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THE FEMALE FOOTBALL PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTED IN MOROCCO MEETINGS BY FIFA

PDT GIANNI INFANTINO IN RABAT

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Subsequent discussions followed with members of the Moroccan government, where the FIFA President congratulated Minister Bourita on the success of the men´s national football team in their success in the CHAN tournament in Cameroon. The FIFA President also highlighted both the country and the FMRF´s initiatives to get more girls and women involved in football, and commended the recent launch of a four-year women´s football development plan, as a significant initiative to raise the value of women's football by actively engaging girls at grassroots level in football.----------
“My talks with Minister Bourita were both interesting and productive, and I mentioned that Morocco is recognised as a leader in integrating more girls and women in football,“ the FIFA President said. “There are many positive moves, from appointment of female referee Bouchra Karboubi in the domestic league last October, to the introduction of the new women´s football development strategy by the FMRF last summer. "There are great opportunities here, and I look forward to seeing Morocco stake their claim for a place at the FIFA Women´s World Cup. I informed the Minister that FIFA will help the federation in further developing and nurturing the women´s game throughout Morocco, so even more girls and women can become involved in football.“ Source : Fédération internationale de football association (FIFA).

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