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Royal Throne Speech 2025 – Roadmap for a New Generation of Territorial Policies Based on Spatial Justice



CONTEXT

In his address marking the 26th anniversary of his accession to the Throne, His Majesty King Mohammed VI placed territorial justice at the very core of Morocco's national strategic priorities. The Sovereign clearly emphasized the need to move beyond traditional development approaches and to undertake a profound reform of territorial dynamics, notably through the establishment of integrated and differentiated programs tailored to regional needs.

This orientation represents a major opportunity for our region, which faces stark disparities between major growth poles (Tangier, Tetouan) and marginalized areas (rural Chefchaouen, the Rif mountains, northern Al Hoceima).

Orientations royales clés

- "There is no room, neither today nor tomorrow, for a Morocco advancing at two speeds": an explicit rejection of the territorial duality between thriving regions and neglected ones.
- Call for a new generation of territorial development programs, centered on:
 - Leveraging local economic specificities
 - Equitable access to education, healthcare, and mobility
 - Sustainable and proactive water security
 - Integration of territorial projects into national flagship programs
- Directive for integrated local governance, with Regional Councils playing a strategic coordinating role.

Direct Implications for the TTA Region

- Strengthened role of the Regional Council in reducing territorial inequalities, through the alignment of the SRAT and PDR 2023–2027 with the Royal roadmap.
- Urgent need to map internal disparities (areas with limited access, social infrastructure deficits, isolation, environmental vulnerabilities).
- Possibility to initiate direct dialogue with the central government ahead of the new budgetary and public investment cycle (2025–2030).

Immediate Strategic Recommendations

1. Establish an internal Task Force to analyze the regional implications of the Royal Speech for territorial priorities.
2. Develop a regional matrix of urgent, high-impact spatial projects, prioritizing:
 1. Rural education (boarding schools, digitalization)
 2. Proximity healthcare (primary care centers)
 3. Local employment (rural activity zones, artisanal ecosystems)
 4. Water security (retention basins, wastewater reuse)
3. Prepare a high-level Strategic Regional Memorandum to advocate for the TTA region's priorities within the new national territorial investment framework.
4. Organize in September 2025 a Strategic Reflection Workshop led by the Regional Council, dedicated exclusively to the "Regional Response to the Royal Call for Territorial Justice," with the participation of relevant institutional stakeholders.
5. Integrate these Royal orientations into the update of the SRAT (aligning it with the OPPAT), the design of the next PDR, and all other regional strategic planning studies under the Region's mandate.
6. Ensure convergence of these Royal directives with the new roadmap for accelerating the implementation of Advanced Regionalization, currently being developed by the Ministry of Interior in coordination with the ARM and the 12 Regions, following the 2nd National Conference held in Tangier.

Sources:

Royal Speech on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of His accession to the Throne.