

## **REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS**

(Data Source: National Trade Statistics of the reporting country)

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The report has 3 parts:

- 1) Monthly- Trade in Goods and Qualitative;
- 2) Quarterly- Services, Investment and Logistics; and
- 3) Annually- Trade in Goods and Services overall

**Name of the Mission (Country): MOROCCO**

### **MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 2023**

#### **A. Trade in goods**

(a) Total trade in goods

	<b>Export (US\$ million)</b>	<b>Import (US\$ million)</b>
Country's trade with India (Jan-Dec 2022)	2 728	1 395
Country's total global trade (Jan-Dec 2022)	42 861	73 744

Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

During the calendar year 2022, both exports and imports from/to India have registered a healthy growth via-a-vis the corresponding period last year 2021. Figures show a new record of exports in the current calendar year 2022 from USD 1080 million in CY 2021 to USD 1395 million in CY 2022, registering a growth of 29.16%. In the same period the imports to India rose from USD 1825 million USD in CY 2021 to USD 2728 million USD, registering a growth of 49.5%. India imports a large number of phosphates, fertilizers and derivatives, whose prices have increased significantly in year 2022.

As per DGFT trade data, during the FY 2022-2023 exports from India to Morocco reached USD1047.15 against USD 962.28 in 21-22, registering a growth of 8.82%. As regard imports from Morocco, total value for the period 2022- 2023 stood at USD 2,549.44 as compared to USD 2,244.19 in 2021- 2022 registering a growth of 13.60% on y to y basis, due mainly to the increase in prices of fertilizers and their derivatives. The first two month of the current FY 2023-24, has seen total exports of USD 138.2 million from India to Morocco (April -May 2023)

(b)

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India</b>	<b>Preferential Imports from India (US\$ million)</b>	<b>Preferential Imports from World (US\$ million)</b>
1	N.A.		
2	N A		

c) Top 10 items of import from India during (Jan-Dec 2022) HS Code Basis

	HS tariff chapter	Commodity	Value (US\$ million)
1.	27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	296
2.	87	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	140
3.	84	Machinery, mechanical appliances, nuclear reactors, boilers; parts thereof	89
4.	54	Man-made filaments; strip and the like of man-made textile materials	80
5.	85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers; television image and sound recorders and reproducers, parts and accessories of such articles	75
6.	39	Plastics and articles thereof	67
7.	30	Pharmaceutical products	66
8.	55	Man-made staple fibers	62
9.	52	Cotton	61
10.	9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	52

\* Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

(d) Top 10 items of export to India during (Jan-Dec 2022)

	HS tariff chapter	Commodity (HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ million)
1.	31	Fertilizers	1741
2.	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; Phosphoric Acid of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes	618
3.	25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	312
4.	76	Aluminum and articles thereof	20
5.	72	Iron and steel	9

6.	74	Copper and articles thereof	6
7.	47	Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard	6
8.	12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	5
9.	85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	4
10.	79	Zinc and articles thereof	2

\* Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

(e) Top 10 Potential products of imports from India.

	Name of goods -HSN Code	Export from India Apr 2022 USD Million	Export from India Apr 2023 USD Million	% change
1	Vehicles other than tramway; railways rolling stock and parts and accessories thereof; mechanical Chapter 87	16.07	9.35	-41.80
2	Cotton Chapter 52	3.49	6.77	94.19
3	Plastic and articles thereof Chapter 39	1.55	5.86	278.51
4	Pharmaceutical Products Chapter 30	3.87	5.74	48.41
5	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances, parts thereof Chapter 84	2.93	5.42	84.71
6	Coffee, tea, spices Chapter 9	5.70	5.19	-8.84
7	Man Made staple fibers. Chapter 55	4.71	3.62	-23.27
8	Man Made filaments Chapter 54	3.77	3.48	-7.61
9	Organic Chemicals Chapter 29	2.34	3.10	32.54
10	Cereals	1.16	2.99	156.65

Source: DGFT.

