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# CONVERGENCE(S)

30th March – 5th April, 2026

AGENDA

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<b>Monday, March 30 Scientific Convergences</b>	
<b>8:30 _ 8:50 a.m</b>	<b>Reception &amp; Registration</b>
<b>9:00 _ 10:30 a.m</b>	<b>Opening (Streaming from Benguerir)</b>
<b>10:30 _ 11:15 a.m</b>	<p><b>Keynote speech :</b></p> <p>Keynote Speakers:</p> <p><b>Science, Innovation and Territories for Sustainable Agriculture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mohamed El Amrani</b></li> </ul> <p><b>From DNA to GDP: How Genomics Can Accelerate Africa's Structural Transformation.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Bouabid Badaoui</b></li> </ul>
<b>11:15 _ 12:15 p.m</b>	<p><b>Panel discussion 1 : Water-Energy-Food Nexus - Translating Scientific Results into Practical Solutions for Farmers and Rural Communities</b></p> <p><b>Moderator : Mohamed EL AMRANI</b></p> <p><i>Keynote speech :</i></p> <p>Agricultural challenges and strategic priorities in arid regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Abderrahmane EL AMIRI</b></li> </ul> <p>Conservation agriculture: a promise for soil health and food sovereignty, or an illusion?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Abad CHABBI</b></li> </ul> <p>Discussion: <b>Mohamed OUIKHALFAN, Otman ABIDA, Irfan AFZAL, Mohamed AYYACH</b></p>
<b>12:15 _ 1:15 p.m</b>	<p><b>Panel discussion 2: From Lab to Land- Research and Breeders Dialogue</b></p> <p><b>Moderator : Abdelmohssin EL MOKADDEM</b></p> <p><i>Keynote speech :</i></p> <p><b>Abdelmohssin EL MOKADDEM:</b> Professor at IAV Hassan II : Livestock systems and agricultural economics: bridging research, policy and field realities</p> <p>Discussion: <b>Latifa SALLAH, Mohamed Taher SRAIRI, Abdelmalek SGHIRI, Bouabid BADAOU, Boucha EL AMIRI, Sidi Moulay SOUBAI</b></p>
<b>1:15 _ 2:30 p.m</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>

2:30 _ 5:00 p.m	<p><b>Postdoctoral and PhDs Presentations &amp; Discussion : Energy -Water - Food Nexus</b></p> <p><b>Moderator : Asma Abou Ali</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Zouhair CHARQUI</b> - Sustainable Energy Solutions for Arid and Semi-Arid Regions</li> <li>- <b>Oumayma BOUKRIA</b> - Animal Value Chains, Food Quality and Processing</li> <li>- <b>Asmae EL KAOURAT</b> - Bioenergy, Biomass and Circular Resource Use</li> <li>- <b>Chaimae RADAA</b> - Water Management and Alternative Water Resources</li> <li>- <b>Abdel Aziz Hassane SIDIKOU</b> - Sustainable Agriculture and Field Innovation</li> </ul>
2:30 _ 5:00 p.m	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 31</b>	
9:00 _ 9:30 a.m	<b>Reception &amp; Registration</b>
9:30 _ 9:45 a.m	<b>Opening : Abdelaziz NILAHYANE &amp; Abdelghani YATRIBI</b>
10:00 _ 11:30 a.m	<p><b>Panel discussion 3 : Precision Agriculture, Technological &amp; Innovation Convergences</b></p> <p><b>Moderator : Fatimzahra BRIACHE</b></p> <p><i>Keynote speech :</i> <b>Ataa ABOU ATALLAH</b></p> <p>Discussion: <b>Ataa ABOU ATALLAH, Abdellah ZIANI, Manal EL AKROUCHI, Ali EL BATTAY, Rim SALHI</b></p>
11:30 _ 1:00 p.m	<p><b>Demonstration of the Technology Hub + Lab &amp; Greenhouse visit</b></p> <p>Experts: <b>Ali EL BATTAY, Rim SALHI, Asma ABOU ALI, Chaimae RAMI</b></p>
1:00 _ 2:30 p.m	<b>Lunch break</b>
2:30 _ 5:00 p.m	<p><b>Field Demonstration: Drone Piloting</b></p> <p>Expert: <b>Ali EL BATTAY, Abdelaziz NILAHYANE &amp; Dennis ASHILENJE</b></p> <p>Presentation: use of drones and UAVs for smart agriculture</p> <p><b>Concluding Remarks</b></p>
5:00 _ 5:30 p.m	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 1</b>	
10:00 _ 12:00 p.m	<p><b>Panel discussion 4 : Integrated livestock systems in drylands: nutrition, health, and sustainable resource use</b></p> <p><b>Moderator : Bouabid BADAoui</b></p> <p>Discussion: <b>Poliana MENDES DE SOUZA, Soumaya BOUKROUH, Fadoua KAROUACH, Ihsane MNAOUER</b></p>

10:00 _ 12:00 p.m	Coffee Break
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In parallel, our partner, the Phosboucraa Foundation, is leading a set of parallel activities, further enriching the overall program.

