

300,000 EUROS GRANT FROM AFD FOR THE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN OF ANP

Nadia Laraki, General Director of the National Ports Agency (ANP), and Mr. Joel Daligault Director of the French Development Agency (AFD) in Morocco signed on August 5, 2013 a 300 000 euros grant agreement in favor of ANP for the funding and implementation of an Environmental and Social Action Plan (PAES).

This subsidy supplements a loan of 50 € million granted by AFD in November 2012 to fund the regional ports stimulation program: ANP has launched a 5 years investment program with the aim to strengthen and rehabilitate regional port infrastructure and to upgrade safety and security. This Convention was signed on the occasion of the Morocco-France High Level Meeting (December 13, 2012).

In support of this investment program, ANP and AFD have agreed to develop and implement an Environmental and Social Action Plan (PAES).



This subsidised PAES reflects the environmental policy of ANP, which is a major and indispensable component of the management system of the National Ports Agency.



With this regard, The overall vision of ANP focuses on 3 major areas (i) preventive actions such as studies and raising awareness of all stakeholders in the port, (ii) protection actions (equipment and facilities, emergency plans, simulation exercises, ...) and (iii) actions to improve the environment which include embellishment and renovation actions helping to better safeguard the quality of the environment in the port area (parks, signage, partnerships with environment protection bodies, ...)

PAES aims to develop and structure a system of environment management at 5 « pilot-ports »: Mohammedia, Safi, Jorf Lasfar,

Casablanca and Agadir. The plan will then be rolled-out and implemented on all ports managed by ANP.

The envisaged PAES is structured around the following themes:

- Implementation of an environmental and social diagnosis (audit-consulting missions in 5 pilot ports)
- Structuring of ANP environmental and social management system : definition of RSE policy and implementation of the appropriate environmental and social organisation
- Making the environmental and social management system operational (SME) : defining tools to achieving environmental and social impact studies and monitoring the environmental management system
- Implementation of awareness, training and engagement actions for all parties involved
- Communication actions (publishing RSE reports) and partnerships with stakeholders involved with ANP on the environmental and social aspects (NGOs, civil society representatives, ...)

The anticipated result of the implementation of the PAES is a strengthened institutional and ANP operational capacity in order to better manage environmental and social risks related to its activity.