hopes of these generations.

Studies carried out reveal that besides suffering from various forms of discrimination, part of Moroccan youth in Europe and elsewhere face difficulties in terms of social and professional integration. However, we also increasingly hear about success stories in the entrepreneurial, cultural, or sportive worlds, and more generally in the public and civic fields.

Beyond this contrast, is this situation true and applicable for all immigration countries and for every generation? What is the impact of public policies adopted? What are the outcomes of social actors' actions? What are the criteria and fields that would enable the Morocco (both at the level of the government and the civil society) to positively intervene while taking into consideration the question of dual belonging of the young generations?

The numerous questions raised above incite us to be cautious so as to avoid overgeneralization in our approach. Likewise, they urge us to search for more efficient paths in order to understand this young generation of Moroccans with its plural life and aspirations. We should not forget how complicated matters can become for young Moroccans as a result of mixed marriages.

This is the first purpose of these meetings: trying to understand through an international scientific forum endorsed by a survey; exchanging and listening to ideas in dedicated places for communication; and assessing the diversity of skills in various fields and concentrations.

The second goal is to provide a space for an exchange of expertise and experiences among Moroccan youths who are active actors in civic, cultural, and social life both nationwide and worldwide.

The third goal of this meeting is to propose realistic and concrete policies that can help Moroccan youth living overseas to establish a strong relationship at the institutional, social and cultural levels.

No country can give up its youth even if they live out of its borders and have been naturalized. Accordingly, these meetings seek to be scientific, joyful, informative, dynamic, open, and in touch with our reality and that of Moroccans living overseas.

It is for this reason in particular that youth should partake fully in organizing and running an event of this scale. Thus they would stand for its real actors and make their voices heard. This is why these meetings will revolve around three themes:

- Commitment
- Creation
- Entrepreneurship

This method presupposes and espouses a scientific approach to cope with the question. It also brings into the fore experiences and encourages exchange between Moroccan youths and their peers, descendants of Moroccan immigrants.