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# Strategic Summit

*Exploring Opportunities for Collaboration*

July 11, 2024 | Benguerir, Morocco

# Agenda

## 9:00 - 10:00 AM | Welcome and Introductions

- Speakers**    **Bouchra Rahmouni**, Director of Social Innovation Lab, University Mohamed VI Polytechnic  
                  **Liz Fanning**, Founder and CEO, CorpsAfrica

CorpsAfrica and University Mohamed VI Polytechnic will present their models, introduce key staff and partners, and share brief presentations on impacts and challenges.

## 10:00 - 11:00 AM | *Start by Listening* and Use Human-Centered Design

- Storytellers**   **Mary Kizza Nalukwago**, Volunteer (Uganda - Group 1)  
                      **Sandrine Tuyisenge**, Alumnus (Rwanda - Group 3)  
                      **Yves Delphin Gasore**, Volunteer (Rwanda - Group 4 and Kenya - Group 2)

- Panelists**      **Adnane Soulimani**, Head of Innovation & Entrepreneurship Lab, University Mohamed VI Polytechnic  
                      **Bouchaib Boulanouar**, Senior Officer, Africa Initiative, University Mohamed VI Polytechnic

- Moderator**    **Moses Cofie**, Director, CorpsAfrica/Ghana

Learn about CorpsAfrica's distinctive approach to sustainable development through Human-Centered Design (HCD) and Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD). Volunteers will share stories about how listening to communities and collaborating with development partners fosters local ownership and drives sustainable change. The panel will discuss the effectiveness of these methodologies in community development.

## 11:00 - 11:20 AM | Coffee and Tea Break

## 11:20 - 12:20 PM | Climate Change in Rural Villages

- Storytellers**   **Bubacarr Jallow**, Volunteer (The Gambia - Group 1)  
                      **Malamine Badiane**, Alumnus (Senegal - Group 5 and Kenya - Group 1)

- Panelists**      **Fay Cowper**, Principal, Insaniya Global  
                      **Foday Bojang**, Director, CorpsAfrica/Gambia

- Moderator**    **Omar Laafoura**, President, CorpsAfrica/Maroc

This session explores how rural communities build resilience against climate change and features stories from a Gambian Volunteer and a Senegalese Volunteer who also served in Kenya, showcasing local understanding, adaptation strategies, and innovative solutions. Following these stories, a panel discussion will dive deeper into practical approaches and lessons learned to strengthen climate resilience in rural, underserved African communities.

## 12:30 - 2:00 PM | Lunch

## 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Responding to the Earthquake

**Storytellers** **Khadija Benayad**, Volunteer (Morocco - Group 8)  
**Soukaina Koumani**, Volunteer (Morocco - Group 8)

**Panelist** **Asmaa Maaroufi**, PhD Student and Collective Intelligence Field Researcher, ReBuild Initiative and School of Collective Intelligence, University Mohamed VI Polytechnic  
**Abderrahmane Boujenab**, Regional Training Manager, CorpsAfrica

**Moderator** **Omar Laafoura**, President, CorpsAfrica/Maroc

Volunteers will share their experiences living in villages devastated by the earthquake on September 8, 2023. They will highlight their training, resource mobilization, and the incredible power of communities supporting each other in times of crisis. A panel discussion will follow to provide deeper insights into effective disaster response strategies and how CorpsAfrica's community-focused response might be scaled and used continent-wide.

## 3:00 - 3:20 PM | Coffee and Tea Break

## 3:20 - 4:20 PM | Building a Pan-African Movement

**Storytellers** **Nganawe Chiwona**, Volunteer (Malawi - Group 6 and Senegal - Group 7)  
**Dawn Chemoiwa**, Alumnus (Kenya - Group 1)  
**Mostafa Essalai**, Alumnus (Malawi - Group 2 and Morocco - Group 4)

**Panelist** **Mareme Ndour**, Country Office Liaison, CorpsAfrica

**Moderator** **Moses Cofie**, Director, CorpsAfrica/Ghana

Discover how CorpsAfrica fosters Pan-Africanism by promoting cross-cultural understanding and solidarity among young Africans. Exchange Volunteers will share their experiences serving in different African countries, highlighting how this initiative promotes unity, empathy, and shared development goals. A panel discussion will follow to discuss the broader impact and future of this Pan-African movement.

## 4:20 - 4:50 PM | Laying the Foundation for Impactful Partnerships

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## 4:50 - 5:00 PM | Closing

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## 7:00 - 8:00 PM | Dinner



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