

MATE's 33rd Annual Conference
“Gender Issues in Language Teaching”

Marrakech – 28th -31st January, 2013



MATE is pleased to announce that it will hold its 33rd Annual Conference on “Gender issues in Language Teaching” in Marrakech from Monday January 28 until Thursday 31, 2013.

Gender issues have been a neglected area in language teaching not only in Morocco but elsewhere, too. MATE, which has been at the forefront of efforts to enhance language education in Morocco, realizes the need for all stakeholders in language education to come together to discuss and debate gender issues such as:

- **Sexist language in the language classroom;**
- **Gender-neutral language;**
- **Sexism within textbooks;**

- **Empowering women through ELT/ELL**
- **Tales/ jokes as a source of gender stereotypes.**

The conference will also be a forum to reflect on practices that aim to promote gender equity in education.

Being keenly aware that (i) gender issues cover such a broad range of social theory and pedagogical practice and (ii) there is a pressing need for gender-related activities for classroom practice, MATE, one of whose aims is to empower educators, females and males alike, invites all those interested in language education and NGOs to contribute towards exploring the theme of the conference in either English or French or Arabic.

The conference will feature:

Four keynote speeches, one every day

20-minute papers

60-minute workshops

Poster sessions

A book exhibit

Student presentations