



**Federation Royale Marocaine Des Sports  
De Kick Boxing - Muay Thai - Savate & DA**  
Organizes



# AFRICAN KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

**Senior Divisions K1 Rules  
World Games 2017 - Qualification**

**From 21 to 25h December  
Rabat .MOROCCO.**



ROYAUME DU MAROC  
MINISTRE DE LA JEUNESSE  
ET DES SPORTS



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Dear WAKO members,

It is my pleasure and great honor to invite you and your team to take part in Senior African Kickboxing Championships 2016 in K1 Rules which will take place from 21 to 25 December 2016 in Rabat (Morocco), the leading Kickboxing country in North Africa.

Moreover, the result of the championships will be serve as qualification of African athletes for World Games 2017 which will be held in Poland Wroclaw.

Fédération Royale Marocaine des Sports de KickBoxing Muay Thai - Savate & Sports Assimilés has always been a part of World Kickboxing and El Hilali's brothers have promoted and contributed to Kickboxing for many years and I am sure with their experiences they will be make of this event a successful and memorial event.

African Kickboxing Confederation headed by its President Mr. Emmanuel Essissima has contributed a lot to development of Kickboxing in Africa. After organizing the last African Championships in April 2014 in Yaoundé in Cameroon granted the organization of the African Kickboxing Championships 2016 in K1 Rules to Morocco in North Africa sharing the pleasure of such championships with their members from North African.

Rabat is a beautiful city, has famous touristic places and it is a pleasure for African Kickboxing Confederation and its members to be present in this beautiful area of Morocco. I am sure you will love the beauty that you will find in the region of Rabat. .

I wish you enjoy the hospitality of the great Morocco people and let us show Morocco the best of of the African Kickboxers.

I look forward to see all of you in Rabat.

Sincerely,

**Prof. Borislav Pelevic, Ph.D.**

WAKO President



Dear African members,

It is with the greatest pleasure that, I welcome you to the 2016 Seniors African Kickboxing Championships in Rabat, Morocco from 21st to 25th December 2016. The event will serve as qualification for IWGA World Games 2017.

After long hesitation, we have adopted city of Rabat not only because of the great experience we had in the past but because the geographic situation and easy access for many countries in African which allow our members to reach the event easier with lowest travel cost.

Also there are other good reasons to go to Rabat. In fact, the African championships 2016 in Rabat will also serve as qualification for the African Athletes in specific weight categories participation in specific styles which are selected for next edition of IWGA World Games 2017 to be held under the patronage of International Olympic Committee. The participants and the winner of gold medalists of the selected weight classes are qualified for the IWGA World Games 2017 which will be held from 24-28 July 2017 in Poland.

We will have a great fighting areas in the sport hall, which are quite big.

Our best African referees and judges will run the tournaments and we are sure the competitions will be smooth and enjoyable.

For all African delegation presidents, officials, leaders, we will also provide, within the sport-hall, a VIP area where to relax during competitions and taste some snack and soft beverages.

I am sure that Rabat will stay in your mind for a long time. African Kickboxing Confederation and Fédération Royale Marocaine des Sports de KickBoxing Muay Thai – Savate & Sports Assimilés working hard to make your stay memorable.

Looking forward to see you soon in Rabat!

With the best regards,

**Emmnauel Essissima**

President of African Kickboxing Confederation

Member of the Board of WAKO (IF)

## WELCOME TO RABAT, Morocco

### AFRICAN KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016



It is my great pleasure to welcome all African family members to our wonderful homeland Morocco. I am much honored to be able to host African Kickboxing Championships K1 Rule 2016 for the first time in Senior Divisions but this time in K1 Rules style.

I am fully glad to send my best words of thanks to President Mr. Borislav Pelevic, and WAKO Board Members for their immense cooperation and efforts to the success of the upcoming international Sport Event as I am grateful to Mr. Emmanuel Essissima, President of African Kickboxing

Confederation and all friends, for granting to Fédération Royale Marocaine des Sports de KickBoxing Muay Thai – Savate & Sports Assimilés and our country the honor of hosting this mega event. Our Federation is working hard to put together a successful championships for each of you.

The African Kickboxing Championships K1 Rules 2016 will also serve as the Qualification for next editions of IWGA World Games, which would be held under the patronage of International Olympic Committee from 20-28 in Wroclaw (Poland).