On a consolidated basis, heavy engineering goods as automotive and defense, cotton, organic and pharmaceutical products are key items of export from India to Morocco. There has been some demand slow down in electronic goods, Man Made staple fibers and filaments, coffee, tea, organic chemicals and cereals.

(e) Top 10 Potential products of imports from India – Consolidated basis sector wise

	<b>Commodity View</b>	<b>Total Exports Apr 2023- May'23 (\$M)</b>
1.	Engineering Goods	42.73
2.	Man-made Yarn/fabs./madeups Etc.	14.97
3.	Cotton Yarn/Fabs./madeups, Handloom Products Etc.	14.15
4.	Drugs and Pharmaceutical products	13.89
5.	Plastic and Linoleum	9.38
6.	Spices	8.81
7.	Rice	6.24
8.	Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	6.21
9.	Others	5.63
10.	Electronic Goods	4.15

Source: Niryat, Government of India

At the beginning of the current financial year, the demand for engineering goods, man-made yarn, Cotton Yarn, drugs and pharmaceuticals commodities remained strong. However there has been some demand slow down in organic and inorganic chemicals and electronic goods. However, it is too early to predict any trend given the dynamic changes in the freight of goods as well as every changing market scenario locally and globally.

## **(ii) Qualitative Feedback**

### **Market Access Alerts:**

There has been no specific issues in the month of June 2023 as regards market access for the Indian products in the Kingdom of Morocco.

**(a) Alerts on customs tariff changes:**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Notification no./ date</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>HS Codes</b>	<b>Effective from</b>	<b>Remarks if any</b>
1.	Circular No. 6469/211 June 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Extension of safeguard measures applied to imports of hot-rolled plates.	-----	From June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	- The Joint Order of the Minister of Industry and Trade and the Minister of Economy and Finance No. 1646.23 of June 16, 2023, provides for the extension of the measure safeguard applied to imports of hot-rolled sheets until June 18 2026.
2.	Circular No. 6468/232 June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Classification in the import duty tariff of the product called of a product called "Neural Trainer".	8531.80	From June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	- According to the function which characterizes this product, namely visual signaling, "Neural Trainer" is classified, by application of RGI 1 and 6, under subheading 8531.80 of Harmonized System, item 8531.80.00.00 of the import duty tariff.
	Circular No. 6466/232 June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Classification in the import duty tariff of the product called of a product called "Selohvita C"	2106.90	From June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	- It is a white powder used as a raw material for food supplements. Due to its composition and its use, the product called "SELOHVITA C" is a food preparation, classified by application of GIRs 1 and 6 under subheading 2106.90 of the harmonized System, heading 2106.90.90.98 of the import duty tariff.

**(b) Alerts on non-tariff measures (SPS/TBT/ import and export procedures/ restrictions/ prohibitions, licensing/ STEs etc.)**

- Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures: **NIL**
- Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country: (*Safeguards including special safeguard, anti-dumping, CVD or anti- subsidy*): **NIL**

**(iii) Other Feedback**

(a) Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to that country : **NIL**

(b) Feedback on major trade activities including logistic events (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation):

**Mission received a great response for the event organized with cooperation of The Hotel Oberoi Marrakesh on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 for celebration of the 75th Year of India's Independence as well as International Year of Millets 2023. More than 125 prominent personalities attended the event.**

(c) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM: **NIL**

**(d) Number of Business Visas issued in June: 43**

**43 Business Visas** issued for the Month of June 2023 showing a very good number of business exchanges between the both countries as compared to 39 business visas issued in June 22, Also there is significant increase in normal tourist visas, indicating that there is ample interest from Moroccan side to visit India for tourism and business purposes.

