



## «Excellence» Award for Academic Research in Human Right

The «Excellence» Award for Scientific Research in Human Rights is the result of recommendations from the First University Scientific Conference on Human Rights, held on July 26, 2022. It was established in accordance with the partnership agreement signed on March 15, 2023, between Mohammed V University, the Faculty of Law, Economics, and Social Sciences – Agdal, and the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights. The award was officially launched on March 7, 2024, and is open to all academic disciplines and higher education institutions.

The award is granted for the best doctoral dissertation defended at Moroccan universities and the best research article by young Moroccan professors and researchers, published in a peer-reviewed national or international journal.

The award is governed by internal regulations that define eligibility criteria, selection procedures, and the composition of the jury responsible for choosing the winners.

For the 2024 edition, the total prize fund is set at 100,000 Moroccan Dirhams (MAD), distributed as follows:

- ▶ Best Doctoral Dissertation: 45,000 MAD for first place and 25,000 MAD for second place;
- ▶ Best Research Article by young researchers: 20,000 MAD for first place and 10,000 MAD for second place.

An independent jury, comprising five university professors and representatives from the two partner institutions, is tasked with selecting the winning submissions. By the deadline of April 12, 2024, the jury had received 29 doctoral dissertations from nine Moroccan universities and 24 research articles covering various aspects of human rights.

The celebration of International Human Rights Day was marked by the awarding of the «Excellence» Award in its first edition to the winners in the categories of Best Doctoral Dissertation in Human Rights and Best Research Article by Young Researchers.



## Ambitious and Structured Programs to Promote and Advance Human Rights

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## «NAQLA» Program for Capacity Building in Human Rights

### Towards Comprehensive and Sustainable Human Rights Empowerment

The «NAQLA» Program (Knowledge and Awareness for Quality Learning and Action) for Capacity Building in Human Rights represents a new initiative in promoting a culture of human rights in the Kingdom of Morocco. It aims to consolidate the ownership of human rights standards, their protection, advocacy, and dissemination of human rights values and principles. This program is the result of strategic partnerships between the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights, the Ministry of Justice, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Council of Europe, the Danish Institute for Human Rights, the Association of Bar Associations, the National Press Council, and other stakeholders.

The program aims to contribute to the enhancement of the roles of relevant actors and to strengthen the theoretical and practical capacities of professionals and practitioners. This is achieved by developing knowledge, skills, and competencies related to the international human rights normative framework and the Kingdom's commitments as reflected in the Constitution, treaty practice, and national legislative and institutional achievements. Additionally, it focuses on practical application, case analysis, and fostering engagement with emerging human rights issues within the context of global transformations and contemporary challenges.

### The program's strategic objectives are to:

- ▶ Empower target groups and raise their awareness to acquire the necessary competencies and knowledge in the field of human rights;
- ▶ Contribute to strengthening the capacities of beneficiaries to perform their roles related to advocacy, litigation, education, training, awareness-raising, and contributing to the implementation of international commitments;
- ▶ Enhance the participation of beneficiaries in national reform initiatives, monitoring the implementation of international commitments, and engaging with UN human rights mechanisms.



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## Institutional Platform for National Specialized Expertise in Human Rights

In its commitment to engaging with national human rights expertise, the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights is launching an institutional platform dedicated to specialized national expertise in the field of human rights (Institutional Platform for National Specialized Expertise in Human Rights). The platform aims to:

- ▶ **Establish** a digital database of Moroccan experts specializing in human rights;
- ▶ **Provide** access to existing national expertise across different fields and specializations;
- ▶ **Facilitate** participation and contribution to national and international events and training sessions organized by the Interministerial Delegation and its partners;
- ▶ **Enable** the selection of Moroccan experts for tasks related to research, studies, consultancy, and representation;
- ▶ **Make** the database accessible to relevant institutional actors for use in their programs and activities.

**Registration on the platform is voluntary and secure, ensuring full compliance with personal data protection regulations. The process follows a rigorous multi-stage procedure:**

- ▶ Accessing the platform and registering to obtain a personal code for the applicant;
- ▶ Completing the personal profile by providing information related to the applicant's curriculum vitae, specialization, publications, training, conducted research, membership in national, regional, or international committees, and any other relevant information verifying the declared expertise;
- ▶ Reviewing the submitted information to verify its accuracy or request additional information, if necessary, to complete the expert's profile.

The platform comprises a registration and profile update section, a section for reviewing applications, and a dedicated space for utilizing the database through a search engine.