Tuesday, March 31	
9:00 _ 5:00 p.m Tarfaya	Science outreach caravan for the benefit of students from Ibn Toumart Middle School in
10:00 _ 12:00 p.m Dakhla	Scientific outreach workshop for students of Imam Malik Middle and High School
10:00 _ 11:30 a.m Laâyoune Learning Center	<b>Roundtable:</b> <b>Co-constructing the knowledge of tomorrow: what bridges between research, the field, and society?</b> - Hanane AFARIAD
05:00_07:00 p.m Dakhla Learning Center	<b>Seminar: Artificial Intelligence and Future Skills</b> - Soukaina JAWAD, PhD Candidate at ENCG
Wednesday, April 1	
10:00_12:30 p.m Laâyoune Learning Center	<b>Science outreach caravan for students of Al Amine School</b> - Introduction to science through the presentation of scientific models
02:30_04:30 p.m Laâyoune Learning Center	<b>Science outreach caravan for students of Aliyine School</b> - Introduction to science through the presentation of scientific models
03:00_05:00 p.m Dakhla Learning Center	<b>Seminar related to convergence in education</b> - Learning territory: what convergence for a sustainable cultural and educational impact?
05:00_07:00 p.m Laâyoune Learning Center	<b>Conference</b> - "Convergence: the new intelligence in a world that is no longer simple" by <b>Abdelghani YATRIBI</b>
Thursday, April 2	
10:00_12:30 p.m Laâyoune Learning Center	<b>Science outreach caravan for students of La Résidence - OCP School</b> Introduction to science
02:30_04:30 p.m Laâyoune Learning Center	<b>Science outreach caravan for students of Oum Saad School</b> Introduction to science

<b>03:00_05:00 p.m</b> Dakhla Learning Center	<b>Exchange session</b> - Sharing experiences in the field of robotics
<b>04:00_06:00 p.m</b> Laâyoune Learning Center	<b>Seminar related to convergence in education</b> - Learning territory: what convergence for a sustainable cultural and educational impact? <b>Hicham BENABDELOUHAB</b>
<b>04:00_06:00 p.m</b> Dakhla Learning Center	<b>Film screening and discussion</b> <b>Mohamed CHEGGAF (Actor) / Said ABELLAGH (Theatre &amp; cultural clubs)</b>
<b>04:00_06:00 p.m</b> Dakhla Learning Center	<b>Kick-off of the “AI Business Challenge” competition</b> - A two-week competition including practical workshops, seminars, and a final competition to create an AI agent  <b>Mohamed EL HARRAR (OFPPT Professor), Samir OUJID (Lecturer at EST), President of the Enactus Dakhla Club</b>
<b>Friday, April 3</b>	
<b>10:00_12:30 p.m</b> Laâyoune Learning Center	<b>Science outreach caravan for students of Lydex</b> Introduction to science
<b>04:00_06:00 p.m</b> Laâyoune Learning Center	<b>Film screening and discussion</b> General public
<b>04:30_06:30 p.m</b> Dakhla Learning Center	<b>Roundtable : AI tools serving businesses</b> - ANAPEC - Delegation of the Ministry of Industry and Trade - CRI
<b>04:00_06:00 p.m</b> Dakhla Learning Center	<b>Scientific workshop:</b> - Generating AI prompts more effectively <b>Mohamed EL HARRAR (OFPPT Professor), Samir OUJID (Lecturer at EST)</b>
<b>Saturday, April 4</b>	
<b>02:30_07:00 p.m</b> Laâyoune Learning Center	<b>Medical workshop</b> - Emergency management of burn patients ISSBP – UM6P
<b>03:30_05:30 p.m</b> Dakhla Learning Center	<b>Workshop</b> - AI tools and academic research <b>Ayoub OULAMINE (Software development and AI tools)</b>