

Foundation Mémoires pour l'Avenir

Foundation «Memories for the Future»

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Our Aim

The Foundation “*Mémoires pour l’Avenir*”, meaning *Memories for the Future* (FMA), is a Moroccan NGO founded in 2008. It aims at consolidating a modern and opened Morocco by encouraging Moroccan youth to engage positively in the community.

The Foundation focuses on History as a tool to consolidate a modern citizenship. The FMA considers that a better knowledge of history strengthens the collective identity and, as such, can increase the youth’s ability to resist the attractiveness of radical and violent speeches.

The FMA’s members are convinced that replacing the youth in a coherent and understood time chronology, explain them where they come from, helps them to know who they are and where they want to go.

To realize those purposes, the FMA collects archives on Morocco, or copies them, bring them back to Morocco if they are abroad, and entrust them to the appropriate institutions with whom the Foundation had signed agreements. Based on those archives, the FMA creates cultural events or tools to facilitate their dissemination to the public.

Beside the preservation of this collective memory and its transmission to the young generations, the FMA contributes to the citizenship consolidation process by implementing as well as supporting initiatives that incarnate its values: universality, living together, dialogue, acceptance of the differences, solidarity, responsibility and progress.

Our story

The idea of creating this Foundation emerged from discussions amongst a group of Moroccan men and women wanting to act after three events took place in Morocco in the beginning of the years 2000:

- The terrorist attacks on May 16th 2003 in Casablanca, making us realize that our youth could easily be mentally manipulated,
- The public revelations of the Equity and Reconciliation Commission (IER), created in 2004 by King Mohammed VI to reconcile the Moroccan people with their past and more specifically with the collective trauma of the “Plumb years”,
- The celebration of the 50th anniversary of Morocco’s Independence in 2006, when we discovered “ordinary heroes”, whose actions could be strongly inspiring for the new generation.

Our Steps

- Put the spotlight on historical moments that are particularly significant to promote the values the Foundation defends
- Identify archives, preserve them and use them to transmit the memory of our past
- Create cultural tools, physical and digital, to diffuse the memory of those significant historical moments to a young public
- Encourage the creation of places that can simultaneously be for preservation, diffusion, debate, research on this patrimony and where young associations would get support.

Our objectives

- To preserve and enhance the historical and cultural diversity of the Moroccan heritage
- To collect/copy/repatriate (if abroad) and preserve archives on Morocco to participate to the writing of Morocco's history
- To develop projects that help the young generation of Moroccan increase their feeling of belonging and make them stand as heirs and no longer as victims of their history
- To support projects increasing the acceptance of cultural and religious diversity.

Our values:

- Knowledge as the only sustainable shield against radical ideologies
- Knowledge dissemination as a guarantee for a sustainable respect of diversity and the appreciation of this diversity
- An inclusive collective history as the condition to project oneself in the future, as a person as well as a citizen
- The primacy of ideas over religious, ethnical or cultures differences

Our National Partners in different projects:

- The Ministry of Culture and Communication of the Kingdom of Morocco
- The National Library of the Kingdom of Morocco
- The Archives of Morocco
- The Foundation of National Museums of the Kingdom of Morocco
- The Community of the Moroccans abroad Advisory Board (CCME)
- The Ministry in charge of the Community of the Moroccans Living Abroad
- The Human Rights National Council
- The Agency for the Economic Development of the Southern Provinces of the Kingdom of Morocco
- The Provincial Council of the City of Meknès
- Al Akhawayn University
- The Rabita Mohammedia of the Ulemas

Our National NGOs Partners:

- Association Marocains Pluriels
- Association Mimouna
- High Atlas Foundation
- Association Science and Development

Our Foreign Partners in different projects:

- Foundation Hans Seidel
- Embassy of the Republic of France
- The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Hungary

Our Foreign NGOs Partners:

- Fondation Saint Louis pour le Patrimoine Historique (France)
- Uni'Sons (France, Montpellier)
- Cinéastes sans Frontières (Canada)

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