Partnership between the Foundation for Environmental Education and the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection

Background:

In July 2002, nearly one year after its creation, the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection joined the Foundation for Environmental Education, FEE, based in Copenhagen, Denmark.

This membership, as wished by Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasnaa, illustrates the determination to make the protection of the environment everyone's business.

The Kingdom of Morocco was the first Arab-Muslim country and the second African country to join the International Organization of Environmental Education. Created in 1981 in the Netherlands by a group of environmental experts, it is based on the finding that the changing relationship between humans and their environment is one of the major problems of the 21st Century. The FEE today includes sixty countries and is represented in 58 countries in Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Oceania and Asia. The FEE works for sustainable development through Environmental Education.

Key dates:

June 2001: Creation of the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection by His Majesty the King who entrusted the presidency to HRH Princess Lalla Hasnaa.
July 2002: Foundation becomes associate member of the FEE.
June 2004: Organization of the 24th FEE General Assembly in Marrakech (for the first time outside Europe).
June 2005: The FM6E becomes a full FEE member.
February 2008: Organization of an FEE Executive Committee meeting in Rabat.

The FEE mission is relayed in each member country by one NGO, which is the exclusive operator responsible for setting up its various programs. In Morocco, the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection represents the FEE.

Objectives

FEE membership requires that associate members develop at least two programs. In this context, the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection has implemented the programs Blue Flag, Hands-On, Clean Beach and Young Reporters for the Environment in high schools. To become a full member of FEE, it must meet all of the obligations established by associate members. These rules concern implementation of the first phase, success of programs, and the commitment to develop at least two new projects. The Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection joined as a full member in June 2005, and chose to develop two additional projects: Green Key and
Eco Schools.
Through this partnership, the Foundation’s mission is to accelerate the awareness about the impact of human activities on the environment and thus enable everyone to acquire the attitudes and skills necessary for sustainable development.