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Kingdom of Morocco

- National policy: research equity
- System-level governance and Capacity building
- Lessons from national policy experiences (OA, DOA)
- Global collaborationx and partnerships

Openness in Morocco as a multi-dimensional pillar for national development *“Diamond shift”*

National OER strategy, OS Recommendation, Open Government, Open Data & Digital Sovereignty, Public Data Portals, OE UniTwin, OE Chair,..

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“the future is for Open”



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- NATIONAL POLICY: RESEARCH EQUITY

◆ Scientific research in Morocco is currently undergoing a profound transformation, primarily driven by the:

- *Laws, Framework Laws and Strategies (2018 to 2025)*

◆ Policies and strategies aim to align scientific research with national priorities like Water security, Energy transition, Materials, Health, Digital sovereignty (Innovation clusters).

The philosophy of all policies and strategies is built on "As Open as possible"

- SYSTEM-LEVEL GOVERNANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING

◆ Specific context in Morocco where research is conducted in Universities, National Centre for Scientific and Technical Research, and Research cluster centres fully funded by the state with a budget of 0,8% of the GDP (<1%).

◆ Stakeholders are also co-funding scientific research as pivotal players acting as a Global Hub.

◆ Based on FAIR principle and interoperable public-interest infrastructure implementing Open licensing and Empowering researchers with the professional Skills to lead equitable scientific ecosystem.



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- LESSONS FROM NATIONAL POLICY EXPERIENCES (OA & DOA)

◆ How Morocco is transitioning from vision to action?

- **IMIST-CNRST:** Development of Portal of Moroccan Scientific Journals (Open Repository) to host and index all Moroccan scientific production).
- **Toubkal Repository:** National Catalogue of Doctoral thesis, Dissertations, ..
- **Sovereignty:** Aiming to increase the "Bibliodiversity" and visibility of Moroccan research in both Arabic and French, alongside English (Multilingual excellence).
- **Capacity Building:** Over 30 workshops and MasterClasses conducted to train PhD students, researchers, editorial boards on global Open-access and Diamond OA standards.

- GLOBAL COLLABORATION: FEW IDEAS

- ◆ Morocco as a "**Strategic Hub**" that connects the Arab world with Africa and Europe (South-S and South-N cooperation).
- Creating Chairs, Networks in the region to federate synergies around a common DNA "Non-commercialism and social inclusion" (UniTwin UNOE as example)
- ALMASI" Research project as a model to inspire Arab region and Africa to built similar initiative in local contexts.
- 1st Day Workshops emerged lot of ideas that can be an immediate solution to help creating networks in the Arab and African regions. It will help to draft a roadmap for funding Diamond OA journals.