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UM6P footprint expands to Errachidia via an experimental and pedagogic farm

UM6P has launched this week it new experimental farm in the Boudnib area, within the Errachidia Province. An initiative led by the College of Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, via the Agricultural Innovation and Technology Center.

The project aims to providing a research environment for agricultural scientists to develop new methods in raising palm trees adapted to diverse climates, particularly arid and semi-arid regions. Equipped with modern technologies and advanced tools, Boudnib farm enables the monitoring of crop development, including cereals, fruit trees, and various seasonal crops.

In parallel to this launch, a meeting was held with the Wali of the Draa-Tafilalet region M. Essaid Zniber. Discussions addressed regional development opportunities related to research, education, and support for the local economic and social ecosystems.

Young leaders and national figures gathered at UM6P for the 1st edition of Morocco's 40 Under 40

On the 31st of May, UM6P hosted the first edition of "Morocco's 40 Under 40" at UM6P Campus in Rabat.

The event was marked by the presence of Mrs. Amal El Fallah-Seghrouchni, Minister of Digital Transition, Mr. Ryad Mezzour, Minister of Industry, Mr. Khalid Baddou, Chief of Staff and Director of Institutional Affairs at UM6P and Mr. Walid Regragui, national football coach. The initiative identifies and connects Moroccan leaders under 40 across fields including entrepreneurship, technology, and science.

Discussions emphasized the importance of fostering environments for talent development and innovative solutions to support emerging leaders in contributing to Morocco's future.

Engineers Sport Games gathered 450 students for four days of competition

From the 29th of May to 1st of June, EMINES and the Sports department organized the 6th edition of the Engineers Sport Games at UM6P Campus in Benguerir.

The event brought together 450 engineering students from 11 Moroccan engineering schools. This year's edition included 20 sports events across individual and team disciplines which emphasized teamwork, resilience, and fair play, highlighting the collaborative spirit among future engineers. The Participants competed in swimming, athletics, tennis, badminton, and table tennis, as well as team sports such as football, basketball, volleyball, and beach volleyball.

The Secretary General of the International Organization of la Francophonie paid a visit to UM6P

On the 2nd of June, UM6P hosted H.E. Louise Mushikiwabo, Secretary General of the International Organization of La Francophonie accompanied by representatives from the organization, at UM6P Campus in Benguerir. The visit took place on the sidelines of the Mo Ibrahim Governance Week

The delegation had the opportunity to engage in discussions with President Mr. Hicham El Habti and representatives of UM6P regarding the university's initiatives in artificial intelligence and tourism, while highlighting the university's learning-by-doing model. During the visit, the members of the delegation also explored the model of the 1337 coding school, which focuses on peer-to-peer learning and collective intelligence.

Communicating Science #14: Turning waste into wealth: how a Moroccan scientist is rewriting the paper industry

Morocco discards 60 million tonnes of agricultural residues and 40 million tonnes of mining by-products annually. Most of this is burned, buried, or abandoned. Yet, paradoxically, the country imports roughly $8 million worth of paper and packaging materials each year. Goods it could manufacture from the very waste it discards. To Prof. Fatima Zahra Semlali, an Assistant Professor in the Materials Science, Energy and Nanoengineering Department, this contradiction is not just an inefficiency.

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Environmental data and AI in focus during UM6P's contribution to Clean Beaches workshop

On the 4th of June, UM6P participated in the national Clean Beaches workshop at Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training.

Pr. Mounir Ghogho, Full Professor at the College of Computing, presented AI solutions for environmental initiatives using UM6P's artificial intelligence institute as a reference for these applications. The session covered AI tools for beach monitoring, including waste recognition systems and visitor flow analysis. The event addressed methods to enhance the value of environmental data collected through existing monitoring systems. The participants also discussed leveraging AI to enhance existing environmental data and engage youth through technology.

Business game brought students and professionals together to tackle local issues

On the 30th and the 31st of May, Africa Business Unit – Junior Enterprise and Inetum Consulting, in collaboration with Student Organizations, Leadership and Engagement and Africa Business School, held the first edition of the Inetum Consulting Business Game at UM6P Campus in Rabat.

