

News story: Inaugural UK-Morocco Strategic Dialogue held in London

The Dialogue aims to deepen and strengthen our cooperation with Morocco across politics, economics, security and culture.

I was delighted to host Moroccan Foreign Minister Bourita and Secretary of State Boucetta today for the first ever UK-Morocco Strategic Dialogue, here in London.

The UK and Morocco have an illustrious 800-year old history of exchanges and friendship, so establishing this annual forum, alternating between the UK and Morocco, is a welcome and natural step. With many areas of interest, we agreed to focus our discussion on four themes: Political-Diplomatic, Security, Economic and Cultural.

We exchanged letters on how the Dialogue might work over the years to come and discussed how a working group could maintain contact and momentum.

We also discussed transport and tourist security, regional politics, trade and investment.

I was particularly pleased to sign an education agreement that will allow British schools to open in Morocco, giving Moroccans the opportunity to study using our curriculum, and our schools a dynamic and growing new market.

We look forward to further cooperation in the coming months, and indeed to the next dialogue in Rabat.