



U.S.–Maghreb ENTREPRENEURSHIP Conference

DAY 1, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Registration**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Moderators and Panelists Meeting**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Welcome Dinner**

DAY 2, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Registration**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome to the U.S. Maghreb – Entrepreneurship Conference**

Welcoming Speakers:

Moderator Dr. Ismael Chikhoun, President & CEO, US-Algeria Business Council

- Welcome from Mr. Paul Mikolashek, Chairman of the US-Algeria Business Council
- Welcome from Ambassador David Pearce, US Ambassador to Algeria
- Keynote Address by Minister Mohamed Benmeradi, Minister of Industry & Investment and Small to Medium Sized Enterprises of Algeria
- Keynote Address by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Business Affairs Jose W. Fernandez, US Department of State

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Lessons Learned from the Entrepreneurship Summit in Washington and Application in the Maghreb**

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Youth Entrepreneurship in the Maghreb**

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Access to Finance in the Maghreb
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch: <u>Keynote Speaker</u>
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Opportunities and Challenges: Stories from American Entrepreneurs
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Opportunities and Challenges: Stories from Maghreb Entrepreneurs
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Jump Starting Economic Opportunity through the Maghreb Diaspora
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Networking Reception
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Dinner: Keynote Speaker
DAY 3, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2	
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks – New Partnership Secretariat

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Cross Border Maghreb Initiatives I
	Launching a Network Linking U.S., European, North African Entrepreneurs
	Innovation and Technology Incubation in North Africa
	Leadership and Training Development in the Maghreb
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Cross Border Maghreb Initiatives II
	Regional Business Incubation of the Creative Industries
	Regional Education and Research on Entrepreneurship

	Maghreb Digital Library
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch: <u>Keynote Speaker</u>
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Regional Job Creation and Economic Opportunity for Youth
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Entrepreneurship Start-up Training Session
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Call to Action
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Gala Dinner: <u>Keynote</u>