The two-day event included a professional masterclass and a strategic simulation. Multidisciplinary teams addressed real urban development challenges, proposing solutions to local micro-issues, providing participants with opportunities to engage with consulting professionals.

Playback Picks #02: The third international Laayoune forum on biosaline and arid land agriculture conference

A look back at the third International Laayoune Forum on Biosaline and Arid Land Agriculture Conference, held from the May 20th to 23rd , at UM6P's African Sustainable Agriculture Research Institute in Laayoune. This short video captures highlights from the four-day gathering of over 200 global experts and researchers, featuring keynote talks, scientific presentations, and cross-sector discussions on advancing resilience in drought- and salinity-affected agriculture.

Watch the Rewind Video

Formation de formateurs SWITCH2CE sur la transition vers une économie circulaire des emballages plastiques au Maroc
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Circular economy workshop held under SWITCH2CE project on plastic packaging transition

This week, the Executive Education held a Training of Trainers session on transitioning to a circular economy for plastic packaging in Morocco as part of the international project Switch to Circular Economy Value Chains, co-financed by the European Union and the Government of Finland, at UM6P Campus in Rabat.

The project is implemented in Morocco by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in partnership with the Circle Economy Foundation and the European Investment Bank, in coordination with Morocco's Ministry of Industry and Trade. Mr. Zakaria Hachlaf, Secretary General of the Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, opened the session, underlining the importance of national priorities related to the circular economy. Representatives from the EU Delegation, the Finnish Embassy, and UNIDO Morocco also attended the event.

Students from Rhamna high school took part in learning session on writing and debate workshop

On the 3rd of June, the Learning Center hosted a group of students from Rhamna high school for a series of writing and debate workshops UM6P Campus in Benguerir.

The session offered participants an environment to engage in storytelling exercises and guided discussions. Through practical activities and peer exchanges, students explored various techniques to enhance their ability to articulate ideas, build arguments, and express themselves with clarity and confidence. The initiative forms part of the Learning Center's ongoing efforts to support youth development by promoting critical thinking, effective communication, and active learning beyond the classroom.

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Africa Initiative's Weekly News Digest on its 88th edition

The UM6P Africa Initiative entity is announcing the release of the 88th edition of the Africa Initiative's Weekly News Digest. The main objective is to share with UM6P community members the latest news, opportunities, and events from across the continent.

We invite you to stay informed and engaged with the evolving developments shaping Africa's growth and future. To consult the 88th edition, please click on the link below :

Africa Initiative's Weekly News Digest – 88th edition

Final session of health education series explored smoking and psychology

On the 26th of May, HECO Student Club, in collaboration with Student Organizations, Leadership and Engagement held the final session of the health education program on "Acting for Awareness " at UM6P Campus in Benguerir.

The session examined the psychological impact of smoking. Mr. Mohamed Ayman Taa, a PhD Candidate and health education researcher from FMS led an interactive workshop featuring role-play exercises and group discussions. The activity aimed to foster reflection on behavioral choices and promote healthier habits among participants.

Executive Education launched african-focused case study program

This week, the Executive Education held the first training session of its new Case Study Methodology Program at UM6P Campus in Benguerir.

The program aims to develop case studies based on Moroccan and African contexts. The Participants examined different types of case studies, their pedagogical applications, and methods for designing effective case material. The session also covered topic selection and field context relevance.

The Globe Digest #69: A game-changing way to treat stroke

When treating an ischemic stroke – where a clot is blocking the flow of oxygen to the brain – every minute counts. The more quickly doctors can remove the clot and restore blood flow, the more brain cells will survive, and the more likely patients are to have a good outcome. But current technologies only successfully remove clots on the first try about 50% of the time, and in about 15% of cases, they fail completely.

Researchers at Stanford Engineering have developed a new technique called the milli-spinner thrombectomy that could significantly improve success rates in treating strokes, as well as heart attacks, pulmonary embolisms, and other clot-related diseases.

