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**Deadline for Abstract  
Submission**

July 15, 2026

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**Notification of Scientific  
Committee Decisions**

July 31, 2026

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**Date & Venue**

October 29-31, 2026  
Essaouira, Morocco

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# International Climate Change Conference CI2C-2026

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## Context

The 6th last edition of the International Climate Change Conference (CI2C-2025), held under the High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may God assist him, established itself as a major international scientific reference in the field of climate action. Focused on climate solutions for a sustainable future, it brought together more than 400 researchers, experts, and decision-makers from 15 countries, covering a broad disciplinary spectrum ranging from climate sciences to social sciences, and from engineering to public policy. This exceptional mobilisation confirmed the scientific maturity of the CI2C, its growing international influence, and its structuring role as a platform for dialogue, co-construction, and the operationalisation of climate solutions.

The 5th edition of CI2C, also organized under the High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may God assist him, represented a decisive turning point by placing decarbonisation at the heart of scientific and strategic discussions. It brought together high-level experts, institutional stakeholders and policy makers around concrete solutions for achieving carbon neutrality. This edition led to significant commitments supporting the energy transition, the establishment of strategic partnerships for the Essaouira region, and the publication of a scientific book by Springer Nature.

In this evolving trajectory, the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Conference broadened the analytical scope by systematically integrating the five fundamental pillars of climate action: (1) mitigation, (2) adaptation, (3) loss and damage, (4) resilience, and (5) finance. This marked a major conceptual transition towards an integrated and territorially grounded vision of climate change, aligned with international scientific and political priorities.

Promoting the emergence of operational solution requires the Congress to offer several thematic sessions structured around key priority areas including: climate science and knowledge of the Earth system; ecosystems and natural resources (water, biodiversity, oceans, forests, agriculture); climate-society interactions, including health, food security, migration and tourism; energy transitions and climate policies; as well as the economic and technological drivers of the transition, notably artificial intelligence and entrepreneurship.

These guidelines are fully supported by the findings of the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which indicate that global warming has already reached approximately 1.1 to 1.3°C above pre-industrial levels. The report unequivocally

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reaffirms the dominant responsibility of human activities and highlights the alarming acceleration of climate impacts. Scientific projections show that if greenhouse gas emissions continue at their current pace, the global average temperature could increase by 2°C to 4°C by the end of the century, with major consequences for natural resources, the global economy, public health, food security, and the social stability of billions of people.

In this global context, Africa and developing countries occupy a central role in the response to climate change. Although historically responsible for a marginal share of global greenhouse gas emissions, these regions are among the most exposed to climate impacts, including water stress, food insecurity, coastal erosion, biodiversity loss, and increased health and social vulnerabilities. At the same time, they represent strategic spaces for innovation, experimentation, and implementation of context-specific solutions, grounded in territorial realities, local knowledge and inclusive development dynamics. In this perspective, capacity building, access to climate finance, the transfer of appropriate technologies, and the promotion of nature-based solutions appear as essential levers for achieving a just, resilient and sustainable global transition.

Beyond its environmental impacts, climate change is now emerging as a structuring factor in geopolitical, economic, and social dynamics, particularly in the most vulnerable regions. The intensification of climate pressures contributes to widening development inequalities, weakening social cohesion, and increasing migration dynamics, especially in contexts characterised by energy poverty, competition over resource use, and limited access to essential services. In this context, access to sustainable, reliable, and affordable energy appears as a central lever for resilience, territorial stabilisation and inclusive development, at the intersection of climate, humanitarian, and human security challenges.

In this context of urgency, recent Conferences of the Parties have marked a strategic turning point. COP29 (Baku, 2024) highlighted the need to triple climate finance for developing countries by 2035 to strengthen their capacities for adaptation, mitigation, and resilience. It also emphasised the importance of translating political commitments into concrete, measurable, and financeable actions. This momentum continued at COP30 (Belém, 2025), which placed at the centre of discussions the implementation of climate solutions, the protection of critical ecosystems, nature-based solutions, climate justice, as well as the role of Global South territories in stabilising the global climate.

These issues are also expected to be at the heart of discussions at COP31, to be held in Turkey in 2026, confirming the urgency of accelerating the implementation of concrete and operational climate solutions.

Thus, the conference focuses on four scientific priorities: Catalysing Europe–Africa cooperation to develop roadmaps and public–private partnerships for decarbonisation and adaptation; operationalising the Water-Energy-Food-Health-Urban nexus to generate integrated recommendations and strengthen territorial resilience; accelerating scientific, artificial intelligence, and entrepreneurial innovation through collaborative projects, knowledge sharing, and the dissemination of clean technologies; and strengthening the role of the private sector while mobilising financing mechanisms, youth, and communities to address climate change challenges.

