## Sidi Moumen

## A delegation from SFCG visits Khadija Oum Mouminin High School

Members of the board of directors of the international NGO "Search for Common Ground" (SFCG) visited the Khadija Oum Mouminin high school in the Sidi Moumen neighborhood of Casablanca on Friday.

The visit coincided with the Information Day held at the high school about the social mediation work done by the SFCG branch in Morocco. During the event, members of SFCG attended a debate run by young social mediators trained by the SFCG senior staff.

The Information Day at Khadija Oum Mouminin highlights the pilot project that SFCG has put together in collaboration with the Moroccan National Initiative for Human Development (INDH) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The project aims to create centers to promote social mediation and entrepreneurship amongst the youth in Casablanca and Tetouan. Centers will also be created in Rabat, Sale, Marrakech, Fes and Meknes.

According to SFCG, the purpose of this project is to ingrain social mediation values and skills into the youth to help them become conduits of positive change in society, thus contributing to the socio-economic development of the country.

It is important to note that the social mediators are themselves originally from the Sidi Moumen neighborhood. These social mediators encourage dialogue between parties in conflict and are eager to create opportunities for socialization in low-income and less-fortunate neighborhoods.

The NGO "Search for Common Ground" was founded in 1982. It is based in Washington, DC and has 18 branches abroad, including one in Rabat since 2001. SFCG supports the promotion of a culture of accord, dialogue and understanding to solve social conflicts. (MAP).