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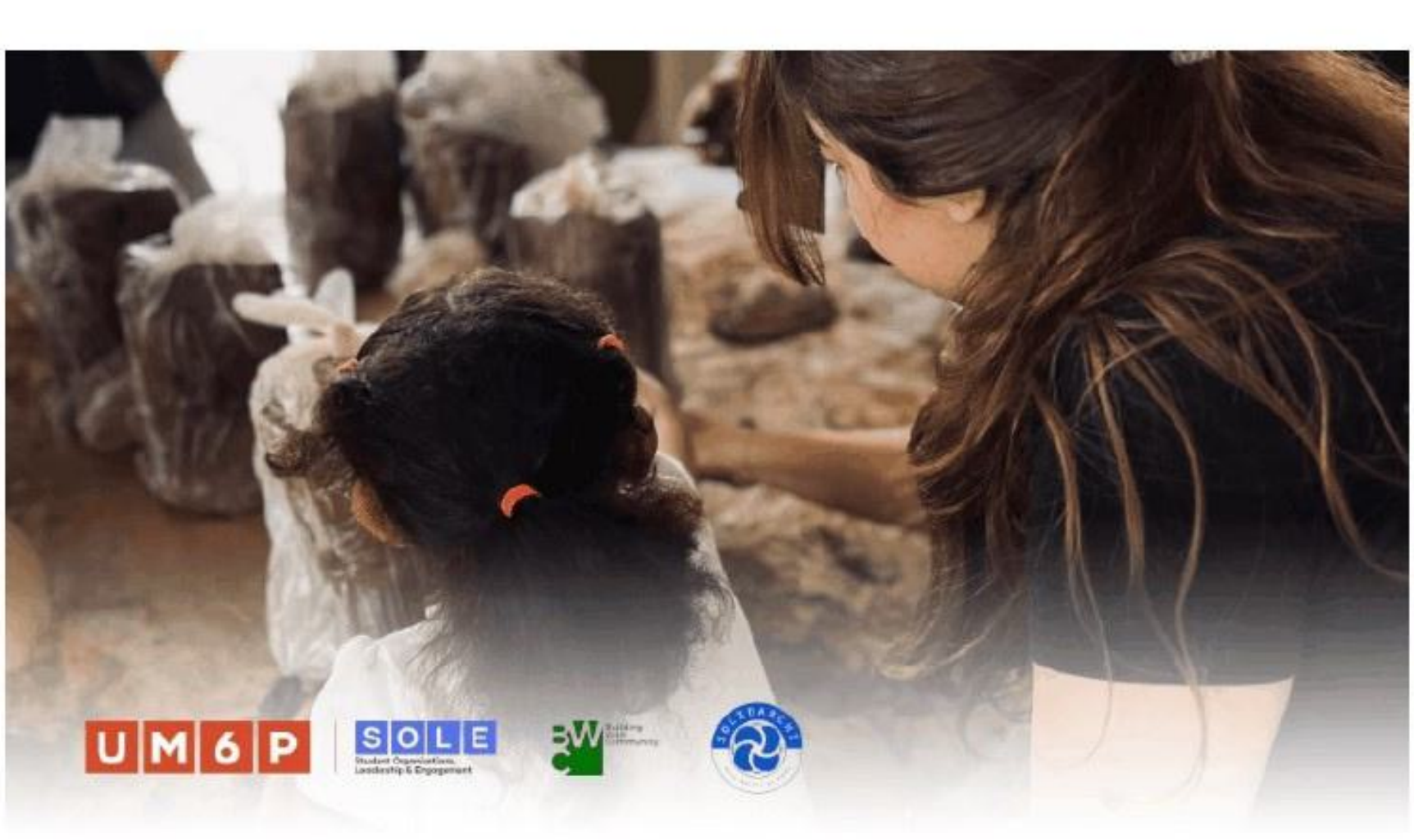

Community engagement brought UM6P and ENA students to Amizmiz

On the 18th of May, BWC student club, in collaboration with SolidArchi Student club from ENA Marrakech and Student Organizations, Leadership and Engagement, took part in a community outreach initiative at Shemsy Center in Amizmiz.

This outreach included workshops on pottery, decoration, and Quran recitation. Participants engaged in hands-on activities such as signage creation, gardening, and light construction, including repairing earthen walls using traditional adobe techniques. The event also featured sports competitions, drawing, weaving, musical performances, and a listening circle focused on school and professional orientation.

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