

The Associative Union of Moroccan Youth for the Protection of Human Rights

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The Associative Union of Moroccan Youth for the Protection of Human Rights is a network of civil youth working on a wide and diverse human rights issues, representing the 12 regions of Morocco through its members;

This network of young Moroccan advocates of human rights has been created following training programs on the international human rights system;

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Environmental rights

→ *Achievements, Challenges, & Recommendations*

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The achievements

- ✚ At the legal level: Adoption of the 49.17 environmental assessment law
- ✚ At the institutional level: establishing a Ministry in charge of energy transition and sustainable development in 2021 as a part of the new government.
- ✚ At the public policy level: Adoption of national strategies and programs, including the national strategy 2020 on the green plan for agriculture; the national program for recycling solid waste; the national strategies for the protection of biodiversity; the national strategy for sustainable development; the national strategy for environmental management and water resources in Morocco
- ✚ Morocco has achieved an advanced ranking in the performance related to climate change, ranking 7th, per the 2021 Climate Performance Index Report.

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The challenges

- ✚ The deterioration of the environment;
- ✚ the adverse impacts of climate change;
- ✚ Drought and lack of rainfall which Morocco has suffered in recent years;
- ✚ The problem of waste management;
- ✚ The challenges associated with water shortage in Morocco;
- ✚ Forests and oases face climate change risks and impacts due to several reasons, of which the most critical is the lack of water resources.

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The recommendations

- ✚ Adopting emergency laws in order to prevent and control any element damaging the environment.
- ✚ Establishing a natural disaster fund dedicated mainly to controlling forest and oasis fires caused by high temperatures.
- ✚ Accelerating the adoption of a law project which amends and completes the law n° 28.00 on waste management and disposal
- ✚ Conducting recycling of solid waste and enhance coordination between local authorities and organizations in charge of sustainable development from different fields to follow the evolution of the environmental issues and the challenges.

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Digital Rights

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The achievements

- ✦ Increase in the scope of freedom of expression through digital technology and social networks.
- ✦ Social networks have become digital platforms for consultation and mobilization as well as an essential tool to ensure accountability and follow-up of public policies.
- ✦ La technologie numérique offre un grand potentiel pour promouvoir la démocratie et la participation citoyenne.
- ✦ The digital technology shows a great potential to promote democracy and citizen engagement.

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The challenges

- ✦ The absence of clear, detailed, and available legislated policy frameworks that protect the right to exercise digital expression.
- ✦ The use of false information and fake news.
- ✦ The lack of appropriate tools to deal with hate speech.
- ✦ The Digital Violence and the normalization of violence.

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The recommendations

- ✦ Review the 09-08 law related to the protection of individuals regarding the processing of personal data.
- ✦ Include standards related to digital rights in educational and media programs.
- ✦ Develop a legal framework to control the use of fake news and misinformation, in accordance with relevant international standards.
- ✦ Provide the necessary measures to ensure the protection of children's interests and well-being in a digital environment

Rights of the elderly

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The achievements

- ✚ The 2021-2025 governmental program provides an income entitled "Dignity " for the elderly as part of ongoing measures to ensure Moroccan family cohesiveness and dignity.
- ✚ Release of Decree No. 693.19.2 of February 24, 2021 regarding the enforcement of law No. 65-15 relative to social protection institutions.
- ✚ Setting up the reform of the CMR civil pension system and raising the minimum pension amount to 1500 DH instead of 1000 DH/month.
- ✚ The extension of the health coverage of the AMO to include dental care for private sector pensioners.

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The challenges

- ✚ Until 2021, there was no legal framework for the elderly, making the statutory protection insufficient.
- ✚ In spite of the efforts made by the Ministry of Solidarity, Social Development, Equality, and Family, the functional missions carried out by the social protection centers remain ineffective.

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The recommendations

- ✚ Develop an appropriate legal framework regarding the protection of the elderly based on international standards
- ✚ Setting up a social security fund for the elderly.
- ✚ Establish a general health coverage for all citizens, to guarantee access to free and high-quality health services as well as provide adequate measures in order to ensure medical care for all.
- ✚ Create new social institutions for handicapped old people and upgrade the existing ones in a way that assures the dignity of the beneficiaries.