It is in this demanding international context, and in full alignment with the enlightened vision of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, that the International Center for Research and Capacity Building (CI2RC), the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FFN, Germany), ENERGIES 2050, and the Essaouira School of Technology - Cadi Ayyad University (ESTE-UCA) are launching the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Conference on Climate Change under the theme:

**"Finance, Research and Nature for Just and Sustainable Climate Solutions"**

From 29 to 31 October 2026 with the objective of discussing solutions to address the current climate crisis and accelerate the transition towards a sustainable, resilient and equitable future.

Interdisciplinary contributions and applied case studies are particularly encouraged.

### 1. Climate Science, Big Data, and Artificial Intelligence

- Advanced climate data, modelling, and forward-looking scenarios
- Remote sensing, Big Data, Artificial Intelligence
- Climate risks and early warning systems
- Multi-hazard vulnerabilities and mapping of climate impacts
- Territorialized climate indicators and decision-support systems
- Climate data governance and green finance

### 2. Forests, Biodiversity, Coastal and Marine Areas

- Forests, terrestrial biodiversity, and ecosystem services
- Oceans and aquatic biodiversity
- The role of natural ecosystems in mitigation and adaptation
- Coastal and marine areas:
  - Coastal erosion and sea level rise
  - Marine and coastal ecosystems
  - Sustainable blue economy
- Marine protected areas, environmental governance, and local communities
- Nature-based solutions for coastal territories

### 3. Agriculture, Food Security and Climate

- Climate-resilient and climate-smart agriculture
- Food and nutrition security
- Sustainable soil and water management
- Agroecology, agricultural innovations and local knowledge
- Sustainable and low-carbon agricultural value chains

### 4. Health, Education, and Human Dimensions of Climate Change

- Impacts of climate change on public health
- Climate-related diseases, heat stress and air quality
- Resilience of health systems and health adaptation strategies
- One Health and Planetary Health approaches
- Climate migration
- Education, capacity building and training of territorial stakeholders
- Role of universities, research, and youth
- Educational innovation and citizen science

### 5. Loss, Damages, and Climate Justice

- Emerging typologies of economic and non-economic losses
- Innovative methods for assessment, quantification and monitoring
- Loss and Damage Fund: governance, access, effectiveness and accountability
- Climate justice, territorial equity, and North-South/interregional solidarity
- Social, cultural and heritage impacts of climate change

### 6. Adaptation, Mitigation policies and Sustainable Development

- Public policies for adaptation and integrated territorial planning
- Transformational adaptation in response to the limits of conventional adaptation
- Integrated approaches addressing gender, youth and vulnerable groups
- Circular economy, nature-based solutions and climate co-benefits
- Adaptation finance and public-private/community partnerships, including in fragile contexts and territories affected by population displacement
- Regulatory frameworks, multi-level governance and international cooperation

### 7. Mitigation and Decarbonization of Industrial and Socio-Economic Systems

- Sectoral decarbonization
- Energy and energy transition
- Transport, sustainable mobility, decarbonized transportation, and green logistics
- Low-carbon buildings, energy efficiency and smart cities
- Waste management, resource economy and carbon neutrality
- GreenTech, artificial intelligence and industrial innovation
- Renewable energies, green hydrogen, carbon capture and storage
- Energy efficiency and behavioural change

### 8. Spatial planning, Housing, and Urbanization in the Face of Climate Change

- Spatial planning and integrated climate planning
- Sustainable housing, resilient buildings and climate-adapted infrastructure
- Urbanization, urban heat islands and urban climate solutions
- Resilient cities and green and blue infrastructure
- Urban forests and nature-based solutions
- Urban governance, land use and spatial equity
- Smart cities, digital technology and climate resilience

### 9. Territorial Resilience and Integrated Solutions

- Resilient infrastructure and sustainable spatial development, including decentralized energy infrastructures
- Ecosystem-based adaptation and hybrid solutions
- Climate migration, forced displacement and socio-territorial dynamics
- Innovation, traditional knowledge and territorial creativity
- Case studies, pilot projects, and community initiatives
- Participatory governance, collective intelligence and co-construction

### 10. Management, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Finance

- Corporate social responsibility and corporate climate strategies
- Green finance, sustainable investments and innovative financial mechanisms
- Resource management, laws, and regulations
- New economic models and impact economy
- Social and solidarity economy
- Entrepreneurial innovation, climate start-ups and carbon neutrality
- Impacts of climate regulations on the private sector
- Role of SMEs, territories and innovation ecosystems

### 11. Sustainable Tourism and Low-Carbon Transition in the Tourism Sector

- Impacts of climate change on tourist destinations
- Resilience of tourism territories to climate risks
- Coastal tourism and vulnerability of coastal areas
- Ecotourism, responsible tourism and nature-based solutions
- Cultural heritage, landscapes and sustainable tourism attractiveness
- Innovation, digitalization and territorial intelligence in tourism
- Engagement of local communities and governance of sustainable tourism

