

U.S. Department of State Edward R. Murrow Program Participant Spotlight:



Aziz Sejai Rami

Aziz Sejai Rami was born in 1976 in Fès, Morocco. In 2000, he earned a Masters of Arts degree in translation (Arabic, English and French) from King Fahd School of Translation, Tangier, Morocco. He worked for four years in the office of the Vice President of Morocco's only English-speaking university, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane. In 2005, he moved to the English-language desk at Morocco's official news agency, MAP. He is also the correspondent of the Xinhua news agency (China), and works extensively as a freelance translator.

On his Murrow exchange experience:

“The program was of extreme usefulness to me both as a professional and a personal experience. It's a rare opportunity to have a close look at the journalism practices in the US, the scope of the freedom of the press (which is still facing enormous difficulties in my country), the relationship between press outlets and the government, but also on the constraints that might hold back this freedom. I am thinking here of financial and political constraints, which make the total, unrestricted freedom of the press a myth. One can only speak of a relative freedom.”

On the most professionally rewarding part of his Murrow exchange:

“It is difficult to distinguish one part from another. The whole program was a great and highly rewarding experience. Yet, I think that visits to some press outlets, especially local papers, was quite interesting, as they have provided an in-depth view of the journalist/community relationship and interaction, and the day to day work of a reporter.”