I hope you will have time to take in some of the many sights and historical places in our country while you are here. Morocco offers a different aspect of her personality, extravagant, elegant and eclectic - to each traveler to the country.

We hope that this Championships will be a place that continues to unite us all in this great sport of kickboxing! May you experience the truest aspects of Morocco hospitality as you stay here for these Championships!

I wish you all the very best and the most success!

#### **Abdelkrim El Hilali**

President

Fédération Royale Marocaine des Sports  
de KickBoxing Muay Thai - Savate & Sports Assimilés

### ORGANIZER'S INFORMATION

Organizer's	<p><b>Fédération Royale Marocaine des ports de KickBoxing Muay Thai –Savate&amp; Sports Assimilés</b> with collaboration of African Kickboxing confederation</p> <p><b><i>Persons in Charge:</i></b></p> <p>Organizing Committee : Mr. Emmanuel Essissima, President African Kickboxing Confederation: <a href="mailto:cakbwako@yahoo.fr">cakbwako@yahoo.fr</a>/<a href="mailto:fecakickboxing@yahoo.fr">fecakickboxing@yahoo.fr</a></p> <p>Mr. Abdelkrim El Hilali, President of <b>Fédération Royale Marocaine des ports de KickBoxing Muay Thai –Savate&amp; Sports Assimilés</b>: E-mail <a href="mailto:frmct@hotmail.com">frmct@hotmail.com</a> - <a href="mailto:mtu.president@gmail.com">mtu.president@gmail.com</a></p> <p>TEL : +212 5377 70978; Mobile : +212 6 61 44 99 30; FAX : +212 5376 73474</p>
Accommodation	<p>All participants will stay at The Royal Institute Moulay Rachid Salé City.</p> <p>Participants has the choice to spend their stay at Hotels in Rabat City at their own cost.</p>
Accreditations	<p>All delegations will check-in their Accreditations after arriving to the registration Center; payment for accommodation and travel expenses will be paid ONLY by CASH IN –(EURO) currencies to the organizers.</p>
Liability	<p>Neither the organizers of the event, African Kickboxing Confederation nor the <b>Fédération Royale Marocaine des ports de KickBoxing Muay Thai –Savate&amp; Sports Assimilés</b>(nor any of its officials or members) will be liable or responsible for any personal injury nor for any loss or damage to your property arising out of your participation and travelling in connection with these events.</p>
<b>Visa Guidelines</b>	<p><b>Fédération Royale Marocaine des ports de KickBoxing Muay Thai - Savate&amp; Sports Assimilés</b> will assist you for obtaining visas for your athletes and officials. For most of the African countries travelling to Morocco for sports purpose requires an official invitation for <b>Fédération Royale Marocaine des ports de KickBoxing Muay Thai –Savate&amp; Sports Assimilés</b>This takes approximately 7 days.</p> <p>So, to avoid any inconvenience you <b>MUST</b> send the enclosed Visa form with <b>copy of Good Quality of Passport Scanned</b> of all participants by email to <a href="mailto:frmct@hotmail.com">frmct@hotmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:mtu.president@gmail.com">mtu.president@gmail.com</a> before end of the day 13 December 2016. After receiving the enclosed visa form we would send you invitation letter which you can take it to Consulate General of Morocco in your country.</p> <p>Note: We cannot guaranty the visa to delegations, whose visa form request has not been received within above mentioned deadline.</p>
Entry Fee	<p>Entry registration fee for each competitor:</p> <p><b>Euro 25 per person, per weight category</b></p> <p>The total entry fee shall be paid on the spot by the chief of delegation to the African Kickboxing Confederation official authorized person in cash in Euro currency or equivalent in USD at the moment of the registration or in advance.</p>

### ENTRY FORM

African Kickboxing Championships 2016  
 Senior Division K1 Rules from 21st to 25th December 2016 World Games 2017 Qualification

**African National Federation and or Association:.....**

<b>Officials</b>	<b>Sure Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Passport N°</b>
Head of team				
Coach				
Coach				
Referee				
<b>Male Athlete K1</b>	<b>Sure Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Passport N°</b>
-63.5 Kg				
-67 Kg				
-71 Kg				
-75 Kg				
-81 Kg				
-86 Kg				
-91 Kg				
+91 Kg				
<b>Female Athlete K1</b>	<b>Sure Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Passport N°</b>
-52 Kg				
-56 Kg				
-60 Kg				
-65 Kg				

**Note:** If there are less than 2 fighters in a weight categories, then that category will be cancelled and the athletes have the opportunity to compete in next higher weight category.