### 12. Law, Climate Justice and Environmental Diplomacy

- Governance and national and international legal frameworks for climate action
- Climate justice, equity and intergenerational justice
- Environmental diplomacy: international negotiations and regional cooperation (North–South / South–South)
- Climate litigation and accountability of public and private actors
- Public policies and regulation for a just climate transition

## Submission procedure

Interested participants are invited to submit an abstract of their proposed paper (maximum 1,000 words) by 15 July 2026. Submissions must include the following elements:

- On the first page: the names and affiliations of the author(s), the email address of the corresponding author, the title of the paper, and 4 to 5 keywords.
- The selected thematic area from the proposed categories, the research problem, the theoretical framework, the methodology, the main results, and key elements for discussion.

Proposals must be submitted via the following link:

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### Type of participation

- Plenary lectures and round tables
- Oral presentations
- Online sessions
- Posters presentations

**Submissions must be sent via link below**

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## Registration & Fees

- The registration fee includes access to all conference materials, the social program, daily coffee breaks, and lunches.

	Registration category	Fees	Registration fees covers	Gala dinner
National participants	Students	1200 dh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission to all main sessions</li> <li>• Welcome kit</li> <li>• Coffee/tea breaks, and lunches</li> <li>• Access to the exhibition area</li> <li>• Closing reception and Social Program</li> <li>• Certificate of participation</li> <li>• Publication of accepted contributions</li> </ul>	500 dh
	Academic Researcher	1800 dh		
	Accompanying persons	1200 dh		
Intrenational participants	Students	350 euros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission to all main sessions</li> <li>• Welcome kit</li> <li>• Coffee/tea breaks, and lunches</li> <li>• Access to the exhibition area</li> <li>• Closing reception and Social Program</li> <li>• Round-trip transportation between Marrakech Airport and Essaouira</li> <li>• Certificate of participation</li> <li>• Publication of accepted contributions</li> </ul>	included in Registration fees
	Academic Researchers	450 euros		
	Accompanying persons	350 euros		
Online presentation		100 euros	Certificate of participation	

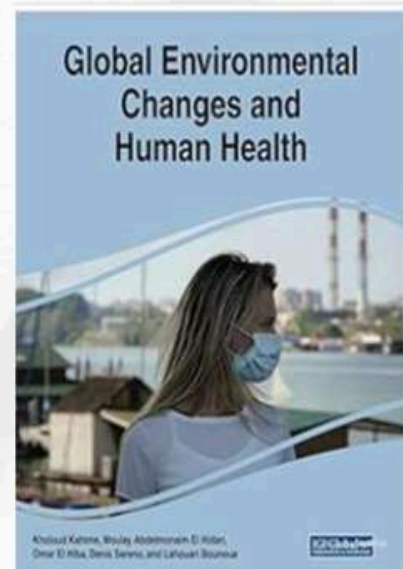
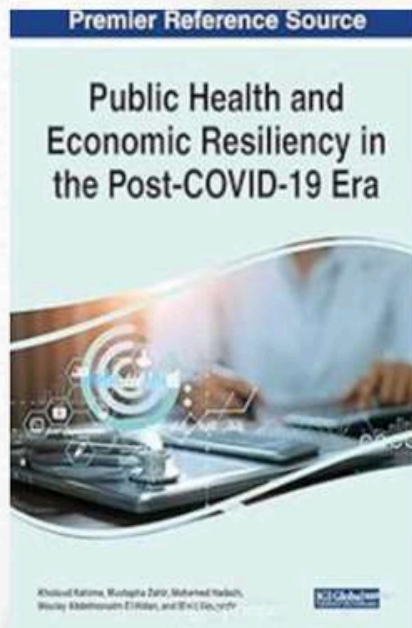
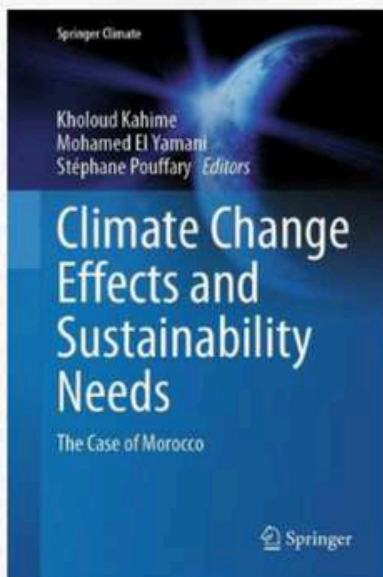
## Publication of papers

Articles selected after anonymous peer review will be published in a collective volume edited by Springer Nature Book Publisher.

