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Time	Activity	Localisation
1st Day: 09.09.2025		
09:00	Welcome and Opening remarks <i>Mrs.Amel Guizani, Mr. Julius Dihstelhoff (MECAM Directors)</i> <i>Mr.Jamel Belhadj (Directeur de l'Institut Supérieur de l'Ingénierie Numérique de Tunis. H.I.D.E)</i> <i>Mr.Malek Khochlef (le Directeur Général de la Coopération Internationale du Ministère de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche Scientifique)</i>	Higher Institute of Digital Engineering (HIDE)^(*) – The Campus courtyard (27, rue Florian, Borj Zouara Tunis)
09:15	Campus Tour and Mutual Introductions, Including Research Projects <i>Mrs.Amel Guizani</i>	HIDE – The courtyard and meeting room on campus
09:45	Transfer by mini-bus (MECAM/Rectorate of the University of Tunis)	
10:00	Welcome and Exchange at the Rectorate of the University of Tunis Reception by the President of the <i>University of Tunis</i> <i>distribution of affiliation letters</i> <i>(90 minutes)</i>	Rectorate of the University of Tunis (92, BD du 9 avril 1938, 1007 - Tunis, Tunisie)
11:30	Transfer by minibus (MECAM)	MECAM^(*) – The conference room (HIDE, 27, rue Florian, Borj Zouara 1029 Tunis)
12:00	MECAM Through the Fellows' Lens and MECAM's Working Formats Moderation by <i>Faten Bouchrara</i> I. <i>Fellow's Personal experience and learning from MECAM's fellowship: Cyrine Kortas; Max Ajl; Massensen Cherbi (Lien) (tbc) ; Imad Alsoos (Lien) ; (5 minutes per person)</i> II. <i>Presentation of MECAM's working Formats</i> <i>Faten Bouchrara</i> Joint Exchange	MECAM^(*) – The conference room (HIDE, 27, rue Florian, Borj Zouara 1029 Tunis)
12:30	Introduction to Trafo Hub and Trafo Blog (online) <i>Diana Abbani (Lien)</i>	
13:00	Break Lunch time	
14:00	Welcome to the new fellow cohort <i>Mrs. Luise Fischer (MECAM Coordinator)</i> Meeting and Exchange with MECAM's Executive Council and	

	International Advisory Board members (Lien) <i>Moderation by Cyrine Kortas</i>	
15:00	Coffee Break	
15:15	Panel 4 Academic Pitches by MECAM's fellows <i>Moderation by Hiba Medini</i> "The Shrine: A liminal Space that bridges the past and present: Om Ezzeine Jamalia's Zaouia as a case study". Cyrine Kortas "Colonialism, neocolonialism and questions of development in north african thought". Max Ajl <i>(15 minutes per person)</i> Joint Discussion (35 minutes)	
2nd Day: 10.09.2025		
09:00	Meeting at the MECAM	MECAM – The conference room (HIDE, 27, rue Florian, Borj Zouara 1029 Tunis)
09:15	Transfer by minibus (MECAM/ the National Archives of Tunis)	
09:30	Guided tour of the National Archives of Tunis (ANT) visit to the ANT premises and presentation of archival research methods (tbc) <i>(60 minutes)</i>	ANT – (122, BD du 9 avril 1938 Tunis)
10:30	Guided tour of the National Library of Tunis (BNT) including an introduction to available resources and membership card distribution <i>(90 minutes)</i>	BNT - 122, BD du 9 avril 1938, 1007 – Tunis
12:00	Departure for the Médina de Tunis Head to the la Bibliothèque diocésaine de Tunis	
12:15	Break Lunch time	Bibliothèque diocésaine- 9,Rue Sidi Saber, la Médina de Tunis
13:00	Guided tour of la Bibliothèque diocésaine de Tunis Library presentation by Mrs. Nadia Djellouli Historical overview of the site by Prof. Habib Kazdaghli <i>(90 minutes)</i>	9, Rue Sidi Saber, la Médina de Tunis
14:30	Guided tour of la Bibliothèque de la Khaldounia Guided tour of the library's research resources and services <i>(90 minutes)</i>	67, Souk El Attarine, la Médina de Tunis
16:00	Casual coffee gathering at Café du Souk (self-pay).	

***Additional Meetings related to the Introduction days**

Day 3 : 23.09.2025

23 September, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **MECAM – The conference room (HIDE, 27, rue Florian, Borj Zouara | 1029 Tunis).**

Hybrid session

You are invited to a joint meeting with:

- Benjamin Heidrich, Project Coordinator (Germany), Coordination Office Marburg, Merian Center for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM)
- Maria Josua (GIGA), Presentation of MECAM's publication formats
- Clara Suess, Presentation of MECAM's Rencontre Ibn Khaldun ([Lien](#))

Day 4 and Day 5 : 25-26.09.2025

25 and 26 September - Introductory Visit to the University of Sfax (Location: Sfax)

- Meeting with the university's Rectorate
- Meeting at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities
- Brief presentation of the ongoing fellowship projects



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