

WHV - Let us work for Udayas

Rabat, Modern Capital and Historic City: a Shared Heritage, Morocco

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World Heritage since 2012

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Rabat, Modern Capital and Historic City is located on the Atlantic coast in the north-west of Morocco. The site is the product of a fertile exchange between the Arabo-Muslim past and Western modernism. The inscribed city encompasses the new town conceived and built under the French Protectorate from 1912 to the 1930s, including royal and administrative areas, residential and commercial developments and the Jardins d'Essais botanical and pleasure gardens. It also encompasses older parts of the city dating back to the 12th century. The new town is one of the largest and most ambitious modern urban projects built in Africa in the 20th century and probably the most complete. The older parts include Hassan Mosque (begun in 1184) and the Almohad ramparts and gates, the only surviving parts of the project for a great capital city of the Almohad caliphate as well as remains from the Moorish, or Andalusian, principality of the 17th century.

Project objectives:

The project aims at raising awareness about the site and the value of cultural heritage among residents of the Kasbah of the Udayas, which composes a part of the world heritage site of Rabat, local authorities and visitors. It also aims at contributing to its preservation through cleaning, gardening and maintenance activities.

Project activities:

The volunteers will participate in restoration, maintenance, gardening and cleaning activities at the site and its surroundings. They will also be involved in awareness raising activities with the local community to enhance the importance of the site among the tourists and the civil society.

Partners:



Minister Culture, Minister of Youth and Sport, Urban Commune, Association of Sports sites and Challenges Disabled, Association Sports Forum, National Institute of Archaeology and Heritage

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