

## History Made. Hear The Atlas Lions Roar - Football's Coming Home to Morocco?



Morocco's Sofiane Boufal celebrates with his mother after his team's historic win over Portugal. Photograph: Luca Bruno/AP

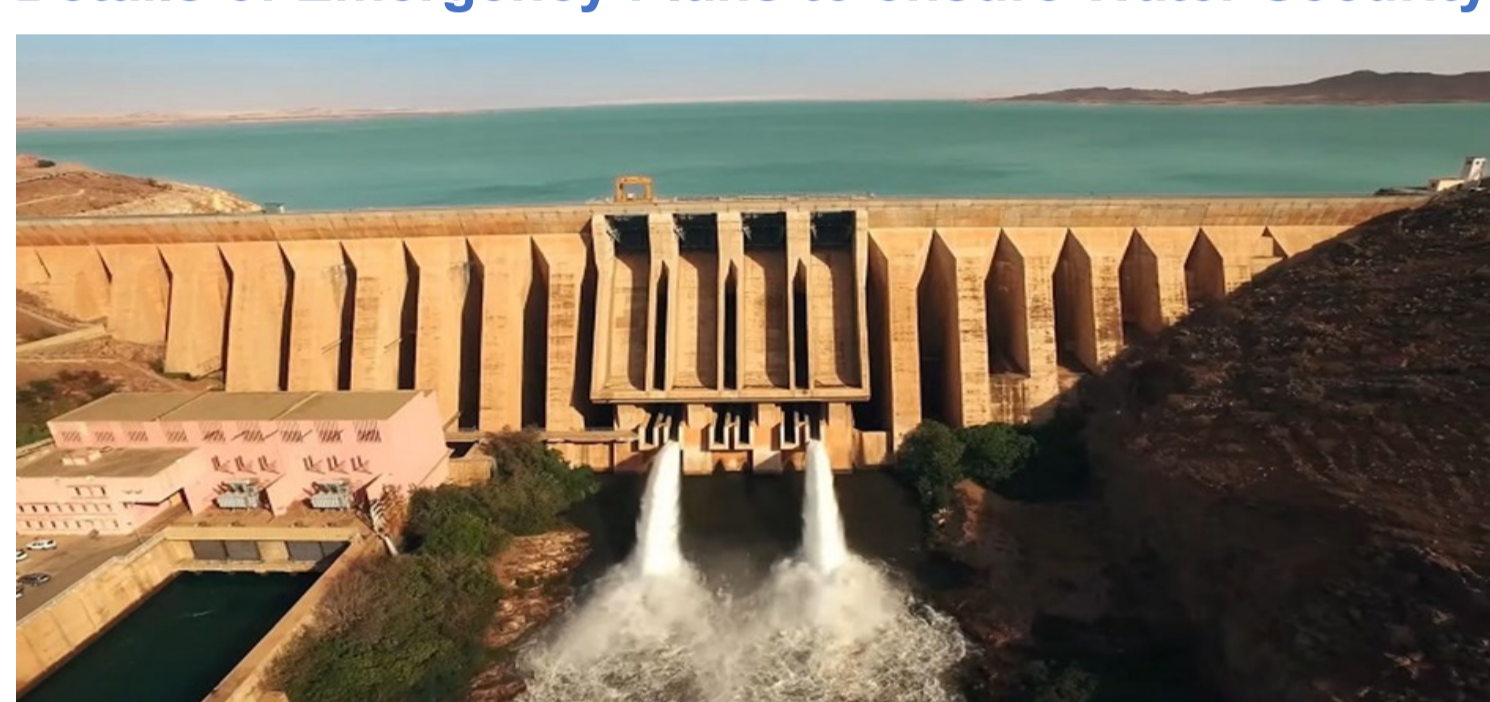
**Morocco made joyful history on Saturday, playing a phenomenal game against Portugal, when they became the first African team to make it to the semi-finals of the World cup.** They played it in a truly Moroccan way - they defended with supreme togetherness and passion, surged on with guts, determination and a spirit that resounded around the stadium as their every kick was cheered on by their supporters...then celebrated by bringing their mum's onto the pitch to dance. We cant wait for Wednesday's game against France. Oh to be in Marrakech or the High Atlas on Wednesday!