**(e) Participation from Morocco was encouraged in these expos/fairs.**

S.No.	Activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/ key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Feedback received (Max.200 words)
1	ITMA-2023 (Italy) exhibition	08th-14th June 2023 at Milan, Italy.				
2	14th-16th June 2023 at Taj Palace, New Delhi 18th CII - Exim Bank Conclave on India - Africa Growth Partnership	14th-16th June 2023 at Taj Palace, New Delhi 18th CII - Exim Bank Conclave on India - Africa Growth Partnership				
3	PLEXCONNECT	15th-17th June 2023 at Nesco, Mumbai				
4	Reverse Buyer Seller Meet from EEPC	16th-17th June 2023 in Chennai				

**B. Trade and Investment:**

(a) Significant trends in trade and investment (Sources: Exchange Office)

**Trade Scoreboard – Kingdom of Morocco**

**Trade in goods**

Year	Jan-May 2023 Billion USD	Jan-May 2022 Billion USD	% terms
Imports CIF	30.1	29.3	+2.8
Exports FOB	18.5	17.8	+3.6

Balance of Trade	-11.6	-11.5	-
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### Trade in services

Year	Jan-May 2023 Billion USD	Jan-May 2022 Billion USD	% terms
Imports CIF	4.9	4.1	+19.7
Exports FOB	10.1	7.0	+43.3
Balance	+5.2	+2.9	-

### Imports of goods by main products

Products	Jan-May 2023 Billion USD	Jan-May 2022 Billion USD	% increase/ decrease
Equipment (Parts of airplanes and other aerial vehicles, Seagoing vessels and other floating devices, Automatic information processing machines.)	6.5	5.4	+20.2
Finished consumer products (Passenger cars, plastics and articles thereof, Seats, furniture, mattresses)	6.5	5.7	+14.2
Foodstuffs (Wheat, Barley, Milk, dairy products other than butter/cheese)	3.9	3.7	+6.6
Raw products (Crude and unrefined sulfurs, Crude or refined soybean oil )	1.5	1.8	-16.0
Energy products (Coals; cokes and similar solid fuels, Gas oils and fuel oils, Petroleum gas and other hydrocarbons)	5.1	5.4	-5.8
Semi-finished products (Ammonia, Chemicals, Plastics)	6.2	7.0	-10.5

### Exports of goods by main sectors

Products	Jan-May 2023 Billion USD	Jan-May 2022 Billion USD	% increase/decrease
Automobile (Construction Wiring, Interior vehicles and	5.7	4.1	+39.9

seats)			
Textile and Leather (garments, footwear, hosiery articles)	2.1	1.7	+15.9
Electronics and Electricity (Electronic components, wire, cables)	0.94	0.69	+35.9
Other mining extractions	0.222	0.180	+23.2
Agriculture and Agri-food	4.206	4.201	+0.1
Aeronautics	0.85	0.90	-4.8
Phosphates and derivatives	3.1	4.7	-34.0
Other industries (Metallurgy and Metalworking, Plastic and rubber industry, pharmaceutical industry)	1.28	1.22	+4.5

Source “ Exchange Office Kingdom of Morocco

(b) Opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

**AMDIE**, the government authority to promote Morocco Now is emphasizing a lot to attract investment in Morocco and several Indian businesses have shown interest in various segments including plastics, poly-films packaging, automotive ancillaries and so on. Tangier Med and freezone are seen as a preferred destination in Morocco due to its locational advantage and availability of land and resources.

There are ample scope of investment in Morocco in the field of renewable energy, automobiles and OEMs, chemicals, textiles and so on

(c) Information on tender Notices for projects and procurement of interest to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD 15 million & above)

- Open tender for ONDA:
  - <https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=721673&orgAcronyme=o8p>
- Open tender for ONEEBELEC:
  - <https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=706489&orgAcronyme=d4q>
- Open tender for ONEEBE:
  - <https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=718443&orgAcronyme=d4q>
- Indian Trade Portal: <https://www.indiantradeportal.in/20tt15/index.jsp>



