

**The Discourse and Complementarity of Sciences and
Knowledge Laboratory, (LDSS)**
with the support of the National Center for Scientific
and Technical Research and in cooperation with its
partners
is organizing an international conference

**On "Forms of linguistic expressions in the Moroccan Sahara,
Their Linguistic Characteristics And African Extensions"**

Days: 21th and 22th of May, 2025

**Université Moulay Ismail
Faculté Polydisciplinaire d'Errachidia**






Preamble:


The Hassaniya is a fundamental component of the various dialects in Morocco. It is widespread in its southern regions, and even extends to its African neighbors, especially Mauritania, Algeria, Mali, Senegal, and Libya...

Moreover, the Moroccan constitution stipulated in its fifth chapter the care for this linguistic continuum, stating: "The state works to preserve Hassaniya, as an integral part of the unified Moroccan cultural identity, and to protect the dialects and cultural expressions used in Morocco."

Perhaps one of the aspects of its preservation is the serious and deep focus on studying its linguistic characteristics (phonetics, phonology, morphology, lexicography, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics), and clarifying its anthropological origins, its national and African geographical extensions, and its economic and political benefits. This should be done for a unified Morocco seeking to establish advanced regionalism, which improves the attractiveness of its territorial area and supports economic and developmental competitiveness among its regions.

This conference, therefore, comes under the theme: "Forms of Linguistic Expressions in the Moroccan Sahara: their Linguistic Characteristics and African Extensions" to constitute a qualitative addition to the efforts aimed at strengthening national unity and clarifying regional specificity within the framework of advanced regionalism. This is reflected in the forms of linguistic expressions in the Moroccan Sahara to clarify their African extensions in a way that contributes to strengthening the strong African role of Morocco with its linguistic, cultural and historical features, in addition to its economic, social and spiritual characteristics. Such efforts aim at presenting the results of the work done in this promising scientific project with the support of the National Center for Scientific and Technical Research and in partnership with laboratories, research teams and national and international institutions.







After having collected the linguistic material found in the spoken (and written) texts and utterances used by members of the linguistic group living in the Moroccan Sahara (the linguistic corpus). This was done making use of the linguistic technique employed by American descriptive linguists to collect languages and to save them from loss before codifying them, using what is called in linguistics the informateur/informatant assistant narrator, or the research assistant who speaks Hassaniya naturally (locator natif), whose role is to provide clarifications and explanations to assist the linguistic researcher. Data was collected by exploiting what the early Arabic language scholars did in the codification stage. The project has reached the stage of presenting the results through this scientific symposium, which is also open to the works of professors and students investigating the same topic.

Objectives of the conference:



The objectives of this symposium are the objectives of the project, which are:

- Presenting a precise descriptive linguistic study of the Hassani linguistic corpus;
 - Highlighting the linguistic characteristics that distinguish the Hassani dialect according to the levels of linguistic analysis: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, lexicon semantics, and pragmatics;
 - Clarifying the aspects of the African extension of Hassaniyya and revealing its historical backgrounds, and its economic and political feasibility in the present and the future;
 - Revealing the aspects of blending and integration between the language of the Arabs coming from the East, and the language of the Sanhaja and Melthamin Amazighs on the one hand, and the African languages on the other hand, which gave rise to a new dialect, Hassaniyya, which is close in vocabulary, phonetics and morphology to classical Arabic;
 - Highlighting the exciting distinction of the Hassani dialect, which is rich in diverse oral expressive patterns linked to the desert; where the vast space and evening gatherings characterize the long desert night, where
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entertainment and communication methods are few and oral patterns and linguistic expressive forms carried in the folds of popular memory prevail.

General conditions:

- The research must be based on one of the conference themes.
- It has to respect the strict scientific method.
- It must be original and has never been published before.
- The paper has to be written in Arabic, French or English;
- The paper length should be between 15 and 20 pages, using SAKKAL MAJALLA for Arabic; the size is 16 for the text, and 12 for the footnotes. TIMES NEW ROMAN for other languages, size 14 for the text, and 12 for the footnotes.
- The footnotes of the research must be numbered independently on each page.
- The list of sources and references at the end of the research must be arranged alphabetically, using the author's name first.

Expected output:

- Publishing the peer-reviewed works in at least one book.


The concerned:

- The research team involved in the project;
- Participation instructions: researcher professor and researcher students interested in the project topic.

Important dates:

Abstracts will be received in one of the symposium objectives before: 02/20/2025.





Deadline for full paper submission

- Deadline for abstracts paper submission: before: 20/02/2025;
- Deadline for abstracts paper acceptance: before: 03/03/2025;
- Deadline for full paper submission: before: 10/04/2025;
- Deadline for full paper acceptance: 20/04/2025;
- The Conference Date is: May 21th and 22th, 2025 at FPE- Errachidia (Morocco).

Organizational

- The conference will take place at the Polydisciplinary Faculty of Errachidia, Kingdom of Morocco, in person, and provides ways to participate via social media.
- Participation fees:

Coordination:

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