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## Ambassadors of SDG 1



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## Rewarding & recognition of SDG 1 Ambassador

In a highlight of the Impactful Globe event, the University of Tunis El Manar proudly appoints **Dr. Hela Ben Hassine** as its Ambassador for Sustainable Development Goal 1: **No Poverty**.



This honor celebrates her exemplary work in social justice and economic inclusion. As ambassador, she will lead the university community in the critical mission to eradicate poverty through research, innovation, and actionable initiatives.

## The caravane project

In March 2025, Associamed Tunis was honored to collaborate with the associations "One Day One Dream" and "Kafel Al Yatim" to ensure the success of the Grande Caravane Ramadanesque in Tunis.

This significant event, marked a powerful celebration of solidarity during the holy month, distributing essential aid and support to those in need.

In a separate and impactful initiative, Associamed organized the 12th edition of the Doctime medical caravan in Ain el Baya, Jendouba.

This demanding yet profoundly rewarding day saw the mobilization of over 65 specialist physicians and 160 dedicated medical students.

Through their remarkable collective effort, the caravan provided vital care to the community, delivering over 2,500 free consultations and medicines to more than 1,200 residents.



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## UTM Strategic presence in SDG 1

The President of the University of Tunis El Manar (UTM), Mr. Moez Chafra, participated in the International Conference on Energy and Applications (ICEA25) at the University of Djibouti from February 25 to 27, 2025. His attendance underscores the university's commitment to fostering international academic collaboration and contributing to critical research fields, particularly in sustainable energy.



The engagement highlights UTM's active role in global knowledge exchange and strengthens its institutional partnerships within the international higher education and research community.



The University of Tunis El Manar is actively establishing profound partnerships with Palestinian universities. Driven by solidarity, the primary goal of these alliances is to alleviate hardship and offer robust support to students and staff, especially during times of crisis.



This commitment is realized through concrete academic exchange programs and dedicated support for students in need. Ultimately, this collaboration is about creating better opportunities, fostering mutual growth, and ensuring that the pursuit of knowledge remains a powerful force for resilience and dignity.

## Our socio-Economic partner's activities

Founded in 2012, "Wallah We Can" Tunisia proposes entrepreneurial solutions to address social and environmental challenges. With the ambition of expanding its impact globally, Wallah We Can Worldwide aims to ensure the long-term sustainability and effectiveness of the implemented solutions. Through innovative initiatives, the association contributes to improving the living conditions of vulnerable communities worldwide. Its flagship project, the Green School, transforms public institutions into autonomous social enterprises, fostering enhanced learning and living environments.

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The Antonine Sisters' Orphanage is located in Achkout, in the Keserwan district of Mount Lebanon, approximately 30 km from Beirut at an altitude of 1,000 meters. Spanning nearly 33,000 m<sup>2</sup>, the institution includes a school providing primary education up to the ninth grade, serving 88 students and orphans, including 22 boarders.



The site includes 5,500 m<sup>2</sup> of existing buildings and 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> of abandoned agricultural land. The project aims to transform this land into a model of sustainable and regenerative agriculture, featuring rainwater harvesting, drip irrigation, medicinal plant cultivation, poultry farming, and composting. It will also provide training in eco-friendly practices for 80 to 100 local residents.



In Al-Bustan, a Palestinian neighborhood in East Jerusalem facing significant urban challenges, this project supports the rehabilitation of a community kindergarten. By transforming the building's roof into a safe, shaded, and engaging outdoor play area, the initiative promotes play-based learning, strengthens social ties, and helps reinforce the resilience of families determined to remain in their neighborhood.



Mrs. Leila Battikh is a pivotal figure in expanding the university's socio-economic footprint. Through strategic relationship-building, she has been instrumental in forging and mobilizing key partnerships that directly support and fund UTM's initiatives. Her work in strengthening these external networks underscores a deep commitment to anchoring the university's social impact within a framework of collaborative economic engagement.



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During the Research Week at the University of Fort Hare in South Africa, Professor Asma Gati, Vice-President for Research at the University of Tunis El Manar, delivered a keynote address on "Strengthening Intra-African Research: Experiences, Challenges, and South-South Opportunities." In her presentation, she detailed UTM's strategic commitment to fostering intra-African cooperation through key projects such as Intra-Afriques BRAINS,



AFRIDI, and the ERASMUS+ Digit Africa initiative, for which UTM serves as coordinator. Her participation, honored by the presence of Ambassador Karima Bardaoui, highlighted the crucial intersection of science and diplomacy in advancing a collaborative future for African research.



***Working session with a delegation from the High Council for Education of Benin.***

On November 12, 2025, Professor Nesrine Zghalimi, Vice-President of the University, received a delegation from Benin's Supreme Council for Education. The meeting was attended by the deans of the Faculty of Sciences of Tunis, the Faculty of Economics and Management of Tunis (along with its deputy dean),

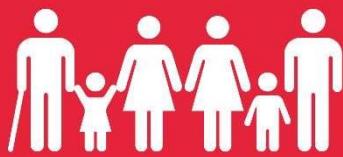
the director of the National Engineering School of Tunis, the director of the Higher Institute of Medical Technologies of Tunis, the director of the Higher School of Health Sciences and Technologies, the director of the Higher Institute of Computer Science, the director of the Higher Institute of Nursing Sciences of Tunis, as well as the director of the University's Distance Learning Office and the director of Academic Affairs and Scientific Partnership.



***SIRAT Project***

**SIRAT Project** was a multi-stakeholder initiative funded by Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Led by Prof. Jalila El Ati of the Institute of Nutrition (Ministry of Health), it was implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Higher Education. Academic coordination was provided by the University of Tunis El Manar, with on-the-ground execution led by the Higher Institute of Medical Technologies of Tunis (ISTMT). The project aimed to improve the dietary habits and nutritional status of students in rural schools.

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The initiative integrated scientific research with on-the-ground action to develop concrete solutions and inform national school health policies.



## *The Digit Africa Project*

A notable recent achievement for the University of Tunis El Manar was the successful award of three Erasmus+ Capacity Building projects. Among these, the university serves as the coordinating institution for the flagship initiative "Fostering Digital Transformation in Africa by Building Digital Capability for All (Digit Africa)."



As the coordinating institution of the Erasmus+ "Digit Africa" project, the University of Tunis El Manar spearheads an initiative to enhance digital skills and promote inclusive digital transformation across the MENA region.



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Under its coordination of the Digit Africa project, the University of Tunis El Manar (UTM) held a strategic working session with the Ministry of Higher Education to align objectives and advance project implementation.

The meeting, which included the participation of Mr. Moez Chafra, provided a platform for detailed discussions on operational planning, resource allocation, and institutional support mechanisms. This engagement underscores UTM's commitment to fostering strong institutional partnerships and ensuring the effective execution of its Erasmus+ digital transformation initiatives.

A key milestone under this framework was the organization of the "MENAFRICA DIGITAL SUMMIT 2025" at the National Engineering School of Tunis (ENIT) from May 13-15, 2025. The summit provided a platform for exchanging best practices and fostering regional cooperation, exemplifying the university's strategic role in advancing digital literacy through structured international partnerships.