S.No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender / procurement
1.	Ref: 076/23/AOO/ONDA  Supply, installation and commissioning of fast lanes for passenger flow control at border posts at Casablanca/Mohammed V and Marrakech/Menara airports ONDA - National Airport Office  Deadline: 08/08/2023 10:00	Supplies / Electrical, electronic, electromechanical equipment and supplies of spare parts / Electronic equipment	19 402 800.00 Dhs equivalent to \$1.9 M
2.	Ref: SP4120926  The design, supply of materials and equipment, construction, testing and commissioning and long-term maintenance of two gas turbine units of 450 MW ±10% each in open cycle running on natural gas in the site of 'Al-Wahda, Ouezzane MEMEE / ONEEBELEC - National Office Of Electricity And Drinking Water - Electricity Branch  Deadline : 05/09/2023 09:00	Works / Electrical work / Installation work for industrial use	5 896 909 200.00 Dhs equivalent to \$ 589 M
3.	Ref: 28/DAM/EE/2023  Reinforcement of the AEP of Casablanca by desalination of sea water - Lot: Power line, Casablanca, Settat ONEEBE - National Office For Electricity And Drinking Water - Water Branch  Deadline: 13/07/2023 09:30	Works / Electrical work	188 400 000.00 DH equivalent to \$ 18.8 M

(d) Trade Queries for Imports / Exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal)

S.No	Enquiry Originator	Hs Code	Product	Nature (Import/ Export)	Action Taken
1	Dinkar Inamdar	30	Pharmaceutical Products	Export	Information Supplied
2	Gar Exim	12	Processed Food	Export	-do-
3	Kirloskar Brothers Limited	85	Epc Contractors	Export	-do-
4	Veal Impex	30	Pharmaceutical	Export	-do-

5	Global Trade Pro Solution	39	Pvc Pipes	Export	-do-
6	Stylefab Pvt. Ltd	64	Textile Fabric	Export	-do-
7	Insta Pack	42	Pp Woven Bags & Bopp Bags	Export	-do-
8	Veleno Inc	62	Knitted Readymade Garments	Export	-do-
9	Zeon Lifesciences Ltd	35	Nutra Ingredients Dietary Supplements	Export	-do-
10	Garud	84	Agricultural Implements	Export	-do-
11	Kv Global Exports	09	Spices, Vegetables, Cereals Chemical, Pharmaceutical	Export	-do-
12	Classy Overseas	69	Ceramic Tiles	Export	-do-
13	M/S Padagro Healthcare Llp	33	Natural Clays, Cosmetic Products, Ayush And Herbal Raw And Processed Products	Export	-do-
14	Evershine Trading	07	Onion	Export	-do-
15	Surya Masterbatches Pvt. Ltd	39	Masterbatches And Polymer Compounds	Export	-do-
16	Youness Heddad	84	Crushing Spare Parts	Import	-do-
17	Hingmire's Group	08	Raisins	Export	-do-
18	M/S Ultrachain Global	<u>09</u>	Turmeric Finger	Export	-do-
19	Three Brothers	09	Cumin Seeds Turmeric Red Chilly Powder	Export	-do-
20	Extern Labs	85	Telecom	Export	-do-
21	Viraj Global	32	Chemical And Enzyme	Export	-do-
22	Rural Support Llp	21	Coffee, Cocoa, Herbs, Spices, Tea, Millets	Export	-do-
23	Enarr Agro Ventures Pvt Ltd.	10	Pulses Rice Cereals Like All Kinds Of Millets Sorghum Jowar Green & Red Chillies Special Variety grown In This Area Finished Products Like Pickles Millet Pappadams Millet Noodles, Pasta, Cookies, Fryums, Chips Organic Spices Like Turmeric, Chilli Powder And All Other Spices Organic Fruits And Vegetables Including general and Exotic Varieties.Other Products Like	Export	-do-