Papers accepted for publication since the 3rd edition of the CI2C congress have been published in scientific books entitled:

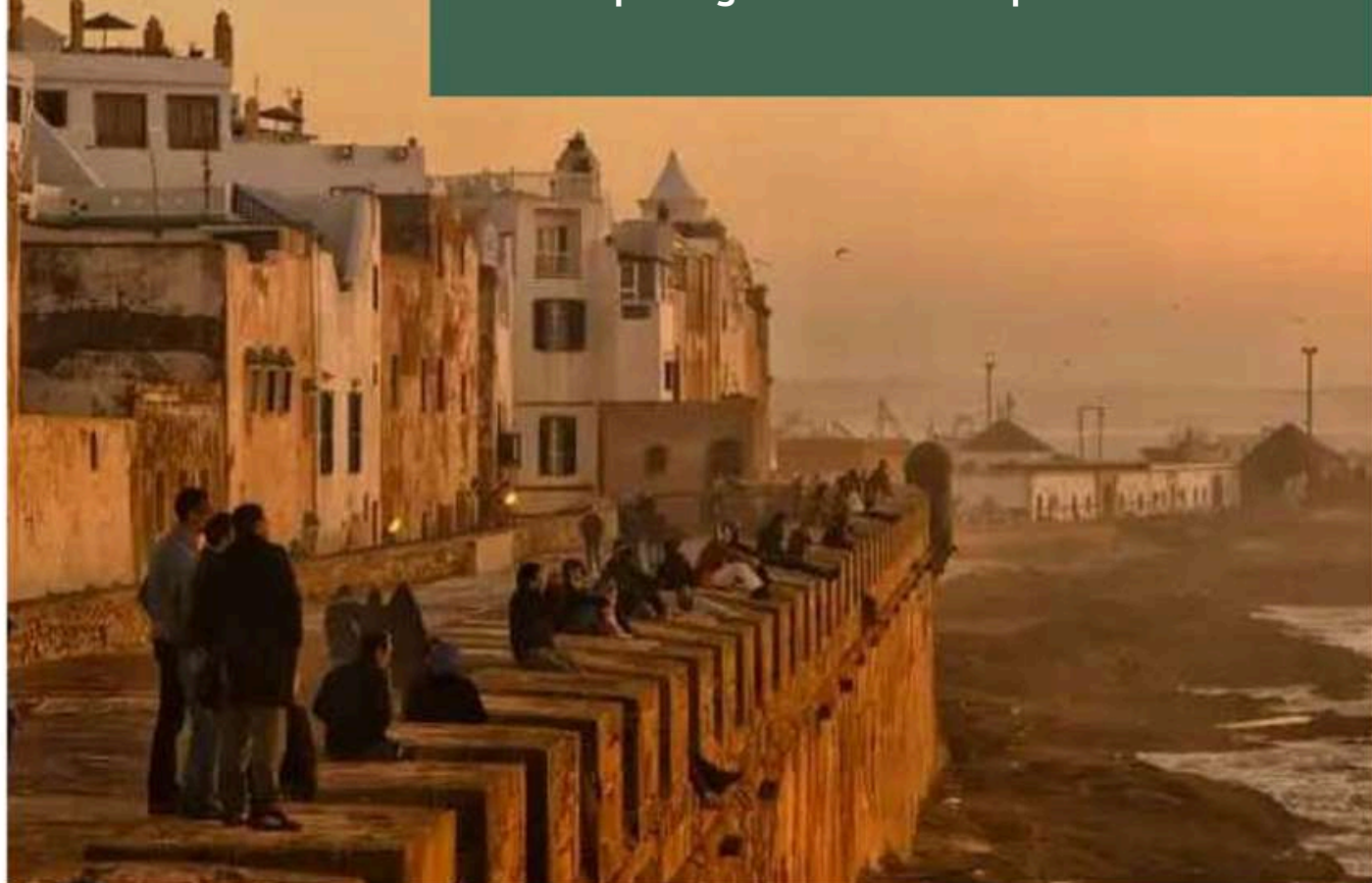
- “Climate Change Effects and Sustainability Needs - The Case of Morocco”, Springer Nature Book Publisher,
- “Navigating Climate Change in Morocco: An Interdisciplinary Assessment”, Springer Nature Book Publisher.

The publication process for selected papers from the 6th edition of the CI2C conference is currently underway.



# FIELD VISIT

Exploring Essaouira's unique climate



Scientific field trip to Cap Sim and birdwatching

Visit to a women-led eco-cooperative

Cultural Tour of Essaouira



An inspiring stroll through "Sustainable Essaouira"

Youth Climate Night – Where Energy Meets the Cause

Networking and collaboration spaces





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- Conference participants will be able to benefit from negotiated accommodation rates. A list of partner hotels will be provided at a later stage.
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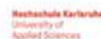
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