

# NORTH AFRICA BOOTCAMP REPORT



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## North Africa Bootcamp

THEME: Entrepreneurship in the era of digital transformation in North Africa

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3do9Lno>

**29 MAY 2021**

**9 am - 2:30 pm GMT**



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## NEED

There are significant issues that plague the African continent related to digital transformation. In North Africa, those challenges revolve around security, education, access to technology, and acceptance of digitization. Africa has a large pool of talented young adults facing challenges in their entrepreneurial journeys and as they try to create technological innovation. These problems delay the acceptance of technological innovation, consequently impacting economic growth is directly linked to the UN SDG 8 which is, promoting sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth and full and productive employment, and decent work for all. While also, supporting UN SDG 9 of building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization while fostering innovation.

Lack of digitization is especially affecting the youth of Africa. This is due to the fact that, according to the United Nations, young adults below 35 make up 75% of Africa's population. According to Youth Policy, in North Africa, more than 28% of the population is aged between 15 and 29. This number is the equivalent of 108 million youth in North Africa alone. Therefore the youth are not only the most impacted, they are the solution and an untapped asset. Digital transformation is progressing globally at an unprecedented pace and all African governments need to jump on board or be left behind.

## EVENT SUMMARY

Opening remarks were given in English, French and Arabic. The language for the conference was English, however, French speakers were given the option to present in French. The North African Bootcamp focused on Entrepreneurship in the Era of Digital Transformation in North Africa. The Bootcamp was not only informative but a motivational approach to education. Speakers from all around Northern Africa came together to inspire the youth and educate them on Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and inspire entrepreneurship. Speakers shared the the challenges they had faced and overcome on their journeys to becoming successful start-ups. The Small Business Act for Africa was introduced in French and English.



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### SPEAKERS

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9:00 GMT+1

# MEET THE SPEAKERS



Aboubacar Adamou Souleyman  
Casablanca, Morocco



Ahmed Yousif  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



Amine Ben Ayed  
Montreal, Canada



Elaine Bannerman  
London, UK



Hazim Sebbata  
Casablanca, Morocco



Hussein Hashish  
Cairo, Egypt



Khaoula Tanfioui  
Casablanca, Morocco



Lorraine Davis  
Gaborone, Botswana



Loubna Lahmici  
Algiers, Algeria



Mohamed Naser  
Khartoum, Sudan



Mounia Sebbahi Derbel  
Casablanca, Morocco



Nassim Belouar  
Algiers, Algeria



Ouafa Benterki  
Algiers, Algeria



Siham Elmejjad  
Casablanca, Morocco



Tamer Ahmed  
Cairo, Egypt



Wiam Fahim  
Casablanca, Morocco



Zakaria Fahim  
Casablanca, Morocco



Ziad Zoalnoon Bushra  
Khartoum, Sudan

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## COUNTRY REPRESENTAIVES

We could not have achieved our goals for this event without the valuable contribution of each of our North Africa representatives.

**Algeria** - Loubna Lahmici

**Morocco** - Wiam Fahim

**Egypt** - HusseinHashish

**Tunisia** - Mounia Derbel

**Sudan** - Ziad Zoalnan Bushra

# AGENDA

Theme: Entrepreneurship in The Era of Digital Transformation in North Africa

NORTH AFRICA PROGRAMME

29 May 202

## WELCOME REMARKS

9:00 AM - Welcome address in English by **Elaine Bannerman**, Founder of Pan-African Tech Foundation (5 minutes)

9:05 AM - Welcome address in French by **Wiam Fahim**, PATF North Africa Lead: (5 minutes)

## EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TRAINING

9:10 AM - Introduction to Blockchain and its Use cases by **Hussein Hashish**, Founder of The Blockchain Hub Egypt and PATF Egypt Country Rep (1 hour)

10:10 AM - Introduction to Artificial Intelligence by **Khaoula Tanfioui**, Co-founder Chez Bots factory (Morocco) (1 hour)

11:10 AM - **BREAK (10 minutes)**

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING

11:20 AM - Why is the entrepreneurial spirit no longer a choice? How to become an entrepreneur by **Zakaria Fahim**, Co-founder / PATF Advisory Board Member (1 hour)

