



## **Report of the First Round Table**

Date	March 12th 2021
Time	10:00 to 12:00
Topic	And if elsewhere were here Internationalisation at Home Moulay
	Ismail University
Venue	Google Meet
Number of registered	141
Culture	Morocco
Positions	60% students / 20% teachers / 20% administrative staff
Number of participants	46 On Google Meet,64 on Facebook Live

### 1- Event's Agenda





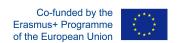
Table ronde : Et si l'ailleurs était ici Concept de l'Internationalisation at Home à l'Université Moulay Ismail

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#### **Event Minutes**

	Modération : Aziza MENOUNI, Programme Manager à l'UMI
10h-10H30	Allocution du Prof. Samir EL JAAFARI, Vice-Président à la Coopération et aux Relations Internationales à l'UMI. L'internationalisation à domicile à l'Université Moulay Ismail
	Allocution de Madame Latifa DAADAOUI (NEO-Morocco)
	Initiatives du NEO pour la promotion de l'Internationalisation at home au sein des Universités marocaines
10h30-10h45	Intervention de Madame Nissma BOUZOUBAA (UMI-SRI) Projet MED2IaH: Pensez autrement l'Internationalisation
10h45-11h00	Intervention du Prof. Omar OUSSOUADDI, Vice-Président aux Affaires Académiques à l'UMI. Le numérique au service de l'internationalisation à l'UMI
11h00-11h15	Intervention du Prof. Najim ITTOBANE L'Internationalisation à travers la co-diplômation : cas des Bachelors UMI – Aacheen University
11h15-11h30	Témoignage de monsieur Ismail OUBAD Etudiant (Master MIME- Sociologie) L'internationalisation comme vecteur de promotion de l'interculturel et de la diversité sur le Campus.
11h30-12h00	Débats Synthèses et recommandations
12h00	Clôture de la table ronde

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#### 2- Speakers at the Round Table:

- ✓ Moderator: Ms. Aziza MENOUNI, Program Manager at UMI
- ✓ Mrs. Latifa DAADAOUI, Coordinator of the NEO Erasmus+ Morocco
- ✓ Pr. Samir EL JAAFARI, Vice-President in charge of Cooperation and International Relations at UMI.
- ✓ Prof. Omar OUSSOUADDI, Vice President of Academic Affairs and University Life at UMI.
- ✓ Prof. Najim ITTOBANE, Coordinator of the joint Bachelor with Aachen University Germany
- ✓ Mr. Ismail OUBAD, Student at the Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences Meknes
- ✓ Mrs. Nissma BOUZOUBAA, Head of the International Relations office at UMI

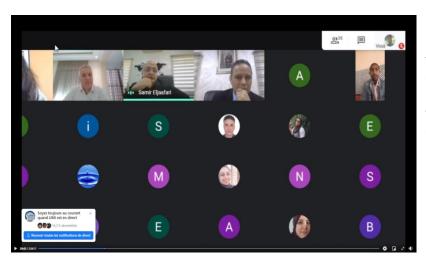
The round table organized on Friday, March 12, 2020, under the theme "And if elsewhere was here: Concept of Internationalization at home at Moulay Ismail University", is part of the implementation of the WP2 related to the MED2IaH project "Mediterranean Countries Towards Internationalization at Home", in which Moulay Ismail University is a partner.

The objectives of this roundtable are as follows:

- 1. To define the concept of Internationalization at home
- 2. To present the commitment of Moulay Ismail University to integrate the concept of Internationalization at Home in its educational mission as well as in its mode of governance
- 3. To raise the challenges that universities must face to succeed in Internationalization in general and the concept of Internationalization at Home in particular.

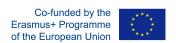
The summary of the interventions is as follows:

Opening remarks by Prof. Samir EL JAAFARI, Vice President in charge of Cooperation and International Relations at UMI regarding Internationalization at home at the University



In his speech Prof. EL JAAFARI recalled the motivations behind the development of the IaH concept which has become a pressing priority especially with the impact caused by the crisis of covid 19.

