

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ Kingdom of Morocco / Republic of Sierra Leone
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1. Within the framework of the continuous dialogue and political consultations between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Sierra Leone, H.E. Mr. Nasser BOURITA, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of the Kingdom of Morocco, and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Rahman SWARRAY, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone, held talks on 21st September 2026, in New York, on the sidelines of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly.
2. On this occasion, the two Ministers welcomed the excellent relations existing between the two countries, underpinned by mutual respect, friendship, and solidarity. They reaffirmed their shared commitment to further elevating these relations, in accordance with the Enlightened Vision of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, May God Assist Him, and H.E. Dr. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone.
3. In this context, and building on the convergence of their views, the two parties agreed to initiate the development of a structured, ambitious, and action-oriented roadmap, aimed at further deepening, broadening, and diversifying bilateral cooperation.
4. With this in mind, and in response to an invitation from his counterpart, His Excellency Mr Nasser Bourita, H.E. Mr. Mohamed Rahman SWARRAY has agreed to undertake a working visit to the Kingdom of Morocco in October 2026, on a date to be determined through diplomatic channels.
5. In the same vein, and within the framework of strengthened sectoral cooperation, the two Ministers agreed to further strengthen and diversify bilateral cooperation across multiple areas of mutual interest. To this end, they underscored the importance of elaborating, in the coming weeks, an ambitious and forward-looking framework. In this regard, both sides agreed on the importance of renewing and signing a new comprehensive Roadmap, building upon the achievements of the previous framework, with a view to giving renewed momentum and greater coherence to bilateral cooperation.
6. Both sides expressed their shared desire to steer bilateral relations towards shared prosperity and pledged to strengthen bilateral cooperation in areas deemed as priorities by the Sierra Leonean side, such as trade, agriculture, fertilizer, investment, water management, fisheries, mining, cultural exchange, and capacity building, which constitute the strategic pillars of Sierra Leone's development strategy.
7. The two Ministers also reaffirmed their firm attachment to the fundamental principles of international law, notably the respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, as well as the peaceful settlement of disputes.
8. With regard to the Sahara issue, the Republic of Sierra Leone, while reaffirming its unwavering position in favor of the territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Morocco and its sovereignty over its entire territory, including the Sahara region, reiterated its firm support for the Autonomy Plan presented by the Kingdom of Morocco, considering it as the only serious, credible, and realistic basis for the definitive resolution of the regional dispute over the Western Sahara.
9. The Sierra Leonean side further reiterated its full support for the efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy to facilitate the political process and advance negotiations aimed at achieving a just, lasting and mutually acceptable resolution of the dispute.
10. Furthermore, the Sierra Leonean side commended the strategic initiatives of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, notably the African Atlantic States Initiative and the Royal Initiative to Enhance Atlantic Ocean Access for Sahel Countries, which aim to strengthen regional integration, promote connectivity, and enhance sustainable development within a framework of stability, shared prosperity, and active solidarity.
11. On another level, both parties underscored the strategic importance of the Nigeria-Morocco Gas Pipeline project, emphasizing its pivotal role in boosting regional economic integration and benefiting all nations involved, including the Republic of Sierra Leone. In this regard, the two sides welcomed the signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) during the ordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government held in Freetown in July 2026, noting that this

mega-project will be a major catalyst for unlocking the region's industrial potential and effectively curbing its energy deficit.

12. Moreover, the two parties commended the momentum of South-South cooperation promoted by the Kingdom of Morocco through its structuring initiatives, which constitute an essential lever for African solidarity and shared development. In this respect, they expressed their willingness to further enhance their diplomatic coordination and consultation within regional and international fora.

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