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- December 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday: Arrival of Teams (The Royal Institute Moulay Rachid Salé City)  
Official Weigh in and Medical Control (10:00 - 19:00)  
At the Headquarters of competition organization
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday: Arrival of Teams, continued (The Royal Institute Moulay Rachid Salé City)  
Official Weigh in and Medical Control (10:00 - 16:00), continued at the Headquarters of competition organization.  
African Kickboxing Confederation Executive Board Member meeting followed with Dinner (17:00 - 19:00)
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday: Organizing committee of African Kickboxing Championships 2016 meeting (9:00)  
Official Referee Seminar (9:30 - 11:00)  
Official Drawing (11:00)  
Depart from (The Royal Institute Moulay Rachid Salé City to the stadium)  
Qualifications (15:00 - 18:00)  
OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY (18:30)  
Qualifications continued (19:30 - 21:00)
- December 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday: Weigh-in (07:00 - 08:00) from (**The Royal Institute Moulay Rachid Salé City**)  
Depart from Institute Moulay Rachid to Stadium (9:00)  
Semi final and Final continued (10:00 - 21:00)  
End of the competition, Return from Stadium to Institute Moulay Rachid (21:00)  
Dinner for all participants (21:30)
- December 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Departure of Delegations

**Note: The above provisional program is subject to change.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

We will offer transportation for all delegation the transport from - Airport to Institute Moulay Rachid s and back **free of charge:**

- 1) From Rabat Salé Airport and back: Distance 10 km each way (15 minutes – drive)
- 2) From Casablanca International Airport and back: Distance 100 km each way (1 hours 30 minutes - drive).

Minivans/Cars will be available to airport and will leave according to your time schedule. Please complete the following forms and send them in time by e-mail to: [frmfct@hotmail.com](mailto:frmfct@hotmail.com) / [mtu.president@gmail.com](mailto:mtu.president@gmail.com)

**Arrival and Departure Form**

African National Federation and or Association:.....

Representative Name (MNA) : .....

Tel : ..... E-Mail : .....

**ARRIVAL**

Airport	DATE	ARRIVAL TIME	FLIGHT NO. & AIRLINE COMP.	NUMBER OF PERSONS

**DEPARTURE**

Airport	DATE	DEPARTURE TIME	FLIGHT NO. & AIRLINE COMP.	NUMBER OF PERSONS

Please send this form latest **18 December 2016** to: Organizing committee by e-mail: [frmfct@hotmail.com](mailto:frmfct@hotmail.com) / [mtu.president@gmail.com](mailto:mtu.president@gmail.com)



## ACCOMMODATION

All Participants of the African Kickboxing Championships K1 Rules 2016 must stay at The Royal Institute Moulay Rachid in Salé City sanctioned by Organization Committee for total of 4 nights which will be at the charge of Organizer the **Fédération Royale Marocaine des Sports de KickBoxing Muay Thai - Savate & Sports Assimilés** in condition that we receive your **reservation and confirmation of your participation latest 18 December 2016 at 15:00 PM Rabat time.**

The organizer will provide for each delegation free of charge accommodation for President of Delegation, all athletes and (1 referee, 1 male coach and 1 female coach per delegation).

**Any extra night** from the 5<sup>th</sup> night will be at charge of your own delegation by payment in advance at arrival (50 Euros per night and per person including full board).

All reservations must be made directly through Organization Committee of African Kickboxing Championships K1 Rules 2016.

**Accommodation Reservation Form** must send the organizing committee to the following e-mails:

**frmfct@hotmail.com, mtu.president@gmail.com** latest 18 December 2016.

We must know in advance of your arrival - how many persons will be coming and what do you need for accommodation.

The Fédération Royale Marocaine des Sports de KickBoxing Muay Thai – Savate & Sports Assimilés, as host will offer full board accommodation to all participating teams at the Royal Institute Moulay Rachid.

All rooms accommodation include: Bed and full board, (breakfast, lunch and dinner), transportation from the Institute Moulay Rachid to the sports hall and back.