- The multicultural character of the two campuses of UMI in two different regions (DraaTafilalet region and Fez-Meknes region)
- The forms of involvement of the university in the internationalization movement such as: the active participation in the European mobility programs Erasmus+ and Intra-Africa MOUNAF which allow the hosting of students and staff and promoting intercultural exchanges in the university campuses; internationalization of training via the Joint Diplomas which offer







modules entirely in English or German; the integration of Softskills in curriculum which reinforces the internationalization approach; the organization of international scientific events which are a place for intercultural exchange and best practices; institutional leadership by positioning UMI in regional and national networks (In this regard, UMI became the focal point of the Association of African Universities in Morocco); deployment of communication and marketing efforts to develop partnerships in Africa and Europe; support to foreign students being trained at UMI whose scholarships were blocked because of the health crisis; development of digital platform; development of a model of IaH which will be tested at the level of UMI and disseminated and shared with Moroccan public universities as a good practice.

Presentation entitled: "NEO Initiatives for the Promotion of Internationalization at Home in Moroccan Universities"

By Mrs. Latifa DAADAOUI from NEO Erasmus Morocco office



In her presentation, Mrs. LatifaDaadaoui emphasized the the interest οf internationalization dimension which includes several aspects such as the mobility of students and academic and scientific staff, scientific research, exchange of good practices, transfer of

knowledge, capacity building and relocation of institutions; its role in improving the quality of education in particular by preparing both professionals and global citizens with intercultural skills facilitating their integration into the international job market.

Regarding her focus on internationalization at home: She clarified the importance of defining the IaH concept which includes all forms of internationalization except physical mobility. Knowing well that it will fill the gap between the 10% of people who are really mobile and the remaining 90%.

She also recalled the contribution of Neo Erasmus + office to accompany the Moroccan institutions to establish this process of internationalization in general and that of the IAH in particular, emphasizing the internationalization of curricula, the role of ethics through the concept of virtual mobility, development of the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange platform, using communication technologies, since this aspect will be strengthened even more given its contribution during the crisis of covid-19 especially via interactive courses for students and also, to bridge this gap Mobilization of personnel via the development of infrastructures such as the TeaHouses.







# Presentation entitled MED2IaH Project: "Think differently about internationalization By Mrs. Nissma BOUZOUBAA, Head of the International Relations Office at the UMI



In this presentation, Mrs. BOUZOUBAA Nissma focused on the internationalization strategy of UMI. She also proceeded to a presentation of the project by defining its objectives, its WPs and its deliverables and their implementation by Moulay Ismail University.

# Presentation Entitled: "The digital at the service of internationalization at the UMI By Prof. Omar OUSSOUADDI Vice President of Academic Affairs and University Life.

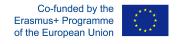


Pr. OUSSOUADDI stressed on the important role of digital technology as an essential lever allowing the University to meet the challenges of internationalization, namely:

- Internationalization of its initial and continuing education offer;
- Encouragement of mobility (incoming and outgoing) of students, staff and teachersfaculty and staff;
- Training in foreign languages for doctoral students, administrative staff and administrative staff and faculty members;
- Strengthening internal and international communication.

