

The Innovation Week in Africa IWA 2020 salon and competition, is organized by EMSI Group and OFEED and is planned to take place in Rabat, Morocco from 8th to 12th of September 2020 under the Honorable Patronage of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations IFIA, with the support of The Patent Magazine as the International Media Partner and the Oxford Business Group as the Research Partner.

The deadline for participation in this event is June 30th, 2020 and interested candidates must complete and send the participation forms online. Also, **taking into consideration quarantine period in most countries due to COVID-19, all the registration and payment process can be done online using desktop or any mobile device (smartphone, tablet, etc.).**

To make this event successful, many Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) and Partnership agreements was signed between OFEED and more than 20 international partners around the world, including The Patent Magazine and the Oxford Business Group, in order to support inventors efficiently, to better target and reach the global market, especially that, the Oxford Business Group is the global research and consultancy company with 25 years of experience and a presence in 37 countries.

Moreover, the Oxford Business Group is the official Research Partner of over 750 conferences per year globally and their yearly economic and business reports are the leading source of country intelligence in the markets they cover.

Hence, this salon and competition provide extraordinary opportunities for all individual inventors, innovative companies, universities and scientific research centers, to express their creativity and innovative capacity, recognizing the vital importance of global innovation and to encourage the inventors' initiative.

In addition, an exceptional competition, the **Virustop contest 2020**, will be held alongside with this event, to feature most brilliant ideas and concrete solutions to fight against the spread of viruses in general and the COVID-19 in particular.

The event benefit from many important partners also in Morocco, including scientific and entrepreneurial institutions from engineering schools, universities and many high ranked Government authorities and financial institutions.

Allowed items to this event are inventions and innovations by posters, video presentation, prototypes or products, and participation is possible remotely.

Furthermore, the winners will receive numerous prizes, including organizers trophies, medals and international partners special awards, and participants will benefit from 1.000.000,00 MAD (estimated benefits value to participants) and many other outstanding opportunities to promote and commercialize their innovations and inventions through the IFIA's global network.