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Rwanda and Morocco have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Nyanza with the Institute of Legal Practice and Development of Law (ILPD), the agreement extend a judicial partnership involving training, scientific investigation of crimes, prosecution of crimes and the digitization of courts.

This is a multifaceted cooperation that if implemented will also affects other sectors, in addition to the Justice Sector.

Rwanda and Morocco maintain good bilateral relations thanks to the guidance given by His Majesty King Mohammed VI and President Paul Kagame.

The Moroccan Justice Minister, Mohamed Aujjar who was in Nyanza during the signing of the MoU said, “It is a commitment of our Heads of State to conclude a strategic partnership focused on a desire to strengthen cooperation respected on both sides.”

Minister Aujjar added that, he impressed by the reforms carried out by Rwanda, implemented according to their findings.

For Johnston Busingye, the Rwandan Minister of Justice, there is cooperation in many areas. But what is most important for Rwanda is ICT-based activities and the digitization of the courts.

“Rwanda also has its progress in the field of digitalisation of the courts. Morocco has moved more steps, and its progress will educate us more. As for the prosecution of crimes, especially the fight against terrorism, Morocco is following in the footsteps of the European countries which are its close neighbors. On this point, Morocco has more training and advanced knowledge that will benefit Rwanda and that will allow us to always be prepared for any acts of terrorism,” Busingye said.

Another advantage where Rwanda will benefit is from Legal Laboratory looking for evidence through scientific means, this is an area where Morocco has made progress.

Imani Youssef, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to Rwanda who was also present during the event said that the Embassy will serve as a link in the implementation of the Agreement.

“Institutions like RIB, RDB and others will implement the MoU. Their partners in Morocco will do the same to strengthen cooperation between Rwanda and Morocco,” he said.

Minister Aujjar accompanied by his Rwandan counterpart also visited Muyogoro Sector of Huye District, Southern Province, where they launched Legal Aid Week to close 677 cases judged by the Gacaca courts.