If you make reservation and confirmation of the participation of your delegation members after the deadline of 18 December 2016, you will be responsible for the cost of your accommodation in Institute Moulay Rachid and food (50 Euros per night and per person including full board).

Payment must be made upon arrival to the Organizing Committee in **EURO** currency and in **CASH ONLY**. This reservation is not confirmed until you are sent an official accommodation reservation confirmation.

**Reminder: According to WAKO (IF) and African Kickboxing Confederation Rules and Regulations the eligibility of participation in African Kickboxing Championships K1 Rules 2016 is reserved ONLY to African national Federation and or Associations members of African Kickboxing Confederation**

### **Sending Deadline: 18 December 2016**

**Note:** This Reservation Form must reach the organization committee **latest 18 December 2016**. We must know in advance of your arrival - how many persons will be coming.

**HEAD OF DELEGATION RESPONSIBILITY FORM**

The hosts of the African Kickboxing Championships K1 Rules 2016 greatly appreciate your interest, presence and co-operation in making this event a successful and meaningful experience for all participants involved. The average participant in this Event is well mannered, well disciplined and very co-operative. Our greatest concerns are for safety of the participants, and that at the completion of these Championships there will have been no incidents which would reflect poorly on any individuals, teams, or organizations. We ask for your co-operation and responsibility towards these aims.

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY**

I recognize my responsibility for the entire behavior of the athletes on my team throughout their participation in the African Kickboxing Championships K1 Rules 2016 Rabat (Morocco). These responsibilities begin at the time of their first arrival and conclude after their final departure from the Tournament, Tournament Site or other Site which might be related to their participation in this event. This includes complete supervision while athletes are in their respective competition for the purpose of these Championships. I also recognize that discipline problems arise in the late evening after the conclusion of the competition, in the form of not **obeying the quiet hours between 11 PM and 5:30 AM**, and especially on the last night of competition. I also recognize that the host committee, the Tournament Director, and the Staff at each competitive site will be available to help control discipline problems and make the Tournament enjoyable for all.

**PLEASE PRINT**

African National Federation and or Association:.....

PRESIDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### GENERAL CONTACT

All participants in the Championships, players, coaches, chaperon and relatives are expected to abide by the following code of conduct.

### USE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS BY COMPETITORS IS PROHIBITED

State laws prohibit the use of alcohol by minors (under 18 years of age) and the possession or use of drugs. These laws will be strictly enforced by, team chaperon, and tournament officials. Any athlete found in violation of these laws may be subject to prosecution by law enforcement officers and they and their team mates will be immediately expelled from the Championships. The Head of Delegation assume responsibility for monitoring player conduct to ensure that drinking and drug use laws are upheld.

### DAMAGE TO PLAYING SITES

Should damage occur at any site by a player, coach, chaperon, or even a competitor's parent, the team responsible will be charged for the damages and the participant from this team will not be admitted to any WAKO Championships. If the responsible individual/team cannot be determined then all teams participating at the site during the occurrence will be sanctioned from future WAKO Championships. We feel it is the responsibility of all teams, competitors, coaches, and families to ensure that the site is free of any problems and damages. In addition the area of the arena your team occupies is to be free of trash when you leave your site. It is also the requirement of all competition sites that ONLY WATER; IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS will be permitted inside the sport-hall. Violators will cause their team to be immediately disqualified and dismissed from the Championships.

### RABAT SPORTS ARENA CONDUCT

#### ATHLETES WILL ABIDE BY WAKO RULES REGARDING ARENA CONDUCT

At all times coaches, team, opponents, and officials will be treated with the utmost respect. Coaches must also assume full responsibility for enforcing arena conduct rules. Teams that fail to abide by these rules are subject to disciplinary action (e.g., DISMISSAL FROM THE EVENT).

### COACH and OFFICIALS ENDORSEMENT

I certify that I have read the Code of Conduct and have carefully reviewed it with my team members.

**Note:** It is the responsibility of every coach to review with their teams this Code of Conduct. Individual and team violators of any provisions of this Code may be excluded from future participation in African Kickboxing Confederation and WAKO events. The organizing committee will administer such disciplinary action.

