Research Partnership Workshop on Water, Energy and the Environment for Women Scientists from the U.S., Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia
Hotel Idou Anfa, 85 Boulevard d’Anfa  Casablanca 20000, Morocco
March 5-8, 2013

Tuesday March 5, 2013
18:00 – 21:00  Reception and Dinner

Evening:
Reception and Icebreaker
Dinner
Welcoming Remarks- Geri Richmond, University of Oregon, USA
• COACH: history and mission
• Workshop Goals:

(1) to foster a network of women researchers in the U.S. and North Africa (Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia) who have common interests in increasing international research and collaborative activities between women scientists in these four countries.

(2) to use this network and the expertise of its participants to develop innovative and cross-disciplinary strategies for advancing the research and educational activities of women researchers and their students in these countries.

(3) to develop plans to maintain and grow this network and to extend its outreach into other scientists (men and women), communities and institutions.

Wednesday March 6, 2013
Breakfast buffet provided at Restaurant (6:30am – 8:30am)

Morning: Scientific Introductions
Moderator : Geri Richmond
8:30-9:00  Welcome and opening remarks
Prof. Geri Richmond, University of Oregon, USA
Prof. Nora Berrah, Western Michigan University, USA
Presentative, Universite’ Hassan II Mohammedia
Prof. Abdelmajid Benouziane, Vice Dean, Faculty of Sciences Ben M’Sik
Prof. Abdelaziz El Jazouli, Université Hassan II Mohammedia
9:00-10:30 **Introductions with Slide Presentations**  
5 minutes per person, one slide each

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 **Introductions with Slide Presentation**  
5 minutes per person, one slide each

12:00-13:00 **Discussion : Identifying common research interests**

13:00–14:00 **Working Lunch**  
Discussion to continue

*Afternoon: Research Infrastructure and Cultures in Different Countries*
Moderator : Nora Berrah

14:00–17:00 **Panel Discussions on scientific research in the four countries**  
Algeria : Leila Adnane and Nadia Saoula  
Morocco: Prof Dalila Loudyi and Prof Amina Betachy  
Tunisia : Rim Cherif and Manel Medhioub  
US : Laura Greene and Sue Clark

Questions to be addressed in the panel discussion:
- What do you see as emerging research areas of science and engineering in your country in the general categories of Water Resources, Energy and the Environment?
- How is research funded in your country?
- Describe the general process for obtaining a Masters or PhD. Degree in S&E in your country.
- Describe the career progression for researchers/faculty in S&E in your country.
- What are the most common obstacles that can hinder research progress?
- What are the most common obstacles that can hinder career advancement?
- Are there obstacles that are more likely to affect women vs men researchers?
- Other topics?

16:00–16:20 **Break**

17:00 – 17:30 **Break-out Groups**
• Striking similarities and differences between the cultures and practices in the different countries?
• What are issues that we should discuss tomorrow in ways to develop networks and collaborations for advancing the research productivity and career advancement among attendees at this workshop? Others?

17:30-18:00 Report out from Break-Out Groups

18:00 - 18:15 Summary of the day’s activities and plans for tomorrow
Prof. Geri Richmond, University of Oregon

19:00 – 20:30 Dinner

Thursday, March 7, 2013
Breakfast buffet provided at Hotel Restaurant (6:30 - 9:00)

Morning: Building Strategic Networks for Research and Career Advancement

9:00-9:20 Summary of Previous Day & Overview of Today
Prof. Nora Berrah, Western Michigan University

9:20-10:00 “What Social Scientists Know about Networks and Collaborations”
COACH Researcher: Prof. Jessica Greene, George Washington University
General Discussion – Challenges and Opportunities for Advancing Research in our Countries

10:00–10:30 Discussions of Potential Research Collaboratives: Session 1
Break-out groups in scientific areas of potential collaboratives

10:30 – 10:45 Report out from Break-out Groups

10:45 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 11:45 Discussions of Potential Research Collaboratives: Session 2
Break-out groups in scientific areas of potential collaboratives

11:45 – 12:00 Report out from Breakout Groups 2

12:00 – 13:00 Time to Discuss Potential Collaborations and Short Writing Assignment

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch at Hotel Restaurant
Afternoon: Planning for Future Research Collaborations/Networks

14:00 – 14:45  Summary of comments from writing assignment and discussion

14:40 – 15:15  Breakout groups to discuss short-term and long-term activities for moving forward.

15:15 – 15:45  Report out from Break-out Groups

15:45 – 16:15  Break

16:15 – 17:15  Identification of and commitment to specific goals for moving forward and strategies for achieving these goals. Commitment to efforts to sustain activities. Discussion of funding for student exchanges.

17:15 – 17:45  Final wrap-up: Opportunity for participants and organizers to make final comments.

19:00 – 20:30  Celebration Dinner