## UK's New King and his long standing support for Islam

As Britain's new monarch and head of the Church of England, King Charles III's admiration for and knowledge of the Islamic faith is well documented. In his inaugural address entitled 'Islam and the West' when the then Prince of Wales assumed the role of Patron of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies in 1993, he made clear his knowledge of Islamic culture. "If there is much misunderstanding in the West about the nature of Islam, there is also much ignorance about the debt our own culture and civilisation owe to the Islamic world. It is a failure which stems, I think, from the straitjacket of history which we have inherited," he said. In 2015, he said he would keep the monarch's traditional title as 'Defender of the Faith' but saw himself as the protector of all faiths, commenting in his first address as sovereign: "In the course of the last seventy years, we have seen our society become one of many cultures and many faiths," before promising that "whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love". Charles has a fascination with Islam, attempting to learn Arabic so he could read and understand the Qur'an.



## Details of Emergency Plans to ensure Water Security



The hydraulic basins of Moulouya, Oum Er-Rbia, and Tensift are the most affected by the draught that the Kingdom of Morocco is experiencing this year. Here's an update on the current situation and the 2.042 billion Dh measures being put in place to tackle the situation, including desalination, boreholes, floating barges, and canal building. Plus a focus on drinking water over irrigation:

<https://medias24.com/2022/03/07/moulouya-oum-er-rbia-et-tensift-le-detail-du-plan-durgence-pour-leau-potable/>

## Nizar Baraka: Morocco Will Lose 30% of Water Resources by 2050

The government has taken a set of measures to combat worsening water stress in Morocco



Minister of Equipment and Water, Nizar Baraka highlighted that improving water efficiency in Morocco must be at the centre of concerns, in addition to the construction and management sectors. The minister stressed that Morocco has moved from the stage of water scarcity to a situation of extreme water stress. The issue of worsening water shortages in Morocco dates back to 2008 and is caused by climate change, Baraka added.

[Nizar Baraka: Morocco Will Lose 30% of Water Resources by 2050 \(morocoworldnews.com\)](https://morocoworldnews.com)

