



WIT kick-starts activities in Morocco

WIT Morocco was officially launched in Rabat on July 9, 2008. The event was marked by a launch ceremony organised in partnership with the Ministry of Social Development, Family and Solidarity, which was represented by the Minister, Ms. Nouzka Skalli, herself. Several members of the media and journalists as well as representatives of international organisations, Moroccan NGO's and associations attended the launch event.

WIT Morocco will be implemented in collaboration with five local partners in the North, Central and Southern regions of Morocco (Oujda, Azrou, Rabat and Marrakech). Partners were strategically chosen to reach both urban and rural populations of women in these areas. WIT Morocco will train more than 500 women by July 2009.

In her speech, Minister Nouzka Skalli spoke about the role of Information Technology in the social as well as the economic development of all countries. She stressed the fact that Women in Technology is a program that goes hand in hand with the Ministry's ambitions and goals since it focuses on the empowerment of Moroccan women and the improvement of their social, educational, and professional status.



Minister Nouzka Skalli speaks at the launch ceremony of WIT Morocco

Mr. Craig Karp, the Political Counsellor of the American Embassy in Rabat talked about the keen interest and determination of the United States of America in supporting Morocco in all its women's development programs. Ms. Siham Kharbouche from Microsoft elaborated on the role of Information Technology in today's world, focusing on the mission of Microsoft to increase accessibility of IT in Morocco. She also emphasized the importance of IT in developing the role of women within their societies. WIT's activities in Morocco would be led by Ms. Widad El Hanafi, the Program Manager for WIT Morocco.