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Our keynote speaker at this luncheon is Mr. Mustapha Bakkoury, not to be confused with Mostafa. We have among our guests Mostafa Terrab and Mustapha Bakkoury. By the way, there is a whole story behind the distinction between the "o" and the "u", but I won't tell you about it. Mr. Mustapha Bakkoury is a great Moroccan figure. I am not going to tell you all about his life, but two points stand out in particular. He is internationally recognised as one of the leaders in the field of renewable energies, especially solar energy, and has also devoted part of his time to politics, without abandoning his field of expertise. This is not an easy thing to do. He is currently the *Wali*, i. e. the Governor, the President of the Casablanca-Settat region. So he wears several hats, he's a major figure. Without any further ado, I'm inviting him up on stage right now. If I were at IFRI, I would impose silence. That's my teacher side.