## ABOUT RABAT

### Modern Capital and Historic City: a Shared Heritage

Located on the Atlantic coast in the north-west of Morocco, the site is the product of a fertile exchange between the Arabo-Muslim past and Western modernism. The inscribed city encompasses the new town conceived and built under the French Protectorate from 1912 to the 1930s, including royal and administrative areas, residential and commercial developments and the *Jardins d'Essais* botanical and pleasure gardens. It also encompasses older parts of the city dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The new town is one of the largest and most ambitious modern urban projects built in Africa in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and probably the most complete. The older parts include Hassan Mosque (begun in 1184) and the Almohad ramparts and gates, the only surviving parts of the project for a great capital city of the Almohad caliphate as well as remains from the Moorish, or Andalusian, principality of the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

### Outstanding Universal Value

#### Brief synthesis

Rabat bears witness to a capital city conceived at the time of the Protectorate, at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The project successfully adapts modernist town planning and architectural values within the context of the Maghreb, whilst incorporating them into the framework of the ancient city with its many historic and heritage components. The result embodies the emergence of a distinctive architectural and decorative style which is characteristic of contemporary Morocco.

The well-conserved modern city has been rationally designed, and contains quarters and buildings with clearly defined functions and significant visual and architectural qualities. The modern city is characterised by the coherence of its public spaces and by the putting into practice of public health ideas (services, role of vegetation, etc.). The habitat is illustrated by quarters with clearly asserted identities: the Medina and the Kasbah, the residential quarters and the middle-class housing of the modern city, and finally the neo-traditional quarter of Habous de DiourJamaâ. The city includes a full range of monumental, architectural and decorative elements from the various earlier dynasties. The modern city of Rabat tangibly expresses a pioneering approach to town-planning, which has been careful to preserve historic monuments and traditional housing. The reappropriation of the past and its influence on 20<sup>th</sup> century town planners and architects has resulted in a distinctive and refined urban, architectural and decorative synthesis. The property as a whole makes visible a heritage shared by several major cultures of human history: ancient, Islamic, Hispano-Maghrebian and European.

**Criterion (ii):** Through its urban ensemble, its monuments and its public spaces, the modern city of Rabat shows respect for, and draws inspiration from, the earlier Arabo-Muslim heritage. It bears outstanding testimony to the diffusion of European ideas in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, their adaptation to the Maghreb, and in return the influence of local, indigenous styles on architecture and decorative arts.

**Criterion (iv):** The city constitutes an outstanding and fully realized example of modern town planning, for a 20<sup>th</sup> century capital city, achieved by functional territorial organisation which incorporates the cultural values of the past in the modernist project. The synthesis of decorative, architectural and landscape elements, and the interplay between present and past, offer an outstanding and refined urban ensemble.

#### Integrity

The various dimensions of the integrity of the property are satisfactory: the balance between the urban plan of the modern city and the conservation of its many earlier urban strata, the integrity of the habitation in the various quarters, the integrity of the archaeological ensembles, the adequately conserved fortifications of the Almohad wall, etc. However, it is necessary to carefully monitor the impact of the major works being considered outside the property, particularly with regard to the view of the property and of the River BouRegreg from the Kasbah site which overlooks them.

#### Authenticity

Many individual elements are indicated in the inventory descriptions, and it is clear that the elements forming the property have a high level of authenticity, particularly as regards perceived urban authenticity. More generally, the conditions of authenticity in urban and monumental terms are satisfactory. However, quantified data concerning the individual authenticity of the residential buildings would be a useful addition to the inventory system already in place.

#### Protection and management requirements

The measures to protect the urban ensembles, the monuments and the archaeological sites are in place. Because of its introduction from an early date, the legislation which applies to the city of Rabat has made a fundamental contribution to the history of its conservation as an urban ensemble which is both ancient and modern. The new measures announced concerning more extensive urban protection and the protection of the urban landscape formed by the property are currently being promulgated.

The management structure is in place, and is coordinated by the new overarching authority of the Rabat Cultural Heritage Preservation Foundation. It relies, with regard to technical and scientific matters, on the National Heritage Directorate, and on various other bodies responsible for specific elements of the property, together with the services of the Municipality and Prefecture of Rabat. A large number of qualified staff are assigned to the conservation and management of the property. All the regulatory and organisational provisions, and the 5-Year Action Programme, are set out in the Management Plan.







