

Mr. Taoufik BACCAR, Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia (BCT) and Mr. Slim TLATLI, minister of employment and youth professional insertion inaugurated on Thursday 12 March 2009 in the capital, the centre for the development of skills of BIAT (International Arab bank of Tunisia).

Mr. BACCAR was pleased with the creation of this training centre, the second after that of Attijari Bank, underlining the importance for banks to have such centres that will even help them to be adapted to deep-seated changes marking the sector throughout the world.

He evoked the adoption by three local banks, of which BIAT, of a new conception for the bank branch considered as a commercial outlet, adding that all the sector is called to adopt this conception and comply with new criteria with respect to services, notably, in respecting deadlines.

He pointed out that after reform of the sector, the BCT will watch over, as of April, implementation of new criteria through audit assignments.

This staff training centre with a capacity of some 170 individuals, is endowed, notably, with 12 lecture rooms, a library, a media library, and a "school-agency".

The centre aims at accompanying the bank in achieving its major projects, notably, in its ambition for being a decentralised bank throughout density of its branch network, and an innovative bank by marketing new services.