Kasdi Merbah University Ouargla

SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and infrastructure

The university aligns its research, education, and entrepreneurial activities with the energy, digital transformation, and infrastructure priorities of southern Algeria. This document compiles evidence-based initiatives and achievements from 2024 to 2026, systematically organized according to the four SDG 9 indicators of the Times Higher Education (THE) Sustainability Impact Ratings. Each documented activity is supported by a direct link to its corresponding source, ensuring transparency, traceability, and verifiability.

The scientific days on cellulose derivatives, nanomaterials and smart compounds have concluded:



Scientific days on cellulose derivatives and nanomaterials

The scientific days entitled “Cellulose Derivatives, Nanomaterials and Smart Compounds,” which were organized within the framework of strengthening scientific and institutional cooperation between the university and the National Research Center in Cairo, concluded today, Thursday, October 29, 2026, at

Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla, with the participation of a delegation from the sisterly Arab Republic of Egypt.

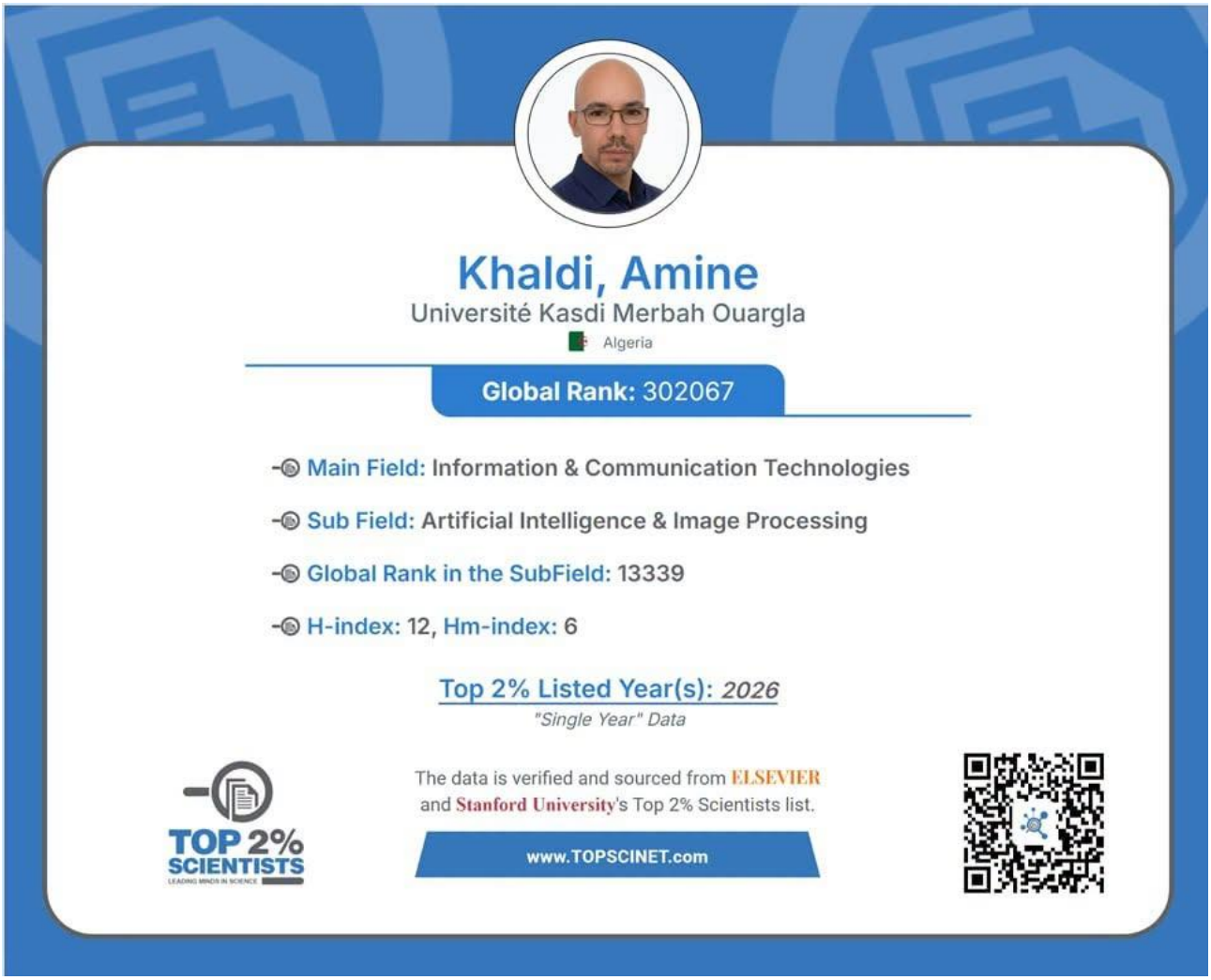
This meeting provided an opportunity to emphasize the importance of strengthening the scientific partnership between the two institutions, exchanging experiences in the field of scientific research and publishing in scientific journals, as well as exploring ways to consolidate and develop cooperation relations in a way that serves common goals.

The importance of organizing regular cooperation visits between Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla and the National Research Center in Cairo was also emphasized, which would provide broader opportunities for scientific and academic exchange, and contribute to the development of research partnerships and the strengthening of cooperation between researchers from both.



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New global distinction for Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla



Prof. Amine Khaldi among the world's top 2% scientists

The University of Kasdi Merbah Ouargla continues to shine in the international scientific scene, after Professor Amine Khaldi was ranked among the top 2% of the most influential and cited researchers in the world, according to the scientific ranking associated with Stanford University and Elsevier.

On this occasion, the University Director, Professor Mohamed Tahar Halilat, on his own behalf and on behalf of all members of the university community, extends his warmest congratulations and sincerest appreciation to Professor Amine Khaldi for this outstanding scientific achievement, which reflects the quality of his research output and contributes to enhancing the international standing and visibility of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla. This distinction is of particular importance, as it is a prominent scientific precedent for Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla, and it reflects a distinguished national presence in the field of data protection and cybersecurity, as it is one of the strategic fields of increasing importance in scientific research and digital transformation. Congratulations to Professor Amin Khaldi, and may he achieve further brilliance, excellence, and scientific success.

Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=21539

An Algerian artificial intelligence model from Kasdi Merbah University has been adopted on a global platform.



The University of Kasdi Merbah Ouargla graduate in automation, Rabah Abderrahmane Mouissat, had his AI model “AraCode-7B” officially adopted on the global AI platform Featherless AI.

This project is also considered an important step towards enhancing Arabic digital content in the field of artificial intelligence, especially in light of the increasing need for linguistic models that support the Arabic language in precise technical disciplines, most notably computer science and software engineering. The researcher emphasized that his ambition is to develop Algerian artificial intelligence models capable of competing globally, and to contribute to providing innovative technological solutions that serve the education and technology sectors. This achievement reflects the advanced scientific level that distinguishes the graduates of "Kasdi Merbah" University of Ouargla, and confirms its success in developing competencies capable of competing and innovating in the fields of modern technology, especially artificial intelligence, programming sciences and data analysis. Source : https://www.aps.

Opening of PFC 2026: exhibition of Bachelor's graduation projects of the Electronics Department



PFC 2026 graduation projects exhibition

The scientific event PFC 2026, which showcases the graduation projects of Bachelor's students from all specialisations of the Electronics Department, opened on Monday, 4 May 2026, in the hall of the Faculty of New Technologies.

The opening was attended by the University Rector, Distinguished Professor Mohamed Tahar Halilat, together with his vice-rectors, the head of the Quality Assurance Unit and the Dean of the Faculty.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=20612

National conference on artificial intelligence applications in health



National conference: AI applications in health

On Wednesday, 29 April 2026, Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla hosted the national conference on digital transformation and artificial intelligence, entitled “Artificial Intelligence Applications in Health”, organised by the Faculty of New Information and Communication Technologies.

The conference was attended by the Major General, Director of the Military Hospital of Ouargla, the Director of Health of the Wilaya of Ouargla, the Director of Mohamed Boudiaf Hospital, the Regional Health Inspector, a representative of the Algeria–Cuba Friendship Ophthalmology Hospital in Ouargla, and the administrative and teaching staff of the university. A group of professors, researchers and experts from universities and institutions across the country took part, including Professor Amimour, head of the Nuclear Medicine Department at Bab El Oued University Hospital in Algiers; Professor Fadila Meddassi, head of the Gynaecology and Obstetrics Department at the same hospital; and Professors Said Noureddine Zerhouni and Hatem Boulahdour of Besançon Hospital, France.

The conference aimed to highlight the latest developments in artificial intelligence and its growing role in improving health services, by reviewing its applications in medical diagnosis, health-data analysis and support for medical decision-making, and by strengthening scientific research in this vital field.

Scientific presentations covered topics such as the use of machine-learning techniques for the early detection of diseases and the development of smart systems for patient monitoring, as well as the ethical and technical challenges of using artificial intelligence in the health sector.

Open discussion sessions gave participants the opportunity to exchange experience and ideas and to explore cooperation between universities and health institutions, in support of the digital transformation of health care in Algeria.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=20376

Kasdi Merbah University Ouargla hosts the first national technical conference on “Rail Transport and Industry 4.0”



First national technical conference: Rail Transport and Industry 4.0

On Sunday, 19 April 2026, Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla hosted a national event marking a significant milestone in the development of modern transport systems: the first national technical conference bringing together key stakeholders of the railway sector, under the theme “Rail Transport and Industry 4.0”.

The event was organised by the Faculty of New Information and Communication Technologies and attended by the Rector, Professor Mohamed Tahar Halilat, the vice-rectors and Dr. Bilal Ben Arab, Dean of the Faculty. It also brought together directors and executives of several major railway companies, including the National Rail Transport Company (SNTF), SETRAM, ESTEL and CITAL.

The conference opened with a keynote by Dr. Jamal Touati, an international expert in railway signalling systems and a leading figure in the engineering of control and safety systems for rail transport. Drawing on his professional experience in the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Italy and Algeria, he presented the latest global advances in signalling, automation and intelligent systems, and showed how Industry 4.0 concepts can be integrated into the realities and challenges of Algeria's railway sector.

The conference addressed key themes of digital transformation, including smart mobility and digitalisation in rail transport, AI-driven predictive maintenance, control and automation systems, and safety and security in modern transport environments.

More than a conference, the event is a strategic step towards a future in which technology and infrastructure converge, opening the way for Algeria to enter a new era of intelligent transport.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=19715

Opening of the first national conference on the integration of civil engineering and artificial intelligence



National conference: civil engineering and AI integration (CCE'AII 2026)

On the morning of Wednesday, 8 April 2026, the lecture hall of the Scientific and Cultural Centre (University Pole 3) hosted the opening of the first national conference on "The Integration of Civil Engineering and Artificial Intelligence", organised over two days by the Faculty of Applied Sciences.

The programme was built around six main themes aimed at modernising the construction sector, with scientific papers on applications of artificial intelligence in civil engineering, advanced building materials and structures, water management, environmental protection, sustainable development and energy, geotechnical engineering and infrastructure development.

The meeting aims to build bridges between academic research and modern technological solutions for the development of the national infrastructure.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=19529

AI Hub workshop: “Launch your project with artificial intelligence – from idea to virtual assistant”



AI Hub hands-on workshop for project holders

The House of Artificial Intelligence (AI Hub) of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla offered a fully practical training day for holders of ideas and projects (social, environmental and innovative) on using artificial intelligence tools as a practical partner in developing their initiatives.

The workshop covered developing an idea and testing its feasibility through smart questioning; defining the target group and studying its needs; setting the context and prompt engineering for professional and reliable results; and building a custom virtual assistant to prepare pitches and attract partners.

Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=21828

First meeting with the winners of the ProtoMarket 2 – 2026 challenge



Incubator meets the ProtoMarket 2 – 2026 winners

Under the supervision of the Rector of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla, Distinguished Professor Mohamed Tahar Halilat, the University Business Incubator held its first meeting with the students who won the national challenge for marketable prototypes, ProtoMarket 2 – 2026.

The meeting explained the challenge charter and the commitments attached to it, presented the support and mentoring mechanisms and the stages of project development, and encouraged the students to use this opportunity to turn their prototypes into marketable products.

The meeting marks the actual start of the support and follow-up process, which aims to help project holders bring their ideas to life and achieve their goals.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=21754

Incubator start-up Hostino.dz among Algeria’s three most innovative projects



Hostino.dz honoured at the 25th International Tourism and Travel Fair

As part of its participation in the International Tourism and Travel Fair, the University Incubator of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla congratulated the start-up Hostino.dz on being honoured among the three best innovative projects nationally by the Minister of Tourism and Handicrafts. The award was presented at the 25th edition of the fair on 21 May 2026 at the SAFEX exhibition centre in Algiers, which brought together more than 450 exhibitors from 41 countries and focused this year on smart marketing of Algeria as a destination, sustainable tourism and digital innovation in the tourism sector.

Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=20864

Faculty of Natural and Life Sciences students win 2nd and 3rd places in the national Sustainability Challenge 2026



Sustainability Challenge 2026 winners

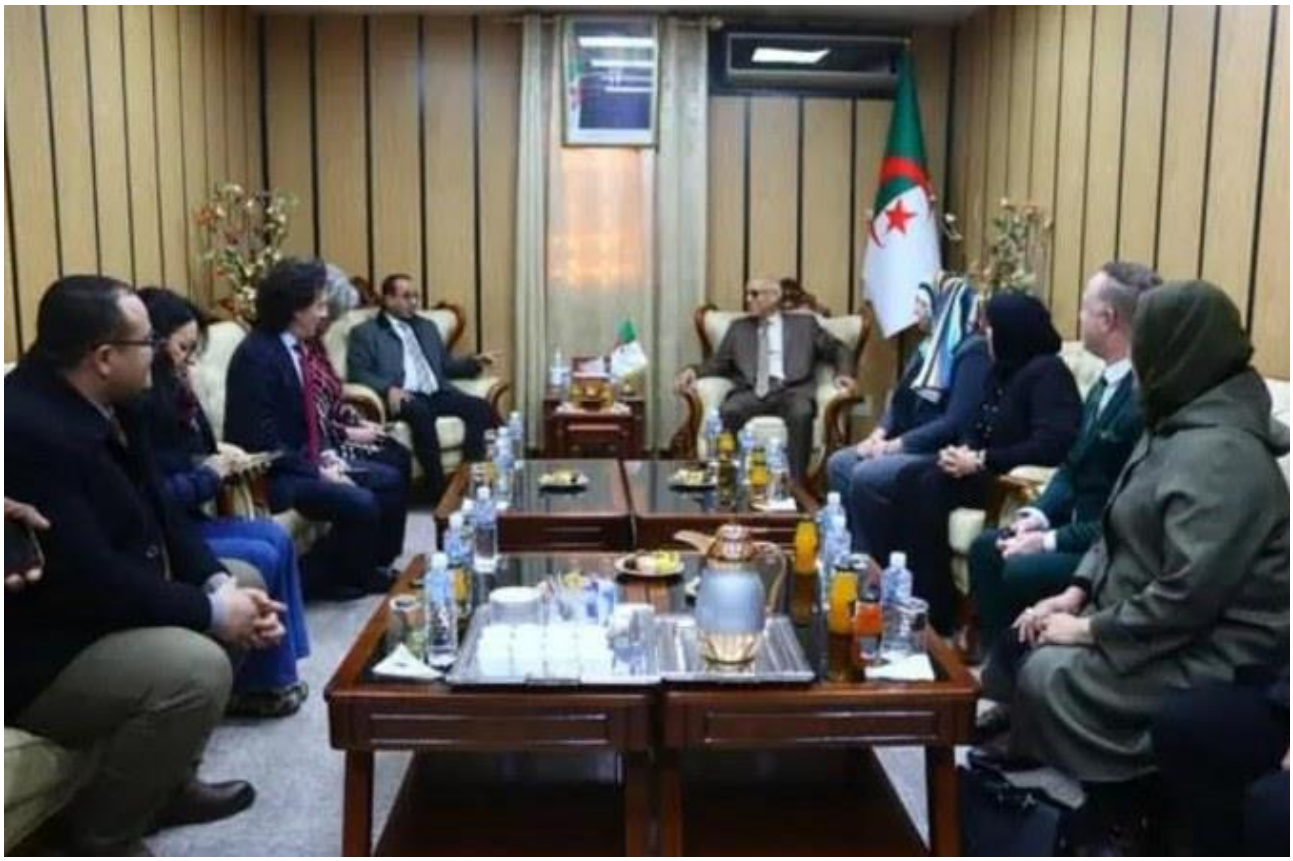
The Faculty of Natural and Life Sciences of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla congratulated its students and their supervisors on winning second and third places in the national competition Sustainability Challenge 2026, organised as part of the Algeria Job Summit 2026 by the National Agency for the Valorisation of Research Results and Technological Development (ANVREDET).

The winning students – Imane Tidjani, Amina Benbay, Amira Meriem Douadi, Soumia Aissa and doctoral student Badra Tadjine – are enrolled under Ministerial Decision 1275 (diploma – economic enterprise). Second place went to BioSorb, a project for the sustainable valorisation of date-palm residues to remove pollutants from soil, air and water with a “zero waste” approach. Third place went to EcoPhrag-Carb, a smart and innovative system for removing pollution and recovering resources while reducing the carbon footprint and improving water management.

This award reflects the scientific excellence and innovation of the university’s students and confirms the success of efforts to turn scientific research results into projects of economic and development value.

Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=20879

Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla hosts a training course for directors of university incubators of the Eastern region



Training with experts from the University of Genoa (FILSE incubator)

As part of the twinning strategy and to strengthen university cooperation in entrepreneurship and innovation, Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla hosted, on the morning of Tuesday, 27 January 2026, a training course for the directors of university incubators of the Eastern region. The Rector, Distinguished Professor Mohamed Tahar Halilat, received a delegation of experts from the University of Genoa, Italy, who presented the Italian experience in entrepreneurship, together with a delegation of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, to discuss ways of improving the performance of incubators and strengthening cooperation between Algerian and foreign universities.

The course is part of the programme set by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and was organised in partnership with the Italian incubator FILSE of the University of Genoa. During the training sessions, experts from FILSE presented the Italian experience of university incubators to the directors of the region’s university incubators.

The initiative supports the sector’s efforts to strengthen the university’s role in supporting innovative projects and encouraging entrepreneurial initiatives among students and idea holders, by widening international cooperation and the exchange of experience.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=18216

Twinning with the University of Genoa on entrepreneurship and start-ups



Algeria–Genoa twinning agreements

On 22 January 2026, Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla was among seven Algerian higher-education institutions that signed twinning agreements with the University of Genoa and the regional economic development agency of Liguria (Italy).

The agreements cover cooperation in scientific research, entrepreneurship, start-ups and business incubators. A few days later, on 27 January 2026, Ouargla hosted a training course for directors of the region's university incubators with experts from the University of Genoa.

Source : https://news.radioalgerie.dz/ar/node/78159

Global Entrepreneurship Week 2025 at Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla



Global Entrepreneurship Week 2025

From 17 to 23 November 2025, the University Business Incubator and the Entrepreneurship Development Centre organised Global Entrepreneurship Week at the university.

The programme included an exhibition of innovative student projects, success stories from young entrepreneurs, training on the steps to set up a start-up, and sessions with national funding and support agencies.

Source : https://www.genglobal.org/org/ouargla-university-business-incubator?page=2

First graduate of the Master’s in Green Hydrogen as an Energy Carrier graduates



Green hydrogen Master’s defence as a start-up project

On Sunday, 22 June 2025, the defences of the Master’s in Green Hydrogen as an Energy Carrier at the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences came to a close with the defence of a start-up project by students Abir Djeroualdhib and Ayoub Trabelsi, supervised by Professor Brahim Gharbi.

This marks the graduation of the first cohort of the programme, and shows how Master’s theses are being turned into start-up projects under Ministerial Decision 1275.

Source : https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CRf669Rda/

INNOVEX 2025: 8th exhibition of final-year projects of the Faculty of New ICT



INNOVEX 2025

The eighth edition of INNOVEX, the final-year project exhibition of the Faculty of New Information and Communication Technologies, opened on Sunday, 20 April 2025, in the lecture hall of the Scientific and Cultural Recreation Centre.

Over two days, students presented their projects, experts gave talks on start-ups, and the best start-up projects were selected on 21 April 2025.



Source : https://innovex-pfc.vercel.app

“Innovative Project” label for renewable-energy students of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons



“Innovative Project” label

The Dean, teaching staff and employees of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences congratulated two first-year Master’s students in Renewable Energy in Mechanics, Meriem Bouyed and Wahad El Haramain Sayah, and their supervisors, Dr. Djamel Benmenine, Dr. Zine Saadi and Dr. Mohamed Hamidat.

They received the “Innovative Project” label from the Ministry of Knowledge Economy and Start-ups (March 2025).

Source : https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FcL9H3xJY/

The faculty receives the CFC club after its first national place at Startup City 2



Faculty leadership with the Startup City 2 winners

The teaching staff of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences, led by the Dean, Professor Abdelmadjid Debbi, received the scientific club Creativity for Change (CFC – Scientific Corner) after its successful participation in Startup City 2, the start-up event organised by the University of M'sila from 5 to 7 December 2024.

The club won first place nationally with an innovative smart-pharmacy application, which impressed the jury as an entrepreneurial idea that serves society. The meeting was an opportunity to review the project, give advice and encourage the team to keep working.

Source : https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DqvaiBKh6/

First place nationally for the CFC club at Startup City 2, University of M’sila



CFC club team, Startup City 2

The club Creativity for Change (CFC – Scientific Corner) of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences, chaired by Mohamed Adnane Allali (second-year Master’s in Hydrocarbon Production), took part in Startup City 2, a start-up event organised by the University of M’sila through its INC Club from 5 to 7 December 2024.

The team – Toufik Salhi, Laith Gazzaz, Hamdi Aissa El Hadj Kacem, Hadil Oum El Kheir Sayah, Maouia Bounyane and Mohamed Firas Bekkari, from petroleum, hydrocarbon production, renewable energy, computer science, petroleum geology and electronics – competed with scientific clubs from universities across the country and won first place nationally with a smart-pharmacy application.

Source : https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FGRFeCubz/

Study day on entrepreneurship under Ministerial Decision 1275 during Global Entrepreneurship Week 2024



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برنامج الأسبوع العالمي للمقاولاتية للموسم الجامعي 2024-2025
من 18 الى 25 نوفمبر 2024

اليوم الثالث: الأربعاء 2024/11/20

الفترة من 8:30- الى 15:00
القطب الجامعي رقم 03

الفترة	المحتوى	المتدخلون
08:45-08:30	• مداخلة بعنوان المقاولة الابتكارية	أ.د. سلامي منيرة
09:00-08:45	• قراءة في القرار 1275	أ.د. محسن بن الحبيب
09:15-09:00	• التعريف بتوأجهات الجامعية	د. منير سفاي
09:30-09:15	• مداخلة مدير مركز دعم وتطوير المقاولاتية	د. محمد قوجيل
09:45-09:30	• مداخلة بعنوان: الجامعة وفرص الابتكار	د. محمد الصالح بن نونة
10:00-09:45	• مداخلة حول حماية الملكية الفكرية وبراءات الاختراع	د. طه عيساني
10:15-10:00	• مداخلة بعنوان: آليات تمويل المشاريع	د. عبد الحميد مدور
10:30-10:15	• مداخلة مدير مديرية الصيد البحري وتربية المائيات	أ. بوعيشة صالح
11:15-10:30	• مداخلة ممثل الوكالة الوطنية لدعم وتنمية المقاولاتية	أ. مدور صالح
12:00-11:15	• عرض تجارب ناجحة لمشاريع طلبية	
13:00-12:00	• زيارة معرض المشاريع الابتكارية	

