Strategic Encounter Towards a Digital Algeria: HARTEM YAAKOUB and TKAWEN Bridging Youth Vision with National Sovereignty



Wilaya d Alger, Algeria May 9, 2025 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - In the heart of Algeria's digital awakening, where the call for a knowledge-based economy echoes from the highest levels of government, a new narrative is taking form — one where youth-driven innovation does not merely respond to the nation's challenges, but helps define its future architecture.

This is the context in which **TKAWEN** — a pioneering Algerian digital platform — emerged from a university incubator to a potential national infrastructure for trust, verification, and inclusive growth.

From the Gate of Youth: A National Dialogue Begins

In a landmark gesture of institutional listening, I was honored — as the founder of TKAWEN — to be received by the **Minister of Youth and President of the High Council of Youth**, alongside **Mr. Nouri Moussa**, esteemed member of the High Council representing the Wilaya of El Tarf, whose strategic coordination made the meeting possible.

This encounter went beyond symbolic recognition. It was a decisive institutional moment. We presented **TKAWEN** and its sister platform **Algeria Certify** as more than a startup: a national response to the pressing need for **digital trust**, **verified skills**, **and decentralized accreditation**.

The Minister engaged not merely as a policymaker, but as a catalyst for structural youth empowerment — listening with humility and pledging to elevate the challenges of legal recognition and digital sovereignty to the Presidency.

TKAWEN: A National System Born in a University

From its inception within the academic corridors of **Badji Mokhtar University of Annaba**, under **Ministerial Decree 1275**, TKAWEN was not just a project — it was a vision system. Recognized by the Ministry of Knowledge Economy and Startups with three official innovation labels (Innovative Project, Startup, Certified Innovation), the platform has evolved into an integrated digital ecosystem.

It enables:

- Intelligent training systems
- Secure certificate issuance
- Real-time verification
- A digital identity layer for professional classification

All delivered through an autonomous, sovereign infrastructure aligned with global best practices and deeply rooted in Algerian context.

A Second Encounter: Institutional Continuity, Strategic Depth

In a seamless transition from youth affairs to digital strategy, we were invited for a second official meeting — this time with the **Minister of Knowledge Economy and Startups**. His openness and foresight were a powerful confirmation that innovation and governance are converging in New Algeria.

Together, we explored TKAWEN as a **national digital infrastructure for trust** — capable of closing institutional gaps in recognition, evaluation, and workforce development.

The Minister emphasized the importance of not just building tools, but embedding them in policy, supporting ecosystems that combine **technological depth**, **strategic vision**, **and real**

implementation pathways.

A Sovereign Digital Architecture: Citizens as Co-Engineers of the Future

TKAWEN is not a product — it is a **framework for governance** in the age of information. We envision a **state-as-a-platform model**, where every citizen has a verifiable professional identity, where training is traceable, and where certificates unlock opportunity rather than collect dust.

We propose a transparent and secure system that empowers skilled individuals, classifies competencies, and safeguards trust — a cornerstone for the digital economy Algeria aspires to build.

This is not a dream. It is already in motion.

A Message to Youth: Your Power Is Real — When Structured

At TKAWEN, we believe youth are not waiting to be included — they are **building the systems**. But real impact requires **institutional language**, **strategic patience**, and the ability to **translate ambition into national frameworks**.

The support we've received from two key ministries is not just encouragement — it is a mandate to move forward with clarity, responsibility, and ambition. It proves that the **New Algeria** is listening, and that sovereignty in the digital era will be co-written by the youth — not just inherited.

We extend deep gratitude to **Mr. Nouri Moussa**, whose unwavering commitment to empowering Algerian youth transformed a meeting into a mission — and to both Ministers, whose vision confirms that **when state and startup meet, sovereignty is no longer abstract**.

TKAWEN — Where Certificates Are the Beginning, Not the End.

A platform. A digital identity. A national trust infrastructure.

For a Digital Algeria — Built by Its Youth.

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