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Amadeus institute will organize, November 26-28 in Tangier, the first edition of the international annual forum "MEDays" under the theme "the forum of South for a New Mediterranean".

Dedicated to "North-South dialogue in the Mediterranean", this forum offers the suitable space to tackle political, economic and socio-cultural issues and solve problems related to the region.

Speaking at a press briefing, chairman of the Amadeus Institute, Brahim Fassi Fihri, underlined the national, regional and international dimension of this event, which is "organized by the South and for the South", voicing the organizers' will to perpetuate this forum.

Fassi Fihri noted that the choice of the Mediterranean city of Tangier is due to its important role in building bridges between the two sides of the Mediterranean, recalling that the French president, Nicolas Sarkozy, has chosen this city to launch his call for a Union for the Mediterranean.

This first edition will be attended by 400 participants representing 30 countries along with 150 enterprises and more than 180 contributors.

The program includes debates on "Political Dialogue and Peace in the Mediterranean", "Education, Training, Research and Culture in the Mediterranean", "Economic Development, Transportation and Energy in the Mediterranean" and "Environment and Water Protection in the Mediterranean."

The opening ceremony will be marked by awarding five "2008 MEDays prizes", according to organizers.