المداخلة الجامعية/ مركز تطوير المقاولاتية/ القطب 03

الفترة	المحتوى
14:30-09:00	• دورة تكوينية في المقاولاتية: خطوات انشاء المؤسسات المصغرة (مركز تطوير المقاولاتية)
15:00-13:00	• مرافقة الطلبة حاملي المشاريع ضمن القرار 1275 شهادة مؤسسة لشهادة براءة اختراع (المداخلة الجامعية)

Global Entrepreneurship Week 2024

Global Entrepreneurship Week 2024 (18–25 November) opened in the presence of the Wali of Ouargla and the Rector, and holders of labelled student projects such as NET SERVICE OGX, HOSTINO and Al-Basir shared their experience.

On 20 November 2024, the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences held a study day on entrepreneurship under Ministerial Decision 1275 (“diploma – start-up / diploma – patent”), prepared by Dr. Hanane Rezzag Salem. It was attended by Professor Abdelouahed Kriker, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Professor Mohamed Salah Belkacir, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, heads of department, the Director of the University Incubator, Professor Mohsen Benlahbib, speakers, guests from other institutions and students.

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SLB inaugurates a Hub of Excellence in Ouargla with the university



SLB Hub of Excellence, Ouargla

On 2 July 2024, SLB inaugurated a Hub of Excellence in Ouargla, created with Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla and the incubator IncubMe, in the presence of the Minister of Knowledge Economy, Start-ups and Micro-enterprises.

Presented as the first incubator dedicated to the energy sector in southern Algeria, the hub offers an amphitheatre, a creative studio, an event space and training rooms for students and young entrepreneurs.

Source : https://www.algerie360.com/innovation-et-startups-slb-inaugure-un-hub-dexcellene-a-ouargla/

Partnership agreement with TotalEnergies to establish a FabLab at the House of Artificial Intelligence



TotalEnergies FabLab agreement

On 9 June 2024, Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla and TotalEnergies Algérie signed a cooperation agreement to set up a FabLab at the university's House of Artificial Intelligence.

The FabLab provides students and entrepreneurs with equipment for digital fabrication, 3D printing, robotics and electronics, so that they can build prototypes of their innovative projects.

Source : https://algerie-eco.com/2024/06/10/totalenergies-algerie-et-luniversite-de-ouargla-signent-un-accord-de-cooperation-pour-la-mise-en-place-dun-fablab/
https://ww.univ-ouargla.dz/index.php/en/toutes-les-actualites/item/6513-signing-of-a-partnership-agreement-between-kasdi-merbah-university-and-total-energy-to-establish-a-fablab.html

9.4 Research income from industry and commerce

9.4.1 Research income from industry and commerce per academic staff :

Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla strengthens its partnership with the National Well Services Company (ENSP)



Working visit to ENSP

To strengthen cooperation between the university and the economic environment, a delegation of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla – including the vice-rectors for external relations and cooperation and for scientific research and doctoral training, the Director of Digitalisation, and research professors and experts – made a working visit to the National Well Services Company (ENSP), where they were received by the Chairman and CEO and several of the company's managers.

The meeting was an opportunity to review the results of existing cooperation and explore ways to develop it, in particular by directing doctoral projects towards the company's industrial problems, developing specialised training programmes, and strengthening cooperation on digitalisation and innovative technological solutions.

The Chairman and CEO reaffirmed that the company's doors are open to university talent and expressed his readiness to support joint initiatives and benefit from the expertise of professors and researchers.

The visit is part of the university's strategy to link scientific research to the needs of the industrial sector, promote innovation and make the most of university expertise in the service of national economic development.

Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=21577

The University of Ouargla strengthens its role in national strategic projects with a new partnership with the Algerian Desalination Company



Framework agreement with the Algerian Desalination Company (Sonatrach group)

Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla continues to establish itself as a fourth-generation university and an active partner in the State's strategic projects.

On Monday, 15 June 2026, at the headquarters of the Sonatrach group in Algiers, the university, represented by its Rector, Distinguished Professor Mohamed Tahar Halilat, signed a framework cooperation agreement with the Algerian Desalination Company, a subsidiary of Sonatrach. The signing was supervised by the Minister of State, Minister of Hydrocarbons, Mr Mohamed Arkab, together with the Minister of Environment and Quality of Life, Ms Kawthar Krikou, and the Minister of Public Works and Basic Infrastructure, Mr Abdelkader Djellaoui.

The ceremony was attended by the Chairman and CEO of Sonatrach, Mr Noureddine Daoudi, the Chairman and CEO of the Algerian Desalination Company, the Director General of Scientific Research and Technological Development, the Director General of the National Observatory for the Environment and Sustainable Development, and senior officials of the ministries and national bodies concerned.

The agreement aims to consolidate the partnership between the university and the company in training, supervision, collaborative scientific research and the development of national skills, in line with national policies to strengthen water security and support sustainable development.