To accompany the commitment of UMI in the process of developing its digital infrastructure, Pr. OUSSOUADDI highlighted the digital architecture of the information system through the available platforms namely:

- Open Cast https://opencast.umi.ac.ma/ which allows the recording of video and streaming
- The Moodle distance learning platform https://fad.umi.ac.ma/
- The Open Edx platform initiated in the framework of the Erasmus+ CBHE project Marmooc https://marmooc.umi.ac.ma/ and which hosts 1 MOOC in law and 2 SPOOC in physics
- The MUN platform which hosts 2 MOOCs (Economics & Management and Engineering and SMA)
- The platform for practical work in physics designed in the framework of the Erasmus+ project CBHE Expereshttps://tpexperes.umi.ac.ma/





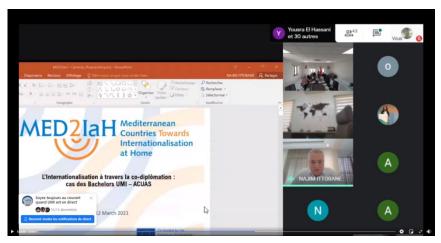


- The platform of the training offer hosted on the UMI website and which includes all the training offer accredited at the UMI
- The platform of the Scientific Production of the UMI which includes articles, publications, books, etc... related to the teachers-researchers of the UMI

He also emphasized the different complementary trainings organized by the UMI for the benefit of its academic and administrative staff to initiate them to the tools of internationalization notably through trainings in English, Project management, Elaboration and Evaluation of teachings, Scripting and creation of online courses, University pedagogy, Handling of the Moodle platform.

Knowing well that Moulay Ismail University and through cooperation projects with its foreign partners manages to offer about 170 mobility / year which benefits students, academic staff and administrative staff.

Presentation entitled: Internationalization through co-graduation: the case of UMI - Aacheen University Bachelors



presentation, In his Pr. ITTOBANE explained the implementation the concept of internationalization through the successful partnership between UMI and the University of Applied Sciences Aachen for 10 years. This program allows good students with academic results at the secondary school level who

wish to benefit from a double diploma training between UMI and the Aachen University in Germany, whose duration of training is 3 years, while acquiring the required skills in terms of mastery of the German language and culture to succeed in their university studies in a German university.

It covers 4 disciplines including applied chemistry, biomedical engineering, electrical engineering and computer engineering and currently has 700 students. The program also includes a scholarship to spend the month of August in cultural immersion in Germany.

In the same perspective and inspired by this very successful experience, UMI has also developed the same partnership with the University of Le Mans for a double degree in Physics.







Testimony of Mr. Ismail OUBAD Student (Master MIME-Sociology) on "Internationalization as a vector of promotion of interculturality and diversity on the Campus."



M. Ismail OUBAD, student at the Faculty of Letters and Humanities Meknes presented his experience, during his studies in Master MIME-sociology, on how the exchanges were done between Moroccan students and foreign students (mainly italians) within the campus which allowed him sharpen his intercultural competence and mastery of foreign

languages through linguistic exchange (by teaching the Moroccan dialect) and intercultural sharing; His intervention was also illustrated by examples with photos of activities that took place in this framework.

### 3-Outputs of the round table:

The involvement of Moulay Ismail University and its confirmed experience in internationalization make it capable of succeeding in its internationalization strategy at home based on its accumulated know-how in the field of:

- 1- Digital technology that will accompany the implementation of internationalization in general and internationalization at home in particular by adopting the following actions:
  - a. Use online activities (on the platform, course spaces...) that can develop students' global citizenship skills such as sustainability, human rights, culture, environment, etc.
  - b. Establish a platform for virtual exchange programs
  - c. Creation of a cultural campus and promotion of cultural diversity
  - d. Disseminate and communicate more on the activities organized by the university in this framework
- 2- From its capitalized experience in dual degrees by trying to find other partners to set up new joint projects.

For the development of internationalization at home, it is necessary to upgrade on several levels:

- a- A quality training curriculum, based on the recognition of modules (ECTS)
- b- An effort in languages (English, German, French, etc...)
- c- Establishment of a structure of reception and students' support
- d- Streamlining of financial management procedures so that they are in line with the international system.







### 4. Certificates of Attendance:

Certificates of attendance were issued to the various participants in the round table.



### 5. Link to the round table

https://www.facebook.com/umi.meknes/videos/436019147458058







### 6. Pictures & Screenshots

