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Empowering Minds.



Researchers and policymakers gathered in Rabat to connect science and decision-making

On the 25th of June, University Mohammed VI Polytechnic and the Morocco Innovation and Evaluation Lab held a conference at UM6P Campus in Rabat on evidence-based approaches to climate, education, and employment policy.

The event gathered policymakers, researchers, and development leaders and opened with remarks from President Hicham El Habti, alongside representatives from Community Jameel, Harvard University, and the Institut Polytechnique de Paris. The event was also marked by the presence of Mr. Mohamed Saad Berrada, Minister of National Education, Preschool, and Sports, who underlined the importance of using data to guide educational reform.

Nobel Laureate Esther Duflo delivered the keynote, calling for practical, research-based tools to support climate adaptation. Sectoral panels showcased MEL-supported projects in agriculture, education, and labor markets, reinforcing UM6P's commitment to policy-relevant research.



AI Movement welcomed 80 African women innovators for the third edition of AIM'Afa!

This week, the third cohort of the African Women in Tech and AI program was inaugurated at the Al Movement Centre, UM6P Campus in Rabat.

This initiative is a collaboration between the OCP Foundation, UNESCO, and other partners, aiming to empower women and advance innovation across the continent. The program brings together 50 African women to develop innovative and sustainable technological solutions for their communities. It emphasizes fairness and collaboration as key drivers of Africa's digital transformation.

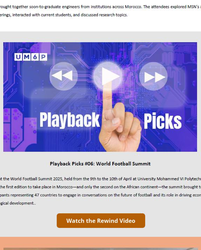


ReAcute certifications confirmed UM6P's people-centered culture

University Mohammed VI Polytechnic has renewed its double recognition from ReAcute, earning the "Feel Good Company" and "Krunchy Company" certifications for the second consecutive year.

The Feel-Good Company label highlights UM6P's commitment to well-being, transparency, and long-term talent development. The Krunchy Company certification recognizes a dynamic and forward-looking employer brand that encourages individuals to shape their own career paths.

These distinctions reflect the university's ongoing efforts to cultivate a collaborative environment where innovation is driven by a people-centered culture.

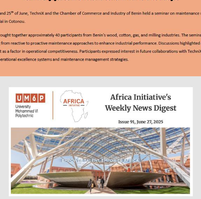


Communicating Science #17: From Morocco to the continent, a new era of food security begins with local innovation and global impact

The work led by El Houssaine Boure goes beyond borders. While firmly anchored in Moroccan data and needs, the forecasting system he has developed responds to a challenge that resonates globally: how can countries manage food security in the face of climate uncertainty? In this sense, the project offers not just a tool, but a model of scientific sovereignty—where countries of the Global South produce, own, and export their own innovations.

For African nations in particular, where climate vulnerability is high and forecasting infrastructure remains limited, this system represents a leap forward.

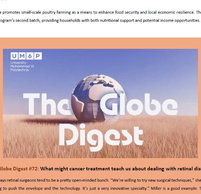
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Exploring research pathways: future researchers welcomed at MSN Open Day

On the 21st of June, the Material Science, energy & Nano-Engineering Department held its fourth Open Day for prospective candidates of the Fre-doc Materials for Energy, Manufacturing, and Environment program at UM6P Campus in Benguerir.

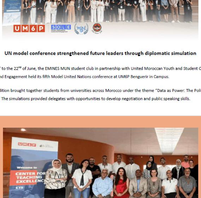
The event brought together soon-to-graduate engineers from institutions across Morocco. The attendees explored MSN's academic and research offerings, interacted with current students, and discussed research topics.



Playback Picks #06: World Football Summit

A look back at the World Football Summit 2025, held from the 9th to the 10th of April at University Mohammed VI Polytechnic's Campus in Rabat. As the first edition to take place in Morocco—and only the second on the African continent—the summit brought together over 1,000 participants representing 47 countries to engage in conversations on the future of football and its role in driving economic, social, and technological development.

Watch the Rewind Video



TechniK engaged Benin's industrial sector in maintenance dialogue

On the 24th and 25th of June, TechniK and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Benin held a seminar on maintenance management at Hôtel Azalaï in Cotonou.

The event brought together approximately 40 participants from Benin's wood, cotton, gas, and milling industries. The seminar focused on transitioning from reactive to proactive maintenance approaches to enhance industrial performance. Discussions highlighted maintenance management as a factor in operational competitiveness. Participants expressed interest in future collaborations with TechniK, particularly regarding operational excellence systems and maintenance management strategies.

Africa Initiative's Weekly News Digest on its 91st edition

The UM6P Africa Initiative entity is announcing the release of the 91st 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 91st edition, please click on the link below

Africa Initiative's Weekly News Digest - 91st edition

ReBuild distributed second batch of chicks to Al Haouz families

On the 24th of June, ReBuild and the Agricultural Innovation and Technology Transfer Center distributed 175 chicks to rural families in the Al Haouz region.

This initiative promotes small-scale poultry farming as a means to enhance food security and local economic resilience. The distribution marks the program's second batch, providing households with both nutritional support and potential income opportunities.

The Globe Digest #72: What might cancer treatment teach us about dealing with retinal disease?

Joan Miller says retinal surgeons tend to be a pretty open-minded bunch. "We're willing to try new surgical techniques," she said. "We're always trying to push the envelope and the technology. It's just a very innovative specialty." Miller is a good example. That brand of independent thinking has been a hallmark of her distinguished career as a researcher, clinician, and leader.

Miller, the David Glendenning Cogan Professor of Ophthalmology and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School, is credited with developing two major treatments for age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the most common cause of vision loss in people over the age of 50.

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UN model conference strengthened future leaders through diplomatic simulation

From the 20th to the 22nd of June, the ENNAS MUN student club in partnership with United Moroccan Youth and Student Organizations, Leadership and Engagement held its fifth Model United Nations conference at UM6P Benguerir in Campus.

This year's edition brought together students from universities across Morocco under the theme "Data as Power: The Politics of Digital Sovereignty." The simulations provided delegates with opportunities to develop negotiation and public speaking skills.

Faculty engaged in learning-focused design workshop with University of Virginia

From the 16th to the 20th of June, the Center for Teaching Excellence, in collaboration with the Center for Teaching Excellence at the University of Virginia, conducted a five-day training on Learning-Focused Course Design at UM6P Campus in Benguerir.

This initiative aimed to support UM6P faculty in developing learner-centered curricula and enhancing pedagogical impact. The sessions engaged 25 participants through a structured approach combining theory, practice, and peer collaboration. The training was supported by UM6P Human Resources Faculty and the UM6P Institute of Education Sciences.

Results indicated that 91.8% of participants affirmed the training met expectations, 95.2% expressed confidence in applying the methodologies, and the same percentage would recommend it to colleagues.

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