

Intellectual Capital for Communities in the Knowledge Economy Moroccan case





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A FIRST STEP

A MEETING HELD IN RABAT ON APRIL 27th,2008

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A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION OF THE NEW CLUB OF PARIS



A CLEAR OFFICIAL WILL

- Ministry of economic planning
- Ministry of trade and industry
- Telecommunications agency
- Public sector auditing court
- New technologies department
- National centre for scientific research
- Moroccan office for intellectual property



OBJECTIVES

- A first diagnosis should pave the way for a better integration of intellectual capital in economic policy
- The meeting should be regarded as an opportunity for developing synergy among institutions which rôle is relevant as far as intellectual capital is concerned



DIAGNOSIS

Strengths:

- Available scientific capabilities
- An interesting research network exists but is not enough connected to economic sectors
- An up to date legal frame work regarding patents

Weaknesses:

- A low input of intellectual capital in economic production
- An insufficient integration in world economy
- Education remains a major concern



A BEGINNING OF IMPLEMENTATION

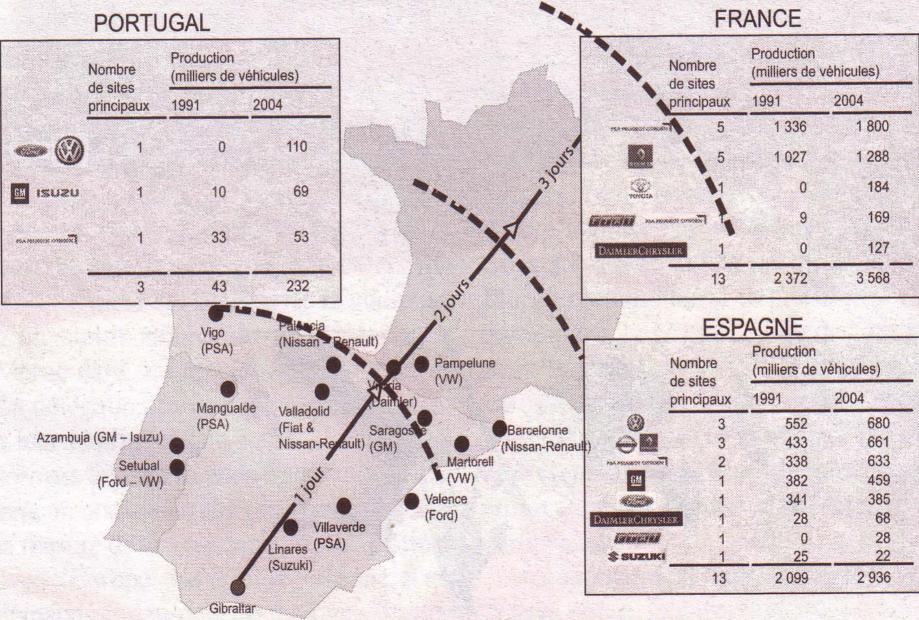
- Education to be set as a priority (creation of a high council, use of a participative approach involving teachers and parents representatives, a better use of technology in teaching...)
- Setting up Networks which link research, education and economic actors



MOROCCO ADOPTED A NEW STRATEGY FOR INDUSTRY NAMED "Émergence" PLAN TARGETING THE INCREASE OF GNP BY AN ADDITIONAL 1,6 POINTS OVER THE FORTHCOMING DECADE. IT SHOULD CREATE 440.000 JOBS BY FOCUSING ON:

- Offshoring activities
- -Automotive industry
- -Aerospace industry
- -Electronics
- -Food industry
- -Fisheries
- -Textile industry
- -Hand made crafts-

Automobile: Equipementiers de 2^e et 3^e rang



Source: Ministère du Commerce et de l'Industrie



A « GREEN PLAN »

Aiming at Linking agriculture to industry and international trade

- \rightarrow The green plan adopted in April 2008
- \rightarrow Value chain approach adopted as a methodology
- \rightarrow Link production with research and demand in the market



CULTURE AS A WEALTH

- STYLE CITY FOR A YEARLY FASHION EVENT
- COOKING TO
- POPULAR SONGS, TRADITIONAL CHOREGRAHY, TYPICAL ARCHITECTURE...TO BE IDENTIFIED, GATHERD, PROTECTED AND PROMOTED



PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE BASED CITIES

Integrate knowledge in all the value chains of all sectors

i.e : Meknes agropolis

"Food industry as a distinctive competence"

- University devoted to this sector
- Agronomic engineering involved through a local institute
- Local public policy to create favourable environment
- Entrepreneurship and innovation supporting institutions