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**THE MINISTRY OF DIGITAL TRANSITION AND ADMINISTRATIVE
REFORM OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO**

Regional seminar for senior civil servants

17th UniDem Med

**" DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE: RULES AND APPLICATIONS "**

Hotel Sofitel, Rabat, Morocco (hybrid format)

21-22 November 2023

9:00 – 17:00 (GMT+1 - Local time in France and in Morocco)

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"Protecting human rights, the rule of law and democracy through shared standards in the Southern Mediterranean"
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Tuesday 21 November 2023

09:00 – 09:30 Registration of participants

09:30 - 10:00 Welcoming remarks

Ms Sarah LAMRANI, Secretary General, Ministry of the Digital Transition and the Reform of the Administration, Morocco

Ms Simona GRANATA-MENGHINI, Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission

Mr Jean Christophe FILORI, Minister Councillor, Head of Co-operation, European Union Delegation to Morocco

Ms Pilar MORALES, Coordinator of the Neighborhood Policy towards the Southern Mediterranean, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tunis

10:00 – 10:15 General introduction

Impact of digital transformation and artificial intelligence (AI) on public administration - definition and scope. Identification of the challenges to be met? Definition of concepts and presentation of different types of applications using AI, algorithms, and more generally new technologies in public administration

Ms Nadia BERNOUSSI, Professor at Mohammed V University, Member of the United Nations Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of the Kingdom of Morocco, General Rapporteur and moderator of the seminar

10:15 – 10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30 – 12:30 First session (coffee break 11:00 – 11.15)

Digital transformation, artificial intelligence, and automated decision-making in public administration: What legal and political framework? Delegation of powers, automation of decisions, freedom of appreciation, misuse, etc. Does the use of AI comply with the law and ethical standards? What public policies govern its use? The deviations observed and the challenges to be taken up in this area.

Panelists:

Mr Fernando de PABLO MARTIN, Director General of the Digital Office of the City of Madrid, Spain

Mr Slava JANKIN, Professor of Data Science and Government, School of Government and School of Computing, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

Mr Hatim MOURADI, Head of Division of Innovation and Modernisation Programmes, Ministry of Digital Transition and Reform of the Administration

National experience: Jordan

Ms Sana AL-KASASBEH, Head of the Information Technology Division, Institute of Public Administration, Jordan

General discussion

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 - 16:00 Second session (coffee break 15:00-15:15)

The challenges of equal treatment and non-discrimination: the legal answers?
The general principles of law apply to public administration; equal treatment and non-discrimination but also objectivity and impartiality: how have digital transformation and AI created new challenges in this area and how can we respond to them legally and regulatorily?

Panelists:

Ms Lucie CLUZEL-METAYER, Professor of Public Law, Paris Nanterre University, France (online)

Mr Abdessalam JALDI, Senior International Relations Specialist, Department of Research in International Relations, Policy Center for the New South, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Morocco

National experience: Palestine*

Ms Nabeela Abu Njaileh, Director General of Information Technology Directorate at General Personnel Council, Palestine

General discussion



Wednesday 22 November 2022

09:30 - 10:00 Recap of the first day by the General Rapporteur
Identification of the first recommendations and conclusions to be drawn from the presentations and debates

Exchanges with participants

*This designation shall not be construed as a designation of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of Council of Europe member States on this issue.

10:00 – 12.30 Third session (coffee break 11:00-11:15)

Proportionality and transparency of measures taken by public administration in the context of digital transformation and citizens' right to appeal: what impacts and what case law? The use of new information technologies and artificial intelligence in public administration decision-making and measures can have impacts on the rights guaranteed to citizens. How can we best guarantee these rights? Practices in Europe and the region?

Panelists:

Mr Holger SPERLICH, Government Director, Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union, Germany

Mr Abdelghani BERDI, Head of Division, Technologies, Digital Space and Human Rights, Office of the President, National Human Rights Council (CNDH), Morocco

Mr Patrick PENNINGCKX, Head of Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe (online)

National experience: Lebanon

Mr Ahmad-Bassam Assad OUEIDAT, Director General, Office of the President of the Council of Ministers, Lebanon

Ms Rima Elias KHAIRALLAH, Software Engineer, Civil Service Board, Lebanon

General discussion

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 - 16:00 Fourth session

Respect for privacy and data protection: the European legal framework and in the southern Mediterranean region. Do the EU GDPR and Council of Europe Convention 108+ provide a legal framework for the use of AI and new technologies in order to respect the fundamental rights of citizens? What are the limits? What are the regulations in force in the southern Mediterranean region and their relevance in this new technological environment? Thematic introduction/issues of the session by the moderator (5 min):

Panelists:

Ms Elsa MEIN, Chair of the Committee of the Convention 108, Council of Europe

1 or 2 country experts/speakers from the southern Mediterranean region
general discussion

16:00 – 16:15 *Coffee break*

16:15 – 16:45 General conclusions

Ms Nadia BERNOUSSI, Professor of Constitutional Law, Mohammed V University, Rabat, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Morocco

16:45 – 17:00 Closing remarks

Representative of the Ministry of Digital Transition and Administration Reform, Kingdom of Morocco

Ms Caroline MARTIN, Head of Unit, Venice Commission
