

## Amina Bouayach



Amina Bouayach is the first woman to chair an organization of human rights in Morocco. Chosen as a treasurer of the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights (MHRO) at its first congress in 1988, she initiated the organization of national campaigns for the movement of the families of political prisoners. She has also participated in the development of topics of sensible social questions such as political detention, enforced disappearance and torture. In 1992 she got her Masters degree in Economics from the University "Mohamed V" in Rabat and worked for an opposition media. In 2006 she was elected as head of the Moroccan Organisation of Human Rights where she worked specifically for the abolition of the death penalty and against impunity in Morocco. In 2011 she became a member of the Advisory Committee for Constitutional Reform. Amina Bouayach also initiated several actions for the protection and promotion of human rights through new information technologies. In 2009, she coordinated a group of NGOs Group working on human rights for a national campaign for the ratification of the International Convention against enforced disappearance. In 2010 she coordinated a national group of twenty Moroccan NGOs to demand the ratification of the Protocol to the Convention against torture and after that she coordinated the publication of a reference document for the establishment of national preventive mechanism against torture.