

# **The Environment Place in Spatial Planning: Example of Morocco**

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Economic and demographic growth has generated more and more increasing urbanization accompanied by a deterioration of the natural environment. Have access to a healthy environment became a constitutional right, the State, public institutions and local authorities must work for the achievement of this objective. Thus, it is imperative for these actors to integrate environmental aspect in urban and rural spatial planning as a pillar of sustainable development policies, which launch a good planning environmental approach leading to a balance between built and non-built spaces. For this purpose, urbanism plans are technical and legal instruments whose purpose is not only to predict or determine the harmonious configuration of cities but also to promote the environment and prevent it against the risk of deterioration or irrational use. In this study, we will enlighten readers on the contribution of the Moroccan legal texts in prevention and development of the environment as a field of ecological diversity through spatial planning tools, identify imbalances and dysfunctions related to the inadequacy of the reference texts and practices and suggest solutions that can support global sustainable development in the economic and social fields taking into account the concern of preservation and balance of natural environment.