**CLIMATIC CONDITION: RABAT (MOROCCO)**

Temperature - Precipitation - Sunshine							°C   °F
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	
<b>Average high in °C</b>	17	18	19	20	22	24	
<b>Average low in °C</b>	8	9	9	10	13	15	
<b>Av. precipitation – mm</b>	77	74	61	62	25	7	
<b>Days with precip.</b>	9	8	10	7	6	2	
<b>Hours of sunshine</b>	180	182	232	255	291	288	
	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
<b>Average high in °C</b>	27	27	26	24	21	18	
<b>Average low in °C</b>	18	18	17	14	11	9	
<b>Av. precipitation – mm</b>	1	1	6	44	97	101	
<b>Days with precip.</b>	0	0	2	6	9	10	
<b>Hours of sunshine</b>	315	307	261	235	191	181	

**TRANSPORTATION:**

The local organizing committee will offer in the invitation package the pick up and drop from and to airport and from official headquarters for all participants. However, the participants have the choice to use their own transport facility such as private bus and taxi at their own cost.

**1) International Airport Rabat Salé:**



**Salé Airport or Rabat–Salé Airport (IATA: RBA, ICAO: GMME) is an international airport located in the city of Salé, serving as well its sister town Rabat, the capital city of Morocco and of the Rabat-Salé-Kénitra region. It is a joint use public and military airport, also hosting the First Air Base of the Royal Moroccan Air Force. The airport is located about 8 kilometres (5 mi) east-northeast of Rabat and about 90 km (56 mi) northeast of Casablanca .**

**How to reach city center Rabat from Rabat International Airport:**

The organizing committee will pick up from Airport at the arrival day and drop to Airport at the day of departure the delegation free of charge. The delegation should send the information Form to Organizing committee at least 48 hours in advance.



## 2) Mohammed V International Airport Casablanca:



Mohammed V International Airport (French: Aéroport international Mohammed V, Arabic: مطار محمد الخامس الدولي, Matar Muhammad al-Khamis ad-Dowaly, IATA: CMN, ICAO: GMMN) is an international airport serving Casablanca, Morocco. Located in Nouaceur Province, it is operated by ONDA (National Airports Office). With just under 8 million passengers passing through the airport in 2014, it was the busiest airport in Morocco and the fourth busiest in Africa.

In August 2014, ONDA reported a year-on-year increase of 7.28% passenger traffic, to 918,238. The airport serves as hub for Morocco's flag carrier Royal Air Maroc, Jetairfly, Air Arabia Maroc and RAM Express. It is named after King Mohammed V of Morocco.

### How to reach city center Rabat from Casablanca International Airport :

The organizing committee will pick up from Airport at the arrival day and drop to Airport at the day of departure the delegation free of charge. The delegation should send the information Form to Organizing committee at least 48 hours in advance.

## Tourist Attraction: RABAT

**The Kasbah of the Udayas** is a kasbah in Rabat, Morocco. It is located at the mouth of the BouRegreg river opposite Salé. The edifice was built in the 12th century during the reign of the Almohad Caliphate (AD 1121-1269). When the Almohads had captured Rabat and destroyed the kasbah of the Almoravid dynasty in the town, they began reconstructing it in AH 544 / AD 1150. They added a palace and a mosque and named it al-Mahdiyya, after their ancestor al-Mahdi IbnTumart. After the death of Yaqub al-Mansur (AH 595 / AD 1199) the kasbah was deserted.



**The Mausoleum of Mohammed V** is a historical building located on the opposite side of the Hassan Tower on the Yacoub al-Mansour esplanade in Rabat, Morocco. It contains the tombs of the Moroccan king and his two sons, late King Hassan II and Prince Abdallah. The building is considered a masterpiece of modern Alaouite dynasty architecture, with its white silhouette, topped by a typical green tiled roof, green being the color of Islam. A reader of the Koran is often present, having his assigned seat. Its construction was completed in 1971. Hassan II was buried there following his death in 1999.



**The Chellah** is a medieval fortified Muslim necropolis located in the metro area of Rabat, Morocco, on the south (left) side of the BouRegreg estuary. The Phoenicians established a trading emporium at the site and called it "Sala". This was later the site of the ancient Roman colony of "Sala Colonia", in the Roman province of Mauretania Tingitana.



Salā was the name given to the city founded by the Muslim conquerors of North Africa, which was mostly abandoned during the Almohad era, then rebuilt by the Marinids in the 13th century. The ruins of their medieval fortress are still extant. The Berber Almohads used the site as a royal burial ground. The Marinids made the site a holy necropolis, or chellah, and built a complex that included mosque, minaret, and royal tombs. The tall minaret of the now-ruined mosque was built of stone and zellige tilework, and still stands.