## Morocco, Israel Tourism Operators Consolidate Investment Relations

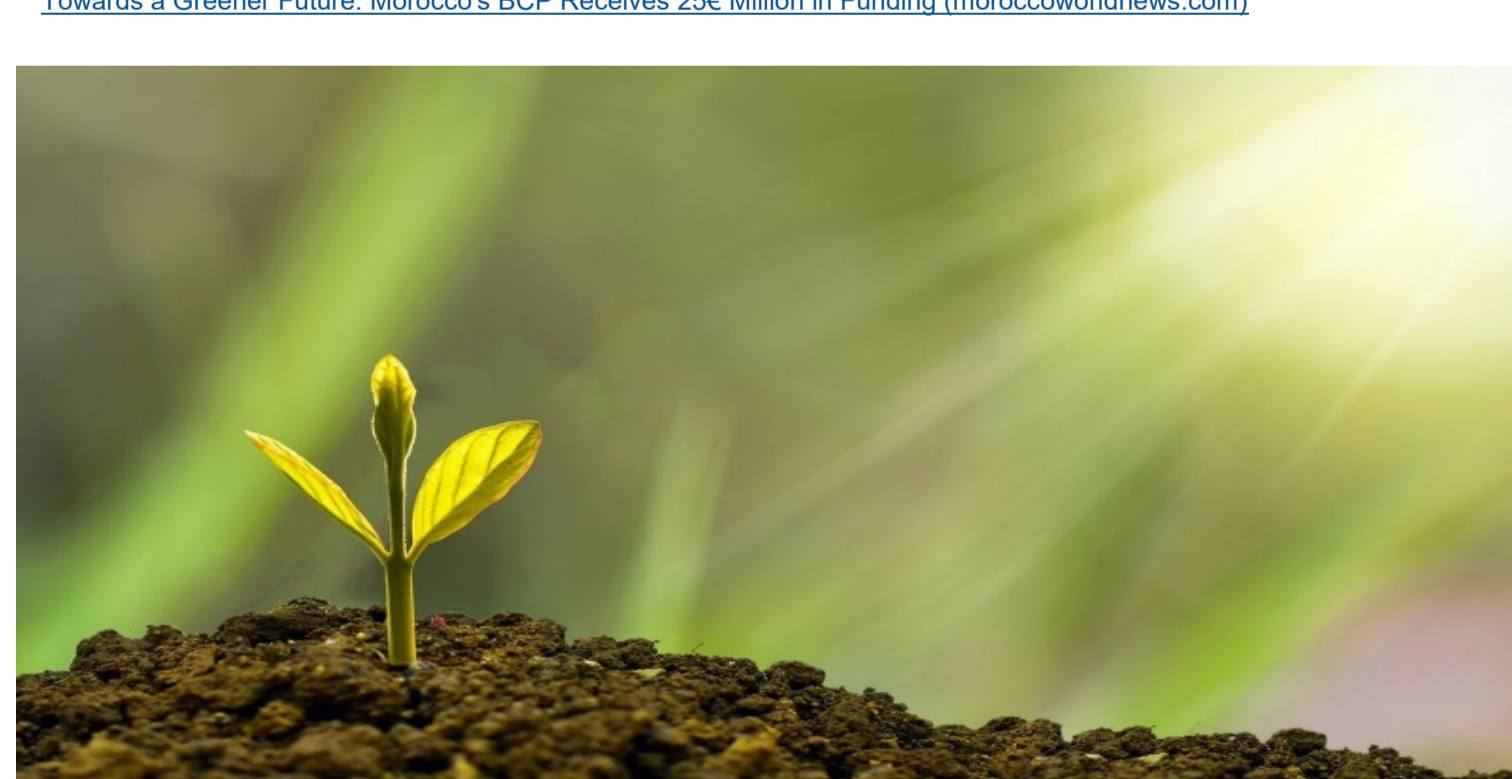


Morocco provides strategic investment opportunities for Israeli tourism investors. [Morocco | News, Reports and Analysis \(morocoworldnews.com\)](https://morocoworldnews.com)

## Towards a Greener Future: Morocco's BCP Receives 25€ Million in Funding

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is joining forces with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the European Union (EU) to allocate a financing package of €25million to Banque Centrale Populaire (BCP) to support Morocco's green transition and increase women's access to climate finance.

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## Discover News—It's Been a Great Year Welcoming Back Groups Old and New

Among our new schools out with us this year was St Mary's. I think we can be proud in saying that they were the very first school group to enter Morocco post pandemic travel bans. They studied water issues, exploring Lalla Tackerkoust dam on the way to Imllil after a night in Desert Agafay. Later on in the year we helped Geneva International school gain entry to Noor Power plant to inspire them by exploring solar power first hand. In July, Crompton House School had success in climbing Toubkal and in a fantastic fund raise— supporting Education for All and funding towards, and working on, a community centre conversion of the school in Armdt. In October Lewes Old Grammar visited EFA, in Asni, and their students have since been in touch to rekindle their efforts in sponsoring a girl again, following on from their success in sponsoring Khadjija through to University. Khadjija is now a secondary school Biology and Geology teacher.



14 teachers enjoyed a short but sweet Teacher Inspection trip in November to Marrakech, Desert Agafay and Imllil. We are looking forward to welcoming more in May's inspection trip...there are a few spaces left.

If your music department is looking for a new location for their 2023/24 Music trip, then pass this link onto them:

[NEW YOUTH ENSEMBLE AND CHORAL TOURS](#)

We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you in the New Year...and we wish you, your schools and your families a very Happy Christmas and a New Year of joyful Discovery! [info@discover.ltd.uk](mailto:info@discover.ltd.uk)