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While Astronomy in Algeria is in full development, the only existing facility is Algiers Observatory which was built in 1890 by the French. Located in the heart of the capital, it is no longer suitable for astronomical observations. In order to establish a new observatory, we sought potential sites in Algeria and the Aures area (2000 m of altitude) was selected. In this presentation, I will discuss the reasons that led us to make this choice, and ongoing projects to establish the first post-independence Observatory. We will also discuss scientific issues and perspectives of the future Observatory, as well as other ongoing astronomical projects in Algeria.