			Organic Jaggery Oils, Ayurvedic Herbs Millet Based Snacks Like Puffs And Pops All Roasted And Healthy Floral And Herbal Teas		
24	Securexports	13	Herbal Extracts	Export	-do-
25	Eleap Enterprises	12	Groundnut	Export	-do-
26	Naman Enterprises	52	Fabrics And Shirts	Export	-do-
27	Alltop Healthcare	30	Pharmaceuticals, Surgical Items, And Neutraceuticals	Export	-do-
28	Ditcon Private Limited	30	Pharmaceutical Products	Export	-do-
29	Granitopia Stones International Llp	68	Natural Stone	Export	-do-
30	Kilym	57	Carpets	Import	-do-
31	Yadunandan Foods	07	Dehydrated/Dried Onion Dehydrated/Dried Garlic	Export	-do-
32	V Ganesh Foods	09	Spices Rice, Pulses Oilseeds Dry Fruits Coffee Dairy	Export	-do-
33	Nexus Stainless Llp	73	Sheets Plates Coils Pipes Bars Flanges	Export	-do-
34	Pearl Precision Production Pvt Ltd	84	Bathroom Fittings And Sanitary Ware Products	Export	-do-
35	Braxton Polymers Pvt Ltd.	32	Pet Strap	Export	-do-
36	Kalash Enterprises	73	Kitchenware Tableware Cookware Barware Drinkware Bakeware	Export	-do-
37	Frisson Globalize	73	Conical Pole, High Mast Pole, Lighting Pole, Lighting Mast	Export	-do-
38	Aakash Chudasama	09	All Spices	Export	-do-
39	We Handicrafts	63	Apparel & Home Textiles	Export	-do-
40	Aurochem Laboratories (India) Pvt Ltd	30	Finished Formulation In Tablet, Capsules, Ointment Creams And Liquids Syrup Forms	Export	-do-
41	Darshak Enterprise	73	Industrial & Builder Fasteners	Export	-do-
42	Ritu	69	Kitchenware Items	Export	-do-
43	Dr Goyal Medical Pvt. Ltd	30	Pharmaceuticals And Surgicals	Export	-do-
44	Wtrade Global	56	Twine, Cordage, Ropes And Cables, Whether Or Not Plaited Or Braided And Whether Or Not	Export	-do-

			Impregnated Coated Covered Or Sheathed With Rubber Or Plastics: Of Polyethylene Or Polypropylene		
45	B And C International	42	Travels Goods, Handbags, Wallets, Jewelry Cases	Export	-do-
46	Wings Impex	10	Rice Spices	Export	-do-
47	Ltg Exports	73	All Agriculture & Sugarcane Bagasse Tableware Product	Export	-do-
48	Smt Exports	10	Rice, Corn, Groundnut, Onion And agro Chemicals	Export	-do-
49	Heritage Laminates	48	High-Quality Laminates	Export	-do-
50	Vasiayuh Impex Global India Pvt Ltd	09	Agricultural And Non Agricultural And Marine Products. Spices	Export	-do-
51	Shyamali Export	63	Home Textile	Export	-do-
52	Rk Agro And Food	23	Agri Organic Caster De Oilcake As A Fertilizer	Export	-do-
53	Ashirwad Export	84	Electronics Electricals Parts	Export	-do-
54	Roman Pharma	30	Pharmaceutical	Export	-do-
55	M/S Eco Grain Exporters	23	Soyabean	Export	-do-
56	Rdt Overseas	09	Turmeric, Cumin Seeds	Export	-do-
57	Stavearts	94	Decor Products	Export	-do-
58	Supreme Enterprises	48	Modular Furniture Made Of Metal And Wood Paper Bags And Food Wrapper Centrifugal Blowers Dust Collectors	Export	-do-
59	A1 Agro Industries	10	Rice	Export	-do-
60	Eminent Export	09	Turmeric Powder Red Chilli Powder Coriandar powder	Export	-do-
61	Flourish	22	Beverages Daily Essentials Wellness Products Dairy & Vegetable Fat Products Milk & Dairy Products	Export	-do-
62	Beml Limited	40	Mining & Construction Defence & Aerospace Rail & Metro	Export	-do-
63	Blackrose Ceramic	69	Ceramic Tiles & Sanitaryware	Export	-do-
64	M/S Darshan Lace Industries	62	Silk Lace & Elastic	Export	-do-
65	Hindustan Paavan Exports	63	Bedsheets And Other Bed Linen	Export	-do-

