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## **SYMPHOS 2015** **THE THIRD SYMPHOS, SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE ON FOCUS**

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The OCP Group is planning its third "International Symposium on Innovation and Technology in the Phosphate Industry" (Symphos) from the 18th to 20th of May 2015 in Marrakesh. This technological and scientific event focuses on innovation, technology and current trends in processes to upgrade phosphates and derivatives, as well as research and development prospects in the phosphate sector.

Following the success of the two previous events held in 2011 and 2013, Symphos 2015 will be the place to be for major international players in the phosphates and phosphate derivatives industry. A wide range of scientific subjects, phosphate innovations and the use of advanced technology for sustainable agriculture will be discussed during Symphos 2015. Renowned international experts will take part of this event to contribute to, and to benefit from its various programmes. It is also an opportunity for these experts to share the results of their researches, and of their different projects. There will be also debate sessions organised by a high-level international and technical committee.

Symphos will be also open to biotechnology, fertilizers of tomorrow and to "slow & -controlled releases". As well as a forum to share ideas and to discuss sustainable development topics including water & energy management, industry-related challenges, and the development of innovative processes and sustainable agriculture.

Through the organisation of this event for the third time, OCP, the world leader of the phosphate industry, reaffirms its commitment to the promotion of technical and industrial innovation for sustainable agriculture.

### **ABOUT SYMPHOS :**

The International Symposium on Innovation and Technology in the Phosphate Industry (SYMPHOS) is a once every two years event and a global benchmark dedicated to key players in the phosphates and phosphate derivatives industry. This technological and scientific event is a platform for sharing ideas on innovation, technology, current trends in terms of processes for upgrading phosphates and derivatives, research, and development prospects for the phosphate sector. Initiated in 2011 and repeated in 2013, SYMPHOS has been attended by over 1,900 industrial stakeholders, manufacturers, equipment suppliers and researchers from 43 countries, who come together to share their experiences, discover the latest innovations and discuss their thoughts on the future of the phosphate industry. Held every two years, this committee works to enrich and diversify the event's scientific and technical content in connection with the phosphate industry.



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## ABOUT OCP :

The OCP Group is a global leader in the phosphates and derivatives market, including fertilisers, and has been a major player on the international market since 1920. The Group has exclusive access to Morocco's phosphate reserves, the largest reserves in the world according to the USGS. The Group is also a "leading low-cost" producer of phosphate and has become a key player throughout the entire phosphate value chain. The Group employs nearly 23,000 staff and achieved a turnover of US\$5.5 billion in 2013.

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