**Biography of Bassima El Hakkaoui**

Bassima El Hakkaoui, who was appointed Minister of Family, Solidarity, Equality and Social Development on 5th October 1960 in Casablanca, was appointed by His Majesty King Mohammed VI.

Ms. El Hakkaoui holds a DES in Social Psychology and held the position of Minister of Solidarity, Women, Family and Social Development in the former Government. A teacher of education, she was a member of Parliament on behalf of the Justice and Development Party in 2002 and has held several positions within her party, including chairing the women's organization of the PJD.

The new minister is also a member of several Arab and Islamic organizations. Between 2006 and 2007, Mrs. El Hakkaoui was the head of the Social Sector Committee in the House of Representatives. She is the author of a series of research on women, gender and education, along with her contributions to collective works on the same themes.