

# **Press release**

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# The Royal Moroccan Football Federation, OCP Group, and private partners join forces to create a National Training Fund

The Royal Moroccan Football Federation (FRMF), OCP Group, and private partners announce the signing of a strategic partnership agreement for the creation of a National Football Training Fund, dedicated to the professionalization of training centers and the promotion of young talent in the discipline. The signing ceremony took place today in Tetouan, in the presence of Mr. Fouzi Lekjaa (President of the FRMF) and Mr. Mostafa Terrab (Chairman and CEO of OCP Group).

In line with the Royal Directives regarding football, advocating for "efficient and transparent governance, and investment in both infrastructure and human capital", this partnership aims to jointly contribute to the national effort for football development and promote excellence in the field. It is based on pooling the skills and resources of the partners to strengthen and improve the capabilities of training centers across the Kingdom by equipping them with modern infrastructure, efficient facility management and advanced technical expertise.

#### A Joint Commitment to the Development of Football in Morocco

The National Training Fund is based on a business model focused on training high-level players and integrating them into professional clubs, ensuring the sustainability of the project and the achievement of the set objectives. Its management will be entrusted to a specialized entity under the technical supervision of the National Technical Directorate of the FRMF.

The Fund will will be used to finance the operational management of the training centers.

The project aims to create a new model of training and operational excellence in the development of the football sector, offering young players high-level integrated support, thus fostering their growth in a professional environment. The training centers will also contribute to strengthening social inclusion, cohesion, and the well-being of young people, while promoting the development and valorization of youth and sports in Morocco.

### **About the Royal Moroccan Football Federation**

The Royal Moroccan Football Federation (FRMF) is a non-profit sports association, recognized as a public utility entity, and dedicated to the development of football in Morocco. Founded in 1956, the FRMF is affiliated with FIFA, CAF, UNAF, and UAFA. Its

mission is to promote, regulate, and encourage access to football in all its forms across the Moroccan territory, with a particular focus on the development of young talent..

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## **About OCP Group**

OCP Group helps feed a growing global population by providing essential elements for soil fertility and plant growth. With over a century of expertise and a turnover of more than USD 9 billion in 2023, OCP is the world leader in plant nutrition solutions and phosphate-based fertilizers. Headquartered in Morocco and present on five continents, OCP has approximately 20,000 employees and works closely with over 350 customers around the world. The Group is firmly convinced that leadership and profitability are synonymous with social responsibility and sustainable development. Its strategic vision lies at the intersection of these two dimensions.

Moreover, in recent years, OCP Group has been a significant player in the development of sports in Morocco. Through its ecosystem, particularly the University Mohammed VI Polytechnic (UM6P) – a pioneering Moroccan university dedicated to developing innovative solutions addressing Africa's specific challenges and broader global issues, and committed to training a new generation of talents destined to shape the future of the African continent – OCP Group is contributing to the rise of Moroccan sports, particularly football, by notably helping to establish a hub of expertise and innovation, as well as high-level training programs.

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