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Press Release:

Creation of the First International Franco-Moroccan Laboratory in the field of Solar Energy

On Tuesday, January 24, 2017, under the presidency of the Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Professional Training, Morocco, the International University of Rabat, and Mohammed V University in Rabat, along with their French and American counterparts at the Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia Tech-Lorraine, signed an agreement for the creation of the first Associated International Laboratory (LIA) CNRS / France-CNRST / Morocco in the field of solar energy.

The LIA ATLAS, "Associated Trans-Mediterranean Laboratories for Applications in Solar Energy," is the result of several years of exchanges and discussions between the different partners, and with CNRS and CNRST. It honors the commitment on this subject established during the state visit of His Excellency, **Mr. Francois Hollande, President of the French Republic**, to Morocco on April 3 and 4, 2013.

This LIA also succeeds in completing the roadmap for Moroccan-French cooperation in Higher Education and Research that was fleshed-out at the high-level meeting between **Mr. Lahcen Daoudi**, Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Professional Training of the Kingdom of Morocco, and **Ms. Geneviève Fioraso**, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the French Republic, in Rabat, on December 13, 2012. The steering committee recommended in particular the establishment of LIA and UMI (International Joint Unit) as a means to further strengthen collaborations between the research structures.

Signing ceremony for the Associated International Laboratory - ATLAS*
Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 1-2pm

**Location: Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and
Professional Training, Rabat, Morocco**

Agenda

- **Opening Remarks:**
 - **Mr. Mohamed Aboussalah**, General Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Professional Training (MESRSFC)
 - **Mr. Driss Aboutajdine**, Director of CNRST
 - **Mr. Jean Yves Marzin**, Director of l'INSIS – CNRS
 - **Mr. Saaid Amzazi**, President, University of Mohammed V, Rabat (UM5R)
 - **Mr. Noureddine Mouaddib**, President, International University of Rabat (UIR)
 - **Mr. Abdallah Ougazzaden**, Director, Georgia Tech-Lorraine
- **Presentation on the LIA ATLAS project :**
 - **Mr. Abdallah Ougazzaden**
- **Signing of the LIA ATLAS agreement**

***LIA ATLAS CNRST-CNRS**

“Associated Trans-Mediterranean Laboratories for Applications in Solar Energy”

Incorporated as of January 1, 2017 for a term of four (4) years.

Moroccan signatories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CNRST• International University of Rabat (UIR)• University of Mohammed V, Rabat (UM5R)
French and U.S. signatories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CNRS• The Georgia Institute of Technology

Participant List at the LIA Signing Ceremony :

Moroccan Signatories	French and U.S. Signatories
<p align="center">Ministère</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohamed Aboussalah, General Secretary, MESRSFC • Mr. Abdel-Ilah Afifi, Director, Budget and General Affairs, MESRSFC • Mr. Mustapha Taimi, Director, Legal Affairs, MESRSFC • Mr. Nabil Madani, Cabinet of the Minister <p align="center">CNRST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Driss Aboutajdine, Director, CNRST <p align="center">Universités</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Saaïd Amzazi, President, UM5R • Mr. Noureddine Mouaddib, President, UIR • Mr. Abdelaziz Benjouad, Vice-President, R&D, UIR • Mr. Mourad El Belkacemi, Dean, Faculty of Science, Rabat, UM5 • Mr. El Hachmi Essadiqi, Director, LERMA Laboratory, UIR • Mr. Abdellah Guenbour, Director, LMNE Laboratory, UM5 • Mr. Zouheir Sekkat, Professor and Scientific Coordinator, LIA, UM5 • Mr. Mohammed Halim, LMNE Laboratory, UM5 • Mr. Mohsine Bouya, Director, Valuation, UIR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jean Yves Marzin, Director, INSIS – CNRS • Mr. Abdallah Ougazzaden, Director, Georgia Tech-Lorraine, UMI2958 • Mr. Paul Voss, Scientific Coordinator, LIA, Georgia Tech-Lorraine • Mme Chamira Lessigny, Europe & International Relations Director, CNRS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvain Allano, Flying Whales