

LOGISTICS NOTE

2024 ReSAKSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Advancing the Climate and Bioeconomy Agenda in Africa for Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems



October 1-3

📍 Policy Center for the New South
Rabat, Morocco



Meeting Venue

The 2024 ReSAKSS Annual Conference will be held at the [Campus of Mohammed VI Polytechnic University \(UM6P\)](#) in Rabat, Morocco:

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Rabat Campus of Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P)
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Campus Access

Due to access restrictions to the campus, and in order to facilitate your entry, we kindly ask you to:

Present **MANDATORILY** your passport upon arrival at the gate.

Forbidden items: It is strictly forbidden to bring alcoholic drinks and sharp objects to the campus.

Waiting time: Accessing campus can take as little as 5 minutes and as long as 20 minutes.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these access restrictions.



Conference Time

The conference will begin with side events on Tuesday, October 01 at 9:00 AM (GMT +1) and is expected to conclude on Thursday, October 03 at 1:50 PM (GMT +1).

- » 8:00 – 9:00: Registration & Welcome Coffee
- » 9:00 – 10:30: Side Events [1](#) and [2](#)
- » 10:30 – 11:00: Coffee Break & Networking
- » 11:00 – 12:30: Side Events [3](#) and [4](#)
- » 12:30 - 13:00: Networking
- » 13:00 – 14:00: Lunch
- » 14:30: Official Opening of the ReSAKSS Conference. See the [Agenda](#) for the detailed program.



Registration

Participants are encouraged to register on Tuesday, October 01 between **8:00 AM and 9:00 AM** before the side events. The registration desk will be available in front of the meeting space and will be open all day. Participants are encouraged to wear their participant badges at all times.



Conference Language

The conference will be conducted in **English**, with **simultaneous interpretation in French** available during the plenary sessions.



Travel

AKADEMIYA2063 will cover the cost of the most economical roundtrip fares for sponsored participants. Based on flight availabilities, arrangements will be made for an arrival on Monday, September 30 and a departure on Friday, October 04. Self-sponsored participants are responsible for arranging their travel.



Visa Requirements

1. Travelers requiring a visa to enter the Kingdom of Morocco must apply in person if a Moroccan Embassy is present in their country of residence.
2. If you possess a visa for Australia, Canada, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Schengen, UK, and/or USA with a minimum of 90 days validity, you may be eligible to apply for an e-visa.

You may read more about visa requirements [here](#).



Vaccination Information

A Yellow Fever vaccination certificate or proof of vaccination against COVID-19 is not required for entry in Morocco. Risk of Malaria is very low.

Nonetheless, for added protection, vaccination against Hepatitis A and B, Tetanus, Typhoid, Poliomyelitis, and Rabies are recommended, but not required, if you plan to travel in Morocco for a longer time.

Tips for Convenience

1. **Cafeteria:** There is a Cafeteria on the university campus, near the main entrance, open from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Payment is by card only.
2. A **mini market** is available in the **Student Center** building offering necessary items.
3. For self-sponsored participants, we recommend the following hotels in Rabat, catering to different budget ranges. Distances mentioned are from Rabat Campus, UM6P:



Accommodation

1. Sponsored participants will be accommodated on a bed and breakfast basis at the **Ryad Hotel**, located on Campus at the **Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P)**.
2. Self-sponsored participants who would like to be accommodated at the Campus Hotel are invited to inform the **AKADEMIYA2063** team. They will be added to the **AKADEMIYA2063** rooming list and will be invoiced for reimbursement using cash or wire transfer to **AKADEMIYA2063**.
3. Please note that the Campus Hotel does not accept any payments using cash or card for its services, including for the restaurant, etc.
4. As a courtesy to facilitate outdoor dining for interested participants, daily evening shuttles will be arranged for transfers between the Campus Hotel and the drop-off location next to Rabat Ville train station every 30 minutes from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Participants who miss a shuttle will not be reimbursed for taxi costs.

