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Dear Mr. Dautremont,

It is with great pleasure that I, as the President of Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P), proudly present our second STARS report. We are delighted to aim for the STARS Gold level with this second submission.

Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, a distinguished Moroccan research institution, is situated at its primary campus in Benguerir, near Marrakech, with additional branches in Rabat and Laayoune. Our university is steadfastly dedicated to applied research and innovation, with a resolute commitment to advancing economic and human development in Morocco and across the broader African continent.

UM6P's focus areas encompass critical domains such as industrialization, food security, sustainable development, mining, behavioral and social sciences. We unite a consortium of schools, laboratories, and research institutes, spanning the spectrum of science and technology, economic and social sciences, and business management.

Our journey towards STARS certification has been made possible through the unwavering dedication of our community members and valued partners, as well as the enduring commitment of our 5000 students. STARS certification serves as a guiding reference in our strategic development framework.

As evident in our submission, sustainability is embedded in both our knowledge acquisition and transfer mission, as well as in the day-to-day operation and administration of our campus. Notable among our initiatives are the Master's program in Green Building Engineering and Energy Efficiency, facilitated through the Green Energy Park, as well as the installation of solar farms and photovoltaic panels on our Data Center and carpark roofs as part of our decarbonization plan.

Our expanding infrastructure includes the completion of the second phase of the UM6P campus and the establishment of the "Health Care City Building Company" and "UM6P Hospitals."

I am pleased to highlight our commitment to diversifying our educational and research offerings. The launch of the Medical School as a new specialty and the creation of chairs such as the African Chair of Innovation and Sustainable Development, the Chair of Technology and Business Transformation, and the Chair of Applied Research and Innovation in Energy Science and Technology, demonstrate our dedication to academic excellence and innovation. Additionally, our School of Collective Intelligence and Excellence High School stand as pioneering endeavors in Morocco.

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Sustainability is not just a concept at UM6P; it is ingrained in our operational and administrative processes. Our Department of Sustainable Development (SDD) actively supports student and community-driven sustainable development initiatives. SDD has formulated an institutional policy on sustainable development, established a Sustainable Fund, and initiated various programs, including the student peer-to-peer education program in sustainable development.

As President of UM6P, I affirm that this submission has undergone thorough scrutiny for accuracy. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all UM6P community members for their firm commitment in achieving STARS certification, making UM6P the first African university to attain this distinction. I also extend my gratitude to the numerous faculty and staff members who diligently collected and provided the requisite information to fulfill STARS requirements. I eagerly anticipate our continued progress on the path of sustainable development.

Sincerely yours,

**Hicham EL HABTI**  
**President**