12:20 PM - **BREAK (10 minutes)**

## PANEL SESSION

12:30 PM - Panel Session One: Changing economic paradigms through technology (40 minutes) Moderated by **Loubna Lahmici** of Sense Conseil, PATF Algeria Country rep

1:30 PM - Panel Sessions Two: What is big data and how has it become essential to our daily lives? What does data bring us in our daily life? (40 minutes) - Moderated by **Wiam Fahim**

2:30 PM - Closing remarks by **Elaine Bannerman** (5 minutes)

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## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



The **Introduction to Artificial Intelligence** (AI) discussed the different types of AI and put all minds at ease that robots are not taking over the world. The explanation of chat boxes what through and the speaker's expertise brought a unique aspect to the session.

**Panel Session One** focused on changing economic paradigms through technology. It showcased several entrepreneurs who are celebrated the way technology is viewed and utilized in their countries. It also was proof that start-ups can change the social construct in a country.

# PATF 2021 GOALS ACHEIVED

## YOUTH

### Innovation & Entrepreneurship

The entrepreneurship training by Zakaria Fahim focused on the reasons why entrepreneurship for Africa's youth is no longer optional. Zakaria introduced the Small Business Act for Africa is available in French and English. The lack of capital and support for innovations was highlighted.

### Digital Economics

Cost of data and accessibility was discussed for Sudan. New project for Sudan. Solutions for Transportation challenges were discussed with the conclusion that Big Data could address this.

## GOVERNMENTS

### Digital Transformation

Discussion on how using blockchain & decentralized ledgers data is owned by us the users and controlled by the users so for anyone to maliciously gain access to our data, will be practically impossible. Discussion on "Changing economic paradigm through technology.

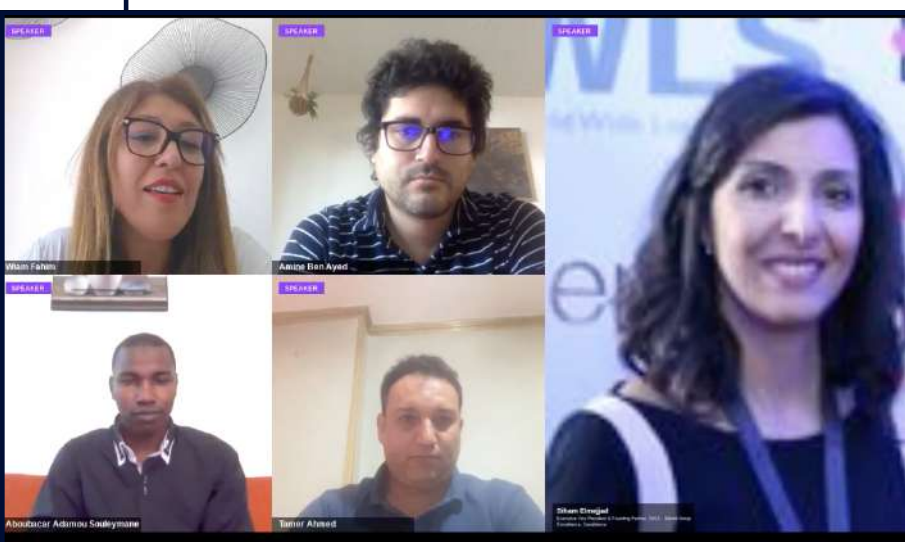
## EXPANSION

### Brand Awareness

Press Releases for the Bootcamp as well as flyers for speakers and the Bootcamp were posted on LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook PATF pages

### Grow the PATF Network in Africa

Country representatives were established in all participating North African countries