Contrary to legend, the corsairs of Salé did not actually operate out of Salé (called "Old Salé"), but out of the city that would later become known as Rabat, ("New Salé") on the south (left) bank of the BouRegreg.

**Hassan Tower** is the minaret of an incomplete mosque in Rabat, Morocco. Begun in 1195, the tower was intended to be the largest minaret in the world along with the mosque, also intended to be the world's largest. In 1199, Sultan Yacub al-Mansour died and construction on the mosque stopped. The tower reached 44 m (140 ft), about half of its intended 86 m (260 ft) height. The rest of the mosque was also left incomplete, with only the beginnings of several walls and 200 columns being constructed. The tower, made of red sandstone, along with the remains of the mosque and the modern Mausoleum of Mohammed V, forms an important historical and tourist complex in Rabat. Instead of stairs, the tower is ascended by ramps. The minaret's ramps would have allowed the muezzin to ride a horse to the top of the tower to issue the call to prayer .



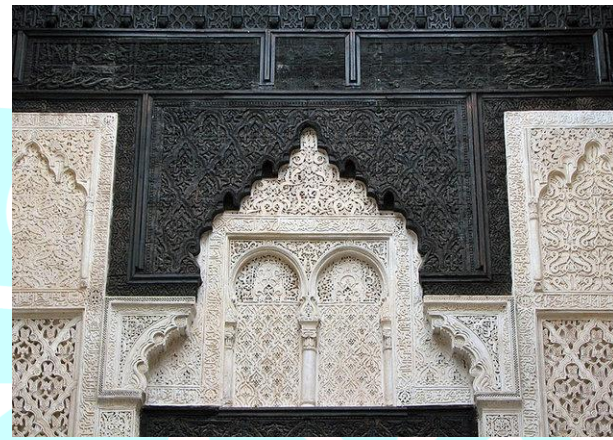
**Rabat Archaeological Museum** is an archaeological museum in Rabat, Morocco. Opened in 1932, it contains the most extensive collection of archaeological artifacts found in Morocco. It contains prehistoric and pre-Islamic collections including an extensive collection of objects uncovered by archaeologists working in Volubilis, Banasa and Thamusida, and were first put on display in 1930-1932. This includes human remains from the middle Palaeolithic period (probably Neanderthals) to the Neolithic (4000 BC). A further find in 1957 saw the museum expand considerably, after which it became a National Museum and it has housed the National Museum collections since 1986.[2] Pre-Roman and Roman civilisations are well represented in the museum with a number of notable Hellenistic-style bronzes such as the Dog of Volubilis, and the marble 'Ephebe Crowned With Ivy and Head of a Young Berber



**Medina** Rabat's rambling Medina area has a distinctly Andalusian style to its buildings as most of the architecture here dates from the 17th century when Muslims from Spain's Andalusia region arrived. This makes it very different to the Medina's of Fes and Marrakesh. The two best shopping streets are Souk esSebbat and Rue Souka, and there are a number of interesting buildings within the district that make a wander here worthwhile. In particular look out for the Koubba Mosque on Rue BouKroun, and the Merinid Fountain and Grand Mosque both on Rue Souka. The Mellah (Jewish Quarter) is located in the southeast corner of the Medina and has an interesting flea market.



**Abul Hassan Medersa** Directly across the BouRegreg River, facing Rabat, the town of Salé is home to several interesting medersas (madrassa - Islamic school of learning) and mausoleums. In particular, the Abul Hassan Medersa is worth a visit. It dates from the Merinid era in the 14th century and has an interior covered with beautifully restored examples of traditional religious decoration, including zellige tile-work and carved wood panels. If you climb up to the roof you can get excellent views across the water to Rabat.



**New City** Rabat's Ville Nouvelle (New City) is home to the Archaeological Museum and also the surprisingly interesting Postal Museum (on Avenue Mohamed V), which brings together a superb collection of Moroccan stamps, telephones and telegraph machines. The streets of the Ville Nouvelle host a wealth of French colonial architecture and are a pleasant place for a stroll. Right on the district's edge, Avenue Hassan II follows the 17th century Undulations Wall separating the modern city from the Medina

