

MAMUN MMXVIII

The Opening Ceremony

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About 300 students from more than 10 schools have attended the opening ceremony of the 18th edition of MAMUN, The Maroc Model United Nations MMXVIII. The event took place in Palais des Congrès (The Congress Palace) in Shkerat.



Mrs. Amina Benkhadra, The Director of L'Office National des Hydrocarbures et des Mines gave an enlightening speech about the issues of the environment that in the long run could be the destruction of our world. She also spoke about the Moroccan initiative in relation to climate change and gave a

message from the King's, Mohamed VI, and Morocco's commitment to positively altering the approach of addressing climate change.

Similarly, Mr. Philippe Poinot expressed the goals of the United Nations, the most important being; global peace. Also, he spoke of how the goals intercalate with climate change. Moreover,

he also spoke about the changes within the UN

and how it's spearheading progress in Africa and around the world to combat climate change.



Agreement Negotiator, gave a speech about the urgency of the issues provoked by climate change. He included the importance of resources to the UN and how best they be implemented in fighting climate change before it becomes irreversible.

Likewise, Mr. Anas Ben Mejdoub, the Moroccan Youth Delegate at the UN indicated that as he used to be a part of Model United Nations, the MUN experience is essential as it encourages individuals to make a change when need be. He also included in his speech that despite the seriousness of the topics, one must remember to enjoy themselves in the process. Although, like the previous guest speakers, he executed the topic of "Combating Climate Change" by referencing the UN and its goals.



Moreover, Mrs. Stephanie Miley, the Chargé D'Affaires from the United States Embassy gave a speech about the history and the strong bond between the United States and Morocco as well as how both



countries have a continuous commitment towards combating climate change. Finally, she emphasised the importance of addressing climate change through working with developing countries, such as Morocco. Lastly, Mr. Mustapha Khalifi, the Minister of Communications, gave a speech about Moroccan initiatives as well as how Morocco is combating the issue. Finally, he also spoke of the importance of youth involvement as they are the future and their cooperation would better advance climate change and the world. The Opening Ceremony was concluded by a speech from the Secretary General indicating that: *"You must never forget, you are the conscience of the world, you are our future leaders and our greatest hope."*