

## Press Release

### International Symposium: "Islam in Europe: What Model? "

"Islam in Europe: What Model?: In the present context, the debate around this issue is necessary, if not crucial. Today, Islam is considered in the countries of residence more and more as a constitutive element of the European identity and a concern for communities and public stakeholders in Europe, but also of their opinions. Islam therefore calls out to Europe. In contrast, the European society also calls out to Islam.

The question of religion has always been central to the thinking and priorities of this advisory and foresight body to His Majesty King Mohammed VI. Faithful to its philosophy and to the nature of its missions, the Council of the Moroccan Community Abroad organizes an international symposium under the theme "Islam in Europe: What Model?", on June 20-21, 2009 in Casablanca.

The holding of this event aims to enrich and deepen the debate on the Muslim religion in Europe and especially on the European model of Islam. Taking part in this symposium are experts, specialists, religious leaders and players in the field, from emigration or residing in Morocco.

The program of this meeting includes a state of the model, or models, of the Muslim religion in the countries of immigration and an analysis of the issue of reference for Muslims in Europe. The proceedings of this symposium will focus on three key themes: the geography of Islam in Europe, European Islam and the Issue of Frame of Reference, and the Moroccan Religious Model and the European Context.

Also in the agenda, there will be a roundtable on the theme: Frame of Reference and Practices among Muslim Women and Youngsters in Europe.