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Third annual conference of the Regional Research Network of Central Banks of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

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Bank Al Maghrib and the World Bank's Office of the Chief Economist for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region organize the third annual conference of the MENA Central Banks Research Network in Rabat on 14-15 September, under the theme «Labor Markets and Structural Transformation».

The conference comes as a prelude to the Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, which will be held in Marrakech next October.

The meeting will feature contributions from a panel of internationally reputed economists, notably Professor Esther Duflo, winner of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences. It will also be attended by high-level representatives from national and international institutions, academia and the private sector.

The proceedings will focus on the issues and challenges facing labor markets, particularly in the MENA region, with regard to the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, climate change, digital transformation, geopolitical tensions and the rise of protectionism, as well as the quality of human capital, and private sector development.

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The network brings together researchers from the Central Banks of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti. It is aimed at creating a forum for exchange and constructive debate, cementing collaboration between researchers in the region, and fostering the influential role of research in decision-making.