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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH

IUSY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Full name of the organization (both in original language and in English)
Jeunesse Socialiste Marocaine الشبيبة الإشتراكية المغربية
2. Abbreviated name of the organization
JS Maroc
3. Country of origin
Morocco
4. Region of origin
Africa/ MENA
5. Date of establishment
18/01/1976
6. Address of the headquarters
Siege National du PPS. Avenue Al Zaytoun. Hay Riad 10100, Rabat, Morocco
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9. Website (URL)
N/A



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ORGANIZATIONAL INFO

10. What are the main bodies of the organization? [Please define the electoral procedure, number of people elected, quotas based on certain criteria – if applicable]
The main bodies: National Congress, Central Committee (240 members), Executive Board (26 members), Regional Coordination, Provincial Coordination, and Local Sections. The quota applied in the elected bodies is mainly: geographical representation, gender balance (at least one third of each elected body is devoted to female comrades) and students as they are the heart of the organization.
11. When was the last Congress held?
January 2015 (every four years)
12. President
N/A
13. Secretary General
Jamal Krimi Benchekroun
14. International Representative
Rachid Boukhenfer
15. Feminist Coordinator
Salwa Ababou
16. LGBT / Queer Coordinator
Ismail El Hamraoui (Diversity Committee)
17. Number of members
19000 members
18. Age limit and average age
Age Limit: 40 Average age: 25
19. How many regions of the country does the organization cover with its branches? [Please name them]
Tanger-Tetouan, Oriental, Fès-Meknès, Rabat-Salé, Béni Mellal-Khénifra, Casablanca-Settat, Marrakesh-Safi, Drâa-Tafilalet, Souss-Massa, Guelmim-OuedNoun, Laâyoune-SakiaElHamra, Dakhla-OuedEdDahab



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ACTIVITIES & POLITICAL AGENDA

20. What are the political aims/objectives of your organization?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Defend the Moroccan youth economic, social, political, cultural and environmental rights.-Encourage youth participation and engagement in the daily struggles of building a democratic, progressive and socialist society where the values of freedom, dignity, social justice and the rule of law prevail.-Eradicate all forms of intolerance, extremism, hatred and discrimination and provide support for social and political movements across the world against all forms of imperialism and dominance.-Promote the culture of freedom and pluralism by preserving the different components of the cultural identity of Morocco, its territorial integrity, and contribute to its progress and prosperity.-Support gender equality and combat all forms of discrimination against women.-Promote the culture of dialogue and contribute to the world peace and security.
21. What are the organizational aims/objectives of your organization?
Enlarge the presence of the organization among youth as a progressive democratic socialist youth organization.
22. What are your main fields of activity?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Youth Socio-economic conditions- Youth participation in politics and public life- Democratic reforms
23. What have been your political priorities in the last two years?
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1- The democratic and inclusive implementation of the new constitution (2011).2- The participation of youth in policy-making.3- Advocacy for a quality reform in Public Education.
24. Do you organise campaigns? On which topics?
"The representation of youth and women in parliament: a common fight" "Youth registration in the elections: Your Voice Makes a Difference" "Free and Quality Public Education" "Countering Violent Extremism"
25. Do you organise seminars? On which topics?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ecology and Public Policy: Towards a Resilient Development Model- Arab Spring: Political Transitions and Comparative Lessons- The crisis of the public school and the state's responsibility- For a University of Knowledge and Openness- Challenges of change and stability- The role of youth in the co-construction of a democratic state- Reconciliation and transitional justice- Youth and civil society in the light of the new constitution



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- The role of socialist youth in promoting South-South cooperation
26. Does your organization have representative(s) in the Parliament?
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27. What are the organizations in your country you co-operate with? (i.e. youth/ students'/ trade unions/ feminist)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Left wing organizations- Student organizations with whom we share the same struggles.- Young Employees' Union- The National Institute for Youth and Democracy
28. Are there any other youth organizations in your country considered on the left side of the political spectrum? [If yes, please indicate the names, the level of cooperation and examples of such cooperation]
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29. Is there a national youth council in your country? [If yes, please indicate your role]
No.



