The Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection
Cooperation with the United Nations’ system

The Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection and the United Nations have cooperated closely since 2005, particularly in the field of Education for Sustainable Development.

This common goal has brought the two community organizations to establish increasingly close cooperation every year. Today the Foundation is a recognized NGO that the United Nations and its agencies support to advance their programs, particularly ESD, by sharing its expertise and its counsel.

The main milestones of the United Nations/Foundation cooperation

UNEP/PAP/MAP:

2007: HRH Princess Lalla Hasnaa nominated “Ambassador for the Coast” by the Regional Activity Centre of the Mediterranean Action Plan under the United Nations Environment Programme

Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasnaa, Chairperson of the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection, was designated in October 2007 Ambassador for the Coast by the United Nations, as part of its Priority Actions Programme, a cause for which She has fought for from the beginning. This ambassador role consists of raising awareness and informing about the coastline’s importance and its fragility.
UNFCCC:

2009: The Foundation, UNFCCC Observer Member.

In 2009, the Foundation was granted Observer Status under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), within the framework that the COP (Conference of Parties). This observer status allows the Foundation to submit written and oral recommendations.

UNEP:

2013: Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with UNEP: HRH Princess Lalla Hasnaa, Guest of Honor to the UNEP board.

Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasnaa was guest of honor at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) board meeting in February 2013 in Nairobi, Kenya. She gave a speech outlining the Foundation’s strategy in raising awareness and education for sustainable development.

On this occasion, she signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UNEP. The agreement covers the development of joint projects in environmental education and sustainable development, raising public awareness on this subject, and the participation of Morocco's NGOs, youth, public and private sectors in environmental protection and sustainable development.

UNESCO

2014: HRH Princess Lalla Hasnaa, Guest of Honor at the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development at Nagoya, Japan.

Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasnaa was Guest of Honor at the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development, held from November 10 to 12, 2014 in Nagoya, Japan. She spoke at the opening session, where She demonstrated her belief and actions within the Foundation.

A framework agreement was consequently signed on April 5, 2016 in Paris. It allows the Foundation to benefit from UNESCO’s expertise and its documentary collection to build the capacity of educators for environmental protection and sustainable development.

ECOSOC:

2015: Foundation, Membership with Special Consultative Status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council

On May 27, 2015, the Foundation integrated the family of UN NGOs to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), with Special Consultative Status.

This membership gives the Foundation the opportunity to provide its expertise on issues that it practices in the field, help educate the public, and play a major role in achieving the UN's goals and objectives.
2016:

- **April**: Signing of the Convention with UNESCO.

- **October**: Signing of the Convention with the FAO: HRH Princess Lalla Hasnaa invited to the FAO Food World Day.

Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasnaa read a speech during the official ceremony of World Food Day, on Friday, October 14th at the FAO headquarters in Rome, where She was invited to the podium alongside other distinguished persons.

She also presided over the signing of a partnership agreement between the Foundation and the FAO for education, training and awareness, especially youth, on the concepts of sustainable development and exchanging expertise and sharing of skills.