Source : https://maghrebemergent.news/fr/dessalement-sonatrach-signe-trois-accords-academiques-pour-valoriser-la-saumure/
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Signing of a National Research Programme (PNR 2026) project contract in energy security



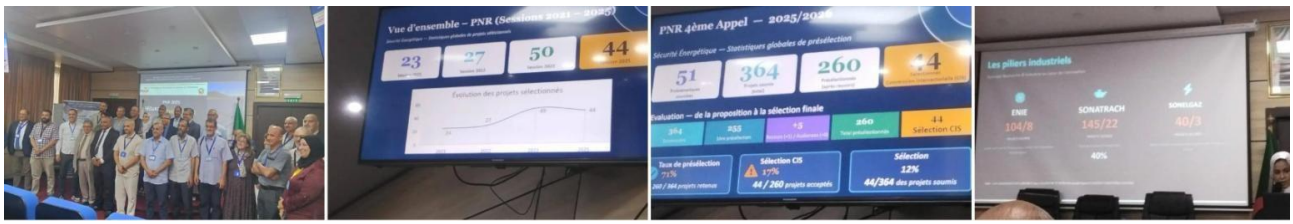
PNR 2026 contract signing at the Algerian Petroleum Institute

On Sunday, 14 June 2026, the contract for a National Research Programme project (PNR 2026) in the field of energy security was signed by the project leader, Professor Mohamed Said Achbi, with project member

Professor Boubaker Rouabah. The project was selected from 364 proposals submitted nationally in the field of energy security.

The signing took place at the Algerian Petroleum Institute (IAP) in Boumerdès, a Sonatrach institute and the project's economic partner, under the supervision of the IAP Director and the Director of the Thematic Agency for Research in Science and Technology (ATRST).

This is the third project of its kind won by the University of Ouargla in the 2026 session. The project is entitled "Influence of stray currents on hydrocarbon transport pipelines (case of the section between Pont Mohammadia and Pont Blanc, Rue d'Alger, El Harrach)".



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=20938

National Research Programme 2025–2026: an energy-security project for the Faculty of Mathematics and Material Sciences



Signing of PNR 2025–2026 agreements and contracts

The Thematic Agency for Research in Science and Technology (ATRST) organised the signing ceremony of agreements and contracts for the National Research Programme (PNR) 2025–2026 projects, in the presence

of project leaders, representatives of higher education and research institutions, and the economic partners concerned with applying research results on the ground.

Among the selected projects, the Faculty of Mathematics and Material Sciences of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla, under the supervision of Professor Djamel Beshki, was awarded one of the most significant projects, representing a qualitative leap in the field of energy security.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=20802

AI and data science students visit Sonatrach's Data Centre and Telemetry Centre



Scientific visit to Sonatrach – Production Division

To strengthen applied training and openness to the professional and technological environment, students of the new specialisation "Applied Mathematics for Artificial Intelligence and Data Science" at Kasdi Merbah

University of Ouargla made a scientific visit to Sonatrach's Production Division, including its Data Centre and Telemetry Centre.

The visit allowed the students to explore how industrial data are collected and processed and to become familiar with the smart systems and modern technologies used in the hydrocarbons sector. It also strengthened their practical knowledge and prepared them for field internships and for handling real data in professional environments.

The initiative is part of the university's strategy to train qualified competencies in artificial intelligence and data science, able to keep pace with digital transformation and respond to the needs of key sectors.

Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=20804

Scientific visit of international hydrocarbons students to EXPRO



International students at EXPRO

To support international students in their academic and professional path, Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla organised a scientific visit for international students specialising in hydrocarbons to EXPRO, one of the world's leading companies in technical services and solutions for the oil, gas and energy sector.

As a university of empowerment that creates opportunities, Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla continues to support students in developing their ideas and innovative projects by providing an environment that encourages creativity and entrepreneurship. The university also encourages students to file patents and create start-ups, turning scientific projects and ideas into innovative solutions of economic and social value and improving their chances of entering the labour market and contributing to national development.



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International students of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons on a field trip to SLB



International students' field trip to SLB

To support international students and strengthen their academic and field training, international students of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla went on a scientific field trip to SLB, one of the world's largest companies in energy, petroleum services and technology.

The initiative is part of the university's strategy to train highly competent students who are open to the economic and industrial environment and able to keep pace with change in the energy sector, so that they can innovate and develop quality scientific projects that may later become patents and start-ups.

Through these field activities, the university affirms its position as a university of empowerment and an international university open to its economic and scientific environment, offering spaces for applied training and contact with international companies, which improves its students' chances of success and professional integration – especially its international students, to whom it gives particular attention.

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SPE Student Chapter field trip to Baker Hughes



Students at Baker Hughes

To strengthen practical training and link academic knowledge with industry, the Petroleum Club Ouargla – SPE Student Chapter of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences organised a scientific field trip to Baker Hughes on 19 May 2026.

Participants saw at first hand the technologies and operations used in the oil and gas sector and learned about the industrial work environment and the company's safety and operating standards.

The visit is part of the faculty's efforts to give students field experience and improve their professional readiness through direct contact with experts in the energy sector. The faculty thanked Baker Hughes for its welcome.

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Career Centre field visit to Star Aviation at Hassi Messaoud airport



Students at Star Aviation's maintenance hangar

The university's Career Centre, in cooperation with the association INJAZ Algeria, organised a field visit to the company Star Aviation at Hassi Messaoud airport, where students had a rich, first-hand experience of the world of aviation.

Captain Rochdi Mekdad gave detailed explanations of the aircraft in the maintenance hangar, and the students learned about their types, components and maintenance procedures according to aviation standards. They also had the rare opportunity to board the cockpit of a VIP aircraft, learn about its flight and control systems, and talk directly with the pilot in a real setting.

The visit included a tour of the company's departments, where the students learned how maintenance operations and flight monitoring are managed, how tasks are divided within work teams, and how a flight plan is prepared in coordination with the pilot.

The experience gave the students a deeper understanding of the requirements of work in the aviation sector and a clearer view of the career paths and skills needed to succeed in this field. The Career Centre thanked Star Aviation, Captain Rochdi Mekdad and INJAZ Algeria for their valuable contribution.



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Renewable-energy students visit the STOS–Sonelgaz electrical centre at Bamendil



Visit to the STOS–Sonelgaz centre

In April 2026, third-year Bachelor's students in Applied Renewable Energy at the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences made a scientific visit to the STOS–Sonelgaz centre at Bamendil, Ouargla, supervised by Dr. Brahim Gharbi, Dr. Zohour Abada and Dr. Hania Abaoub.

