GEOM MOROCCO 2026

Gender Election Observation Mission

A Historic Election
Morocco Fields Its Largest-Ever Number of Women Candidates

Pre-Election Statement
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The Hague, 20th September 2026

Following the invitation of the National Human Rights Council (CNDH) of the Kingdom of Morocco, Gender Concerns International is pleased to announce that it will observe the Legislative Elections in Morocco, to be held on Wednesday, 23rd September 2026.

GEOM Morocco 2026 marks the continuation of Gender Concerns International's long-standing partnership with CNDH, women's rights organisations, human rights bodies and other civil society actors in Morocco, a relationship that began with the 2011 elections and has since spanned the 2015, 2016 and 2021 electoral cycles.

Headed by Sabra Bano, GEOM Morocco 2026 will be a short-term Mission, deployed from 20-25 September 2026 in Morocco with a team of five international women experts. The Mission will observe the Pre, Post and Election Day proceedings, including Opening, Closing and the Counting of the polls from a distinct gender perspective.

GEOMs are women-led, women-managed and women-reported international missions that observe elections from a gender perspective, including women's electoral participation as voters and candidates, and their role and position within the Election Management Bodies.

Objective of the Mission

The main objective of GEOM Morocco 2026 is to observe the progress made since the 2021 elections in terms of women's political representation and participation, at the level of voters, candidates, political party agents and Election Management Bodies.

The Mission will pay particular attention to the extent to which the recommendations issued by previous GEOM Morocco missions have been implemented and it looks forward to observing concrete progress on the ground. Gender Concerns International remains encouraged whenever its recommendations from past missions are taken up by national stakeholders. GEOM Morocco 2026 will observe further progress in relation to the advancement in democratic practices and gender equality since 2021.

A Preliminary Statement highlighting the Mission's initial findings and observations will be issued on 24th September 2026.

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