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30. Do you have cooperation with youth organizations from other countries?
Member organizations (mainly the Arab, Africa and Mediterranean region) of the following Unions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-World Federation of Democratic Youth-Arab Youth Council-Youth and Students of the Maghreb Union-African Youth and Student Union-Women & Students of the Sahel and Sahara
31. Do you have a mother party? What are the relations between your organization and the party? (In terms of status, administration, policy)
Founded in 1976 in Casablanca under the name of the Moroccan Youth for Progress and Socialism (J.M.P.S), it changed its name during the 3rd National Congress in 1994 to the current name "Socialist Youth". Since Jeunesse Socialiste becomes a parallel organization to the Party but with a status that guarantees its organizational independence. The need for the Party of Progress and Socialism, which is an inherent of the Moroccan Communist Party (1943) and the Party for Liberation and Socialism (1969), to create a youth organization in response to the vital societal need that was reflected in the inevitability of struggle among youth, especially after the Party has obtained the legal status to publicly practice politics in



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1974. The conditions of the political action in the 1970s were marked by a strong involvement of youth, and adoption of socialist and progressive ideas and values of democracy, social justice and equality. All these facts, created the need to establish a mass public organization to organize and mobilize a wide range of Moroccan youth with profound belief in radical societal change.

32. When were the last elections held? Did your organization participate in a campaign?
[If yes, please indicate: with what message? was it the same as the party's one?]

(1) General campaigns: encouraging youth to register in the elections, to stand for the elections, and most importantly to vote. (2) Specific campaigns: mobilizing youth to vote for the mother party; Parti du Progrès et du Socialisme.

33. Can you describe the political situation in your country? What is the composition of the Left? How much does the Left receive in the polls?

The Justice and Development Party (PJD), a conservative party with an Islamic background, won the October 6, 2016 elections after winning the 2011 elections and forming a government in coalition with five other parties. Two left-wing parties are in the PJD-led government, the Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP) and the Progress and Socialism Party (PPS), which have far-reaching results, unable to meet 35 seats in parliament. On the other hand, there are other left wing parties in the opposition, whether represented in parliament or not. The Federal Democratic Left, United Socialist Party, Taliaa Social Democratic Party and the Federal National Congress, won only two seats in the parliament, while Nahj party, a party calling for a republican system, boycotted elections in Morocco.

34. Is there more than one left wing party in your country?
[If yes, please describe the differences among the parties and indicate whether there is a prospect of a united Left]

There is more than one leftist party in Morocco. There are leftist parties which participated in the government for the first time in 1997, after their opposition to the regime of the late King Hassan II for 40 years. This government was led by Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP) as its general secretary Abdurrahman Yusufi was appointed as a Prime Minister, along with the Progress and Socialism Party (PPS), which used to be called the Moroccan Communist Party and the Party of Liberation and Socialism. There are other left-wing parties that have not participated in any government in the history of Morocco. These parties are the United Socialist Party, Taliaa Socialist Democratic Party, and the Federal National Congress Party. All these parties separated from USFP. There is also the Nahj Party, which separated from PPS, which does not recognize the existing institutions in Morocco, and therefore calls for the establishment of a republican system and has no influence in society. There is always hope in the gathering of the left wing bodies if objective conditions are available, but it is difficult at the present time because there are several differences in their visions and positions. As an instance, USFP and PPS accept the current conditions of being part of a government with limited powers with an eye for smooth and gradual democratic transition, while other parties call for parliamentary monarchy and clear division of powers here and now, and one party (Nahj) calls for a revolution that leads to the establishment of a republican system.

35. Any additional comments

We will be honored to invite for a get-to-know visit to our country and organization.



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Please send it to iusy@iusy.org together with the other required information.