Engineer Boukhalifa, one of the company's managers, gave a detailed presentation of the station. The students learned about its components – power transformers, protection and monitoring systems, transmission and distribution networks and modern energy control technologies – as well as how the station is operated and maintained and the technical challenges facing the electricity sector.

The students and their supervisors thanked the management of STOS–Sonelgaz for its welcome and for the valuable information provided.

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ENAFOR rates Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla “excellent” as a training provider

UKMO accredited among ENAFOR’s qualified training partners

In the 2025 evaluation of training service providers conducted by the National Drilling Company (ENAFOR), Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla achieved outstanding results, earning an excellent rating and being officially accredited among the qualified partners to deliver training and consulting services.

This recognition reflects the high quality of the university’s training programmes and its successful experience in supporting major national companies, particularly in the hydrocarbons sector.

It also confirms the university’s growing status as an economic actor and a strategic partner in sustainable development, strengthening its role in connecting academia with the industrial and economic environment.

Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=19488

Petroleum Geology students on a scientific visit to Sonatrach’s Research and Development Centre



Visit to Sonatrach’s CRD

On Thursday, 9 April 2026, third-year students in Hydrocarbon Geology made a scheduled scientific visit to Sonatrach’s Research and Development Centre (CRD), under the supervision of Professor Fethi Medjani.

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SPE Student Chapter visits SLB’s MD1 base in Hassi Messaoud



Students at SLB’s MD1 base

On 16 February 2026, the Petroleum Club – SPE branch of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences organised a scientific visit to SLB’s MD1 base in Hassi Messaoud, where students learned about the work of the Well Construction and Reservoir Performance divisions.

The students saw the support workshops for wireline, slickline, MWD and LWD services, and learned about equipment maintenance standards, tool preparation procedures, quality-control systems and the health, safety and environment (HSE) culture applied at the base.

Such initiatives show the importance of openness to industry in training competent engineers. The club thanked SLB for its welcome and continued support.

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Seven partnership agreements signed with oil and gas companies



Signing of seven partnership agreements in Ouargla

On 12 February 2026, the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research presided in Ouargla over the signing of seven partnership agreements between Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla and companies of the oil and gas sector.

The partners include ONAGEO, ENSP, Baker Hughes, TotalEnergies Algérie and SLB.

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The Energy Talent Leadership club organises the “Energy Nova” study days on energy and the environment



“Energy Nova” study days

The Energy Talent Leadership Club of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences organised the study days “Energy Nova” on hydrocarbons, renewable energy and the environment at the Scientific and Cultural Recreation Centre, starting on Tuesday, 25 November 2025.

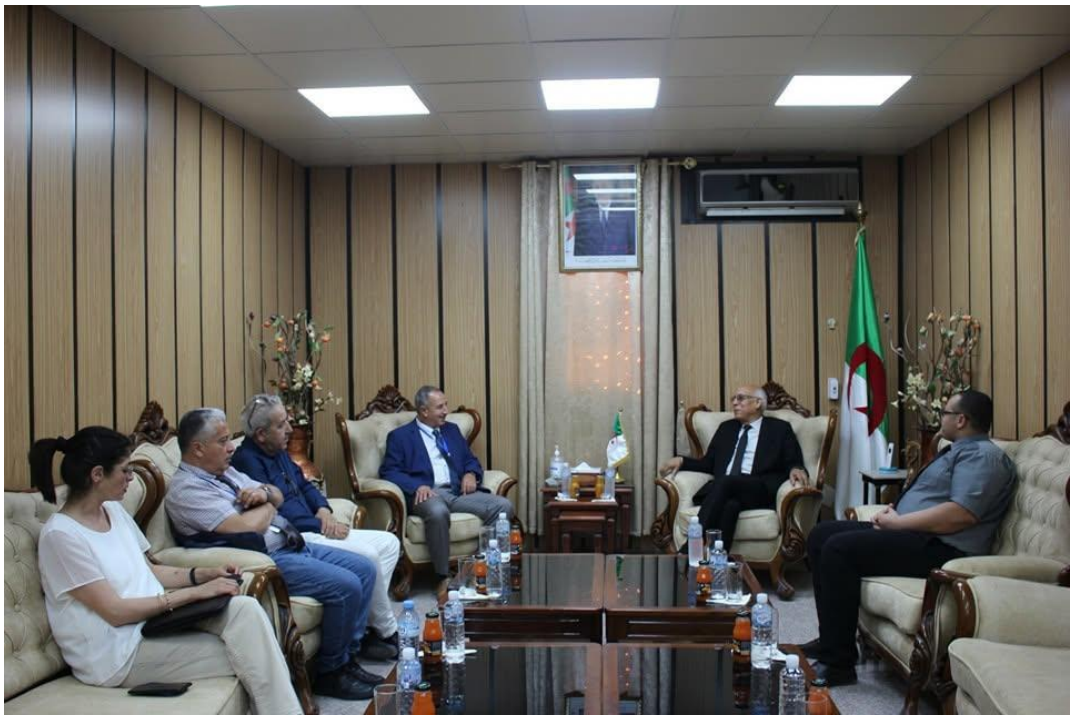
The event was attended by the Secretary-General of the university, the Dean, the faculty Secretary-General, the Sub-Director of Activities, representatives of Zergoune, ALSCIF, ENTO, ENSP and Halliburton, a representative of the Directorate of Environment, and professors and experts in the energy sector.

After the opening speech by the Dean, Professor Abdelmadjid Debbi, who outlined the energy mix and the challenges of the transition to renewables, and a speech by the head of the Renewable Energy Department, Dr. Brahim Gharbi, the lectures covered solar energy, the future of hydrogen as an energy carrier, the energy transition and the environment, followed by a discussion between the speakers and the students.

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Strategic partnership agreement between Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla and ALSCIF



Agreement with ALSCIF

On 18 June 2025, the university signed a strategic partnership agreement with ALSCIF, a national company specialised in oil-well stimulation, support and fracturing services.

