

Kingdom of Morocco

Date of Independence:	March 2, 1956
Capital:	Rabat
Population:	22 million (1985)
Head of State:	His Majesty King Hassan II
Economy:	Based primarily on agriculture, with exports of phosphates, citrus fruit and textiles. Tourism is a major source of foreign exchange.

Canada/Morocco Relations: Canada established diplomatic relations with Morocco in 1962 and opened a diplomatic mission in Rabat in 1974. Morocco's membership in the Arab community, its participation in the institutions of La Francophonie, the large Moroccan community in Canada and Canadian tourist visits to this country have favoured the development of ties between the two countries. The Canadian co-operation program focusses primarily on the agricultural sector and the training of human resources. Canadian sulphur exports and Moroccan exports of citrus fruit account for the approximately \$100 million in trade between the two countries. A bilateral commission will soon hold its second meeting in Ottawa.

His Majesty King Hassan II: Born in 1929, King Hassan II is the son of King Mohammed V and the 17th Sovereign of the Alaouite dynasty. He obtained a law degree and was Chairman of the Organization of African Unity in 1972-1973.