Five Star Hotels

Sofitel Rabat Jardin des Roses

↗ 20 minutes (14 km) by car

🌐 [Sofitel Rabat](#)

La Tour Hassan Palace

↗ 25 minutes (16 km) by car

🌐 [La Tour Hassan](#)

Four Star Hotels

ONOMO Hotel Rabat Terminus

↗ 25 minutes (16 km) by car

🌐 [ONOMO Rabat](#)

Three Star Hotels

Hotel Le Diwan Rabat - MGallery

↗ 22 minutes (15 km) by car

🌐 [Hotel Le Diwan](#)

Airport Pick Up and Drop Off

- » For participants arriving at Casablanca’s Mohammed V International Airport (CMN), an arranged group shuttle service will be available for transfers to the Campus Hotel, approximately a 1.5-hour drive.
- » The shuttle service will also be available for participants arriving at the Rabat–Salé Airport (RBA), approximately a 30-minute drive.
- » Upon arrival at the airport, look for a representative holding a sign marked “2024 ReSAKSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.”
- » Self-sponsored participants accommodated off-campus are expected to organize their airport transfers.
- » For more information regarding airport transfers, please contact Ms. Hajar El Haradi at h.elharadi@policycenter.ma; +212 6 62 49 74 32.

Meals

Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided during the conference from October 1-3. A cocktail will be held at the conference venue on the evening of October 01.

A small stipend will be given to sponsored participants to cover their meals during travel days.

Currency

The official currency of Morocco is the **Moroccan Dirham (MAD)**.

The UN Operational Rate as of September 26 is approximately 1 USD = **9.766 MAD** (subject to change).

Currency exchange services are available at airports, banks, and hotels. ATMs are widely available in Rabat.

Weather

October weather in Rabat is generally pleasant, with daytime temperatures ranging between 18°C to 25°C and cooler evenings around 14°C. Light jackets or sweaters are recommended for the evening.

Mobile Phones

Local SIM cards or e-SIMs are available from major providers like Maroc Telecom, Orange, and Inwi. You can purchase prepaid packages at the airport or from local shops.

Electricity

Morocco’s electrical current is 220V, and the power outlets are Type C and E. Nonetheless, we advise participants to carry a converter and/or adapter.

Safety

Rabat is generally considered a safe city for tourists. However, like any urban area, it is advisable to be cautious of your belongings, especially in crowded areas.

Avoid walking alone late at night in unfamiliar areas.

- » **Police (for emergencies and crime-related incidents):** 19 (from a landline) or 112 (from a mobile phone)
- » **Ambulance and Medical Emergencies:** 150
- » **Fire Department:** 15
- » **Tourist Police:** 177
- » **National Gendarmerie:** 177
- » **General Emergency Services (Mobile phones):** 112

If you require medical attention, please contact the conference committee organizers for assistance.

Transportation within Rabat

Rabat offers several modes of transportation for getting around the city:

Taxis: Small, blue taxis known as “Petit Taxis” operate within Rabat city limits. They are metered, and fares are affordable. Ensure the driver starts the meter or negotiate a price before the trip.

Trams: The Rabat-Salé Tramway is a modern and convenient tram system that connects key parts of Rabat and the neighboring city of Salé.

Buses: Public buses are available but can be crowded and slow due to traffic.

Ride-Hailing Apps

Careem: A popular ride-hailing app operating in Rabat. It offers reliable, convenient service for getting around the city. Download the app to book rides via your mobile phone.

Heetch: Another app-based ride-hailing service available in Morocco, offering safe and affordable transportation.

Things to do in Rabat

Hassan Tower



A famous historic landmark with beautiful gardens.

Kasbah of the Udayas



A charming old fortress with stunning views of the Bou Regreg River and the Atlantic Ocean.

Royal Palace



The official residence of the King of Morocco.

Medina of Rabat



Explore the traditional market, where you can shop for handicrafts, spices, and Moroccan goods.

Chellah



An ancient Roman ruin and medieval Islamic site, ideal for history enthusiasts.

Sightseeing Notes

1. Morocco is a Muslim-majority country, and while Rabat is relatively liberal, modest clothing is still recommended, especially when visiting religious sites.
2. For women: It's advisable to wear clothing that covers the shoulders and knees. A light scarf may be useful for entering mosques.
3. For men: Shorts are acceptable in casual settings, but it's recommended to wear pants when visiting mosques or formal places.
4. Photography inside mosques is generally not allowed unless specified.

Inquiries

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