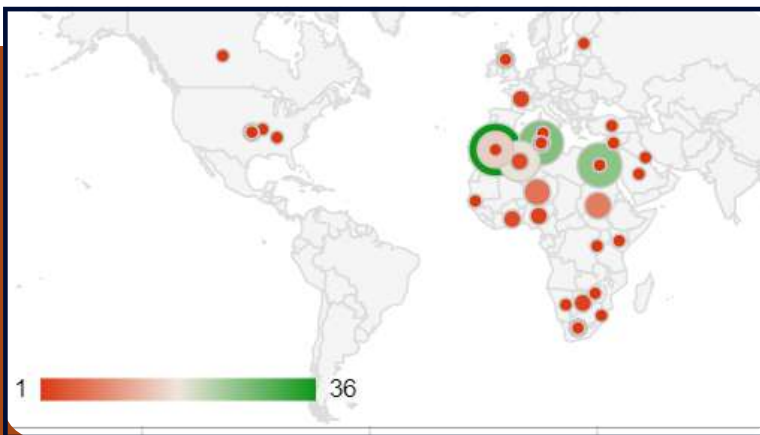
# DATA ANALYSIS

247 messages were sent in the chat box

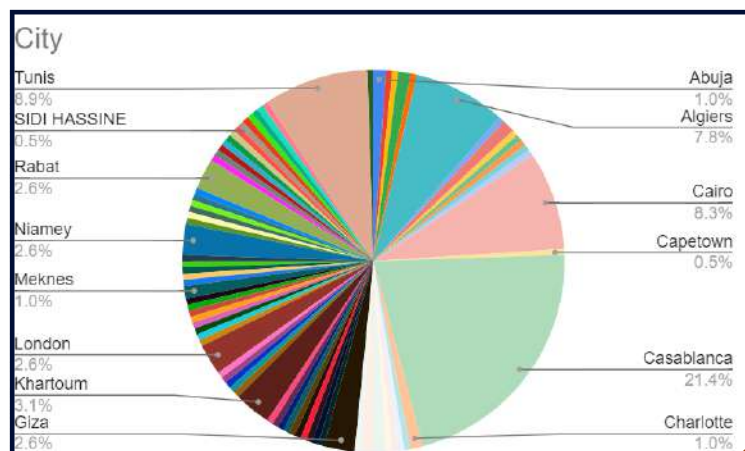
24 Repeat Registrations

198 PEOPLE REGISTERED FOR THE EVENT

101 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE BOOTCAMP



Map of Participant Country



Participant by City

## PARTICIPANT IMPACT



Attendees found the bootcamp enlightening, and PATF a great movement for uniting Africa through technology to change the narrative. They thanked the organisers for an amazing journey. We must make it as one community of like mind. "Belle initiative Continuons de promouvoir l'intelligence collective et de donner a nos é entrepreneurs du Soudan et d'Egypt de developper du business entre eux"

This Bootcamp also gave participants access to professional networks and mentors in North Africa.

## POINTS OF NOTE FROM THE CHAT BOX

### On Big Data

I think as the issues of transportation are very major, Big Data could provide some solutions to make our daily life easier.

There are blockchain solutions that challenge the big data status quo. Ocean protocol for example allows businesses and users to exchange and monetize data while preserving data privacy.

Not all data is useful because it is expensive It is like oil that will not end, but its cost is the reason to stop it one day

## COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

- Thank you every one for this event and the awesome content shared, hope to meet you again very soon , VIVA AFRICA!
- Thank you for this wonderful journey. Proud of our amazing Africa.
- Thank you for these interesting exchanges
- A great movement of connecting Africa with value. We have all it takes to change the narrative. Technology enables us to make things look simple and we must make it as one community of like minds.
- We need a bootcamp in Arabic. Planning for January 2022.
- It was very enlightening! Bravo !
- Thank you very much c'était très riche et Wiam pour cette attractive animation
- Hussein that was superb. And a wonderful living use case right here with the certificate.
- An amazing day of education combining countries and cultures with happy people, like a festival. Thank you very much.

## PROJECTS IN NORTHERN AFRICA FROM BOOTCAMP



**Sudan- Merowe Center for the Blockchain Research** - an integrative part that works in the field of research that would encourage the government and universities by supplying these institutions with reports, newsletters, magazines, and other publications that disseminate the mission of the MCBR here in this regard

**Morocco - Tookeez** "a digital platform that allows the conversion of point credits, held by beneficiaries of loyalty programs.

**In Tunisia - Dream Act:** a support program for college and high school students in disadvantaged areas with the aim of their reintegration and coaching allowing them to overcome difficulties



# WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

## Timeline of Our Upcoming Events



### CENTRAL AFRICA BOOTCAMP

20/08/2021

### WEST AFRICA BOOTCAMP

24/09/2021

### BLOCKCHAIN EDUCATION

### OUR PARTNERS

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