**Morocco**

Full name: The Kingdom of Morocco  
Government: constitutional monarchy

Location: Northern Africa, bordering the North Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, between Algeria and Western Sahara  
Capital: Rabat  
Area: 710,850 sq km (274,461 sq miles) (including W Sahara); slightly larger than California  
Climate: Mediterranean, becoming more extreme in the interior  
Terrain: northern coast and interior are mountainous with large areas of bordering plateaus, intermontane valleys, and rich coastal plains  
Natural Hazards: northern mountains geologically unstable and subject to earthquakes; periodic droughts

Population: 31.6 million (UN, 2005)  
Ethnicity: Arab-Berber 99.1%, other 0.7%, Jewish 0.2%  
Major Language: Arabic (official), Berber, French, Spanish  
Religion: Muslim 98.7%, Christian 1.1%, Jewish 0.2%  
Life expectancy: 67 years (men), 72 years (women) (UN)  
Currency: Dirham = 100 centimes