66	Blubliss Mattress	94	Pure Foam Mattress memory Foam Mattress pocket Spring Mattress hybrid Pocket Spring Mattress pu Foam memory Foam memory Foam Quilt pocket Spring	Export	-do-
67	Indimex International Private Limited	40	Rice, Sugar, Wheat Flour Chairs Scaffolding, Spare Parts Potato Onion And Buffalo Meat	Export	-do-
68	Tisha Textiles	54	Garment Fabrics	Export	-do-
69	Radiance Polymers	56	Pp Danline Rope Hdpe Rope	Export	-do-
70	A.S. Engineering Works	76	Handicraft	Export	-do-
71	M/S. Shre Balaji Trader	09	Turmeric Cashew Green Chilli	Export	-do-
72	Patel Exim	03	Sea Food	Export	-do-
73	Roman Pharma	30	Pharmaceutical	Export	-do-
74	M/S Eco Grain Exporters	23	Soyabean	Export	-do-
75	Nirmala Group	56	Fishing Nets	Export	-do-
76	Bhaskar Silk Mills Pvt. Ltd.	54	Garments And Home Decor	Export	-do-
77	N & N Enterprise.	61	Embroidery, Cotton & Polyester Fabrics And Garments	Export	-do-
78	Sun exports	61	T-Shirts Of Cotton	Export	-do-
79	Roman Pharma	30	Pharmaceutical	Export	-do-
80	M/S Eco Grain Exporters	23	Soyabean	Export	-do-
81	Roman Pharma	30	Pharmaceutical	Export	-do-
82	M/S Eco Grain Exporters	23	Soyabean	Export	-do-
83	Roman Pharma	30	Pharmaceutical	Export	-do-
84	M/S Eco Grain Exporters	23	Soyabean	Export	-do-
85	Kajar India Exports	09	Coffee Spices Rice Yarn	Export	-do-
86	Vasiayuh Impex Global India Pvt Ltd	09	Agricultural And Non Agricultural And Marine Products. Spices	Export	-do-
87	Shyamali Export	63	Home Textile	Export	-do-

88	Rk Agro And Food	23	Agri Organic Caster De Oilcake As A Fertilizer	Export	-do-
89	Ashirwad Export	84	Electronics Electricals Parts	Export	-do-
90	Roman Pharma	30	Pharmaceutical	Export	-do-
91	M/S Eco Grain Exporters	23	Soyabean	Export	-do-

There is significant increase in trade queries from India, which means that there is renewed interest in export from India to Morocco.

(e) Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leaders, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. / Significant stories/features on India related trade, investment, services and logistic sector, published in foreign journals/dailies, etc.: (Max. 500 words)

*Pl see para 10 below*

### **C. Tourism**

(a) Tourist Visa issued in June 2023

S.No.	No. of tourist visa issued during the month	No. of tourist visa issued during the same month last year	No. of tourist visa issued cumulatively during the year	No. of tourist visa issued cumulatively during the last year
	June 2023	June 2022	Jan-June 2023	Jan-Dec 2022
1.	<b>51</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>628</b>

(b) Indian Tourism Promotion Events held / organized:

The 75th Year of India's Independence as well as International Year of Millets 2023 were celebrated by the Embassy of India Rabat with the cooperation of The Oberoi Marrakesh during the month . The well attended event was an occasion to promote tourism in India by presenting the Indian culture and hospitality through the luxury Indian Hotel as well as by preparing some interesting Indian culinary delights made of millets which are locally available in Morocco.