The agreement aims to support innovative start-ups in the energy field and to launch research projects linked to national energy security.



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SETRAM: projects under the agreement between the University of Ouargla and the Ouargla tram unit



Working session with SETRAM

In March 2025, following the agreement recently concluded between the University of Ouargla and SETRAM's Ouargla unit, a working session brought together the company, the Dean of the Faculty of New Information and Communication Technologies and the director of the university's subsidiary companies.

They discussed projects that use university expertise to develop innovative solutions for the tram operator.



Source : https://ww.univ-ouargla.dz/index.php/en/component/k2/item/6992-setram-the-agreement-recently-concluded-between-the-university-of-ouargla-and-the-setram-company-ouargla-unit.html

Petroleum Engineering students visit the laboratories of Sonatrach's Research and Development Centre



Visit to Sonatrach's CRD, Hassi Messaoud

On Thursday, 13 February 2025, the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences organised a field visit for third-year engineering students in Petroleum Engineering to Sonatrach's Research and Development Centre (CRD) in Hassi Messaoud.

The visit gave the students of the Hydrocarbon Production Department the opportunity to see at first hand the various research activities of the centre's laboratories.

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The CFC club visits the national company ALSCIF



CFC club at ALSCIF

The club CFC – Scientific Corner Ouargla of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences made an exploratory visit to the national company ALSCIF (formerly BJSP) in February 2025.

The club was received by the Chairman and CEO, Mr Abdeslam Belaribi, and his team. The club presented its activities and projects and its role in promoting scientific research and technological development among students, and the CEO presented the company's activities, its contribution to petroleum operations and its relationship with its parent company Sonatrach.

An interactive session with ALSCIF engineers and experts explained the technologies used and the challenges facing the petroleum industry. The CEO said the company's doors would remain open to students and proposed a visit to the faculty to meet the Dean and explore ways of cooperating.

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Hydrocarbon Geology students on a scientific visit to the National Well Services Company (ENSP)



Visit to ENSP

In January 2025, first-year students in Hydrocarbon Geology of the Department of Earth and Universe Sciences made a scientific visit to the National Well Services Company (ENSP). The faculty's teaching staff thanked ENSP's managers for their welcome.

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CFC club at the Algeria Innovation Hackathon in Oran, sponsored by Sonatrach



Algeria Innovation Hackathon 2024

After winning first place at Startup City 2, the CFC club of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons took part in the Algeria Innovation Hackathon, a 48-hour non-stop event held in Oran from 17 to 20 December 2024, sponsored by Sonatrach with major national companies.

The club was represented by Mohamed Adnane Allali, club president, and Sid Ali Bouchouicha, both second-year Master's students in Hydrocarbon Production, on the topic "The impact of integrated digital solutions such as artificial intelligence on oil and gas production".

They joined an eight-member team of students and Sonatrach experts, coached by a trainer from SMA and Sonatrach, and presented an innovative project that integrates artificial intelligence into decision-making to improve well selection and prioritisation.



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Evaluation meeting with the Dean after the Petroleum Club's participation in NAPEC 2024



NAPEC 2024 debrief

On Sunday, 21 October 2024, representatives of the faculty's four scientific clubs – PCO (hydrocarbons), GCO (geology), CFC (Creativity for Change) and LTL (Learn to Live) – held an evaluation meeting with the Dean after the Petroleum Club took part in NAPEC, the North Africa Petroleum Exhibition and Conference, in Oran from 14 to 16 October 2024, with members of the other clubs.

The meeting was attended by the Vice-Dean for studies and student affairs, Professor Mohamed Salah Belkacir, and the head of the faculty's activities department, Ms Fadila Benrouba.



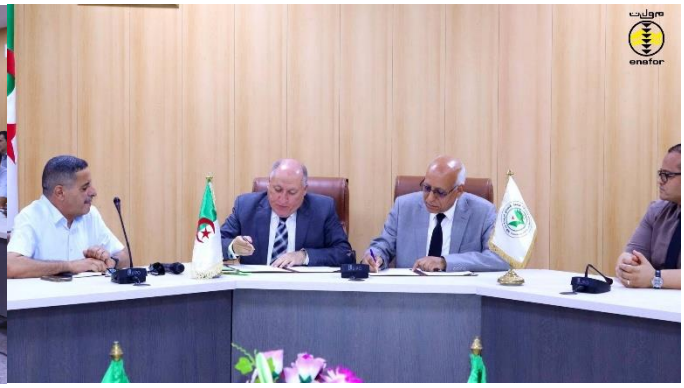
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Joint cooperation agreement between Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla and ENAFOR



Agreement with ENAFOR

The National Drilling Company (ENAFOR) signed a framework cooperation agreement with Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla on Monday, 1 July 2024, covering training, scientific research, and knowledge exchange. The agreement was signed at the university headquarters by Mr. Mohamed Ben Nizar, President and Chief Executive Officer of ENAFOR, and Mr. Mohamed Tahar Hallilat, Rector of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla. The signing ceremony was attended by Mr. Mohamed Sofiane Ramdani, Human Resources Director; Mr. Sayah Belhani, Director of the ENAFOR Drilling School; as well as university vice-rectors, executives, and faculty deans. The five-year agreement provides for joint cooperation in scientific research and technological development, as well as partnerships between ENAFOR and the university in drilling, well maintenance, and other company-related activities. In his speech, Mr. Mohamed Ben Nizar emphasized the strategic objectives pursued by ENAFOR through this agreement, which forms part of the company's training policy. This policy aims particularly to prepare for succession planning and improve human resource performance in line with ENAFOR's development strategy. For his part, Mr. Mohamed Tahar Hallilat expressed his gratitude to ENAFOR's management for signing the agreement and for the trust placed in and renewed with Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla. He affirmed that the university would mobilize its human resources, facilities, and pedagogical capabilities to support ENAFOR and contribute to the successful implementation of the partnership.

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