

**Dihiya Center for Human Rights, Democracy and Development
(Dihiya center C4D)**



**The Sixth Scientific Forum on:
Democracy and Development: Challenges and Prospects
September 24-25, 2021
Second Call**

CONTEXT

Since 2011, countries in the Middle East and North Africa have experienced a large number of political unrest and social protests. Despite their varying; which did great opposition sometimes accompany and extreme violence; the citizens of these countries demanded in particular social justice, and governments more receptive to the fulfillment of their social requirements and responsible. In reaction, several countries in the Middle East and North Africa have drafted new constitutions, revised their legislative systems and instituted reforms to establish the state of law and democracy.

In this context, civil society organizations and political parties have played a crucial role in monitoring the long-awaited reforms because they have become a real partner and a real force of opposition and participation in many countries. However, the political dynamics are characterized by significant restrictions, such as : freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, peaceful protest, the difficult economic situation (slowing economic growth, high external debt, inflation and unemployment, economic dependence, the spread of the rentier economy and the informal economy ...), the deterioration of the natural environment, the terrorism, the religious fundamentalism, and the sectarian violence, as well as discrimination based on gender, race and religion. This situation constitutes a threat to political stability and economic, social and cultural development in the world, in particular in Africa.

It is not necessary to prove the reciprocal relationship and the collateral character between democracy and development. They are in a relationship of interaction and overlap, knowing that development is a social, economic, cultural, political and environmental development.

This scientific forum aims to discuss the following theme "Democracy and development: reality and perspectives", in order to highlight the processes of democratization and development in African countries, in particular Morocco, and to analyze and outline the basic conditions for building the foundations of the welfare state. We recognize that human rights, participatory democracy, governance and pluralism, in addition to other key elements, contribute to the establishment of the state of law and democracy. These elements are a structural necessity to achieve inclusive, general and sustainable development.

This scientific forum will be an opportunity to identify and discuss best practices regarding the democratization process, particularly in the Middle East, North Africa and some African countries. In addition, it will highlight policies, reforms and successful programs that have already started to apply a human rights and democracy-based approach, particularly in the following areas: democratic institutions, electoral process, individual freedoms, anti-corruption measures and establishment of a national system of integrity and economic partnerships...

In order to deepen the discussion and reflection, the following axes form the methodological framework of this scientific forum:

- Axis 1: Human rights and democratization
- Axis 2: Democracy and economic development
- Axis 3: Protection and promotion of women's rights
- Axis 4: Protection and development of minority rights
- Axis 5: Terrorism and development
- Axis 6: Education, health and development

Participants can propose other axes, if they align with the general theme of this scientific forum: "Democracy and development: reality and perspectives".

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CONDITIONS OF PARTICIATION

- ❖ Full name(s), function(s), Institution(s)
- ❖ Email and phone number
- ❖ The abstract should not exceed 500 words.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ July 15, 2021, deadline for submitting participation abstracts.
- ❖ July 31, 2021, inform the stakeholders of the selected topics.
- ❖ August 15, 2021, the deadline for sending final interventions.

POST LANGUAGE

- Arabic – Amazigh - French - English

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