(c) Use of Social Media/Print Media/Electronic Media for promoting Tourism:

Activity	Print	Electronic	Twitter	Facebook	Instagram	Youtube	Any other
No. of posts			10	10	0		
No. of impression			15	0	0		

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No. of likes			58	165	0		

(d) Any advisory issued by the country for traveling to India:

Morocco issues E-visas for nationals from India, Guatemala, Azerbaijan and Jordan, started from January 10, 2023. Following this, there has been great increase of tourist inflow from India to Morocco in the last couple of months

(e) Interactions held with Tour Operators for promoting tourism in India: On March 1, 2023, Mission interacted with the tour operators during India Morocco Business Conference in Casablanca.

(f) Any other information: NIL

**D. Transfer of Technology to India**

- (a) New Technology identified/covered in Press: NIL
- (b) Any interest received from Foreign companies for technology transfer: NIL
- (c) Any query received from Indian company seeking technological solutions: NIL
- (d) Any science/technology exhibition held: NIL
- (e) Any press coverage on new patents/designs/IPR filed/granted: NIL
- (f) Any other information: NIL

**E. Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the commercial wing: NIL**

**F. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget: NIL**

**G. Action taken on the previous JWGs, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc.: NIL**

**H. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on quality and trade dispute:**

S. No	Name of Indian exporter/imp	Address & address of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	Any outcome
1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

**I. Complaints of Indian exporter / Moroccan importer:**

S. No	Name of Indian exporter/impoter	Address & address of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	Any outcome
1	<p>M/s. Indika Agri Pvt Ltd</p> <p>Mr. Rajesh Sindhi New Delhi, India</p>	<p>M/s. Soufiane Foods</p> <p>Mr. Mostafa El Ouahabi Diector</p> <p>Ms. Najlae Fathi Import manager +212666865853</p> <p>127, Av Hafid Ben Abdellah Building, Ndalous Inzaren, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Office NO 6, Tangier, Morocco</p> <p><a href="mailto:info.soufianefoods@gmail.com">info.soufianefoods@gmail.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.soufianefoods.ma">www.soufianefoods.ma</a></p>	<p>The Indian company informed us that they sent export bills through their bank to the Moroccan bank. The Indian Bank sent swift messages to the collecting bank but no reply received from them with regard to payment even after 30 days. Consignment reached Tangier port however still the bank has not intimated to the buyer for payment.</p>	<p>The Mission contacted the Moroccan company requesting explanations about the delay of payment.</p>	<p>Ms. Najlae Fathi, apologized for the delay and replied that the company couldn't clear the containers because they couldn't release the documents from the bank. arguing that their bank branch didn't give them yet the reference number for payment and requested the assistance of the Embassy. The Mission contacted the bank through email requesting to do the needful at the earliest.</p> <p>Finally, M/s. Indika Agri Pvt Ltd informed us that containers were released and they received their payment.</p>
2	<p>M/s. Lycos Ceramic Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>Ms. Jyoti Patel Logistics manager +9909998713</p> <p><a href="mailto:document@lycosceramic.com">document@lycosceramic.com</a></p>	<p>M/s. Azizitarde Sarl</p> <p>Mr. Mohamed Azizi</p> <p>+212661323894</p>	<p>The Indian company informed us that Mr. Azizi ordered 10 containers of glazed polished porcelain floor tiles worth USD 83889.60 in 2017 from them. They sent original documents to the Moroccan bank through DHL but the client collected them directly DHL office and released the consignment without making any payment.</p>	<p>The Mission contacted Mr. Azizi through email and called him through whatsapp. The Mission also made many research about his companies. No information was found.</p>	<p>The Moroccan company never replied or responded to our email and calls. The Embassy of India sent a Note Verbale to MOFA.</p>



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**J. Any other issue of importance (Max. 500 words)**

**Bilateral**

**(I). International Year of Millets 2023:**

The Embassy of India in the Kingdom of Morocco organised month long events to mark International Year of Millets 2023. These events were held in Rabat and Marrakesh. The main event was held in the Oberoi Marrakesh organized in the first week of June 2023 where a large number of local dignitaries, diplomats and media personnel gathered. A poster exhibition, display of various millets and millet based food festival were main attractions. The event was also supported by Federation de La Millorette, which is also engaged in promotion of millet based foods. Ambassador in his speech highlighted the importance of millets for health benefit but also an important step for food security and crop diversification.

