



# HIGH-LEVEL REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON FINANCIAL STABILITY FOURTH EDITION

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**Distinguished speakers and guests from African and international financial authorities and institutions,**

I am delighted to share my views today on financial stability in Africa in the context of geo-economic uncertainties and emerging risks. I speak not only as Chairperson and CEO of the Moroccan Capital Market Authority (AMMC) but also in my capacity as Chair of the Africa and Middle East Regional Committee (AMERC) of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).

The 4th edition of the symposium provides a unique platform to hear from distinguished panelists on key financial stability challenges and to promote cross-border collaboration within the regional financial ecosystem.

These two days meeting is key to underline the critical importance of collaboration among financial system authorities, both nationally and across borders. Indeed, effective coordination is fundamental to ensuring stability and resilience of our financial systems.





In Morocco, the Moroccan Capital Market Authority is a member of the Coordination and Systemic Risk Supervision Committee (CCSRs), alongside the Central Bank (Bank Al-Maghrib), the Supervisory Authority of Insurance and Social Welfare (ACAPS), and the Ministry of Finance. As highlighted by Mr. Jouahri, earlier in his opening speech, this Committee is instrumental in monitoring systemic risks and addressing financial stability issues.

The importance of this framework was particularly evident during the COVID-19 pandemic, which tested the resilience of financial systems and underscored the value of robust collaboration.

Indeed, many challenges are posed to the stability of the capital market. In addition to risks such as concentration, interconnectedness and lack of liquidity, we have recently experienced emerging risks related to financial innovation, cybersecurity and climate.

Also, international coordination between capital markets authorities is extremely valuable when it comes to identifying, assessing and addressing risks. In that regard, I'd like to emphasize IOSCO's commitment to financial stability policy work.

Financial stability and systemic risk assessment are key priorities for IOSCO and its regional committees, including the Africa and Middle East Regional Committee (AMERC). In an increasingly interconnected and complex financial landscape, IOSCO remains resolute in pursuing its core objectives which are, enhancing investor protection, ensuring transparent and efficient markets, and mitigating systemic risk to build confidence and resilience in global capital markets.

To strengthen financial resilience, IOSCO actively addresses financial stability issues. This involves regular collaboration with the Financial Stability Board (FSB) and other global bodies to tackle pressing concerns in non-bank financial intermediation, such as liquidity risks in open-ended funds and vulnerabilities in short-term funding markets. IOSCO also continuously monitors emerging risks to ensure preparedness for potential disruptions in capital markets.

Within the region, Africa and Middle East Regional Committee has focused on understanding the nature and extent of systemic risks that could affect our region. We conducted comprehensive assessments and analyses of various financial sectors, identifying critical risk factors and vulnerabilities. Our findings reveal that key areas of concern include cyber risks and operational resilience, global macroeconomic shocks including inflation and interest rate fluctuations, sustainability issues and climate-related risks.



One significant takeaway from our work has been the importance of enhanced regulatory cooperation. We have recognized that shared insights and experiences can significantly improve our risk management frameworks. For instance, our engagement with IOSCO and other regional committees has fostered a culture of collaboration, enabling us to learn from each other's experiences in addressing systemic risks.

Additionally, the establishment of working groups focusing on sustainable finance and Fintech has been instrumental in addressing emerging risks associated with innovation and technological advancements. The Fintech Working Group, for instance, has been pivotal in exploring the implications of digital currencies and innovations in financial services, ensuring that we remain ahead of the curve in our regulatory approaches.

Capacity building remains a cornerstone of our initiatives within AMERC. We recognize that to navigate the complexities of the financial landscape effectively, our members must be equipped with the necessary tools and knowledge.

In conclusion, I want to reiterate the importance of collective action in navigating the complexities of our financial systems. Let us maintain open lines of communication and collaboration, share knowledge and experiences, and work together to address systemic risks effectively.

Together, we can foster a resilient and inclusive financial ecosystem that meets the needs of all stakeholders.

I wish you all productive discussions.

Thank you.