**(II). Inauguration of the new plant of the Indian group Indore Composite**

Ambassador Mr. Rajesh Vaishnav participated to the inauguration of the new plant of the Indian group Indore Composite. The new unit located within the Tanger Med industrial platform, is dedicated to the production of composite materials for various sectors, including telecommunications, renewable energies, transportation, and construction. With a total investment of €15 million, the facility uses cutting-edge technologies and highly efficient processes with the aim of minimizing environmental impact and reducing waste. The industrial site spans an impressive area of 20,000 square meters, enabling the annual production of 2.5 million kilometers of cable. The plant is set to create over 400 employment opportunities, further contributing to the region's economic growth.

**(III) Webinar on Indian Defence Products with the Moroccan Ministry of Defence:**

Indian Embassy in association with Ministry of Defence (Defence Production) and PHDCCI organised a webinar on June 2023 where some of the biggest Indian companies like Tata Advanced, Bharat Electronics, DCM Shriram, L&T, MKU, Starwire, Zen Technologies and others participated and showcased their range of products to the Moroccan buyers. Officials from the Royal Armed Forces, Royal Moroccan Navy and Air Force showed great interest in the Indian products and requested for further follow up meetings. Discussions were also held for possible visit by an Indian delegation to Morocco and vice versa.

## **Internal**

### **Macro economic indicators**

#### **(I). Morocco's Tourism Revenues Reached Over \$4.1 Billion in May**

Morocco's tourism revenues reached over MAD 40.63 billion (\$4.1 billion) for the period Jan -May 2023 registering a 100 % growth as compared to same period last year. More than 5 million tourists visited the country as of the end of May 2023. The number represents a growth rate of 20 % compared to the same period in the year 2019, when the tourism sector witnessed a milestone prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **(II). EBRD Provides €50 Million Credit Line to Bank of Africa to Support Moroccan Small, Medium Businesses**

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) announced issuing a €50 million credit line for Bank of Africa - BMCE Group (BOA) to facilitate lending to micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in Morocco. This initiative aims to enhance the resilience and competitiveness of Morocco's private sector.

#### **(III). Morocco's Diaspora Remittances Reached \$4.5 Billion in May**

Remittances from Morocco's diaspora reached MAD 45.1 billion (\$4.5 billion) in the first five months of 2023, according to recent data from Morocco's Exchange Office. Morocco's remittances have been growing since the COVID crisis, moving from MAD 24.1 billion (\$2.4 billion) in 2020, to MAD 37.42 billion (\$3.76 billion) in 2021, and MAD 39.2 billion (\$3.94 billion) in 2022.

#### **(IV). Bank Al-Maghrib Leaves Key Interest Rate Unchanged at 3%**

Morocco's central bank, Bank Al-Maghrib (BAM), announced that it will not raise interest rates, signaling a pause in its tightening cycle of monetary policy. The decision by the board of Bank Al-Maghrib came after three consecutive rate hikes, totaling 150 basis points, and aimed at maintaining stability by keeping the key rate unchanged at 3%.

#### **(V). World Bank Approves two loans to support Reforms in Morocco**

The World Bank has approved a \$450 million loan to support Morocco's health reforms to make the health care system in the North African country "more inclusive." Besides this, the World Bank's Board of Directors approved a substantial \$350 million loan to Morocco to bolster the country's social protection efforts. The World Bank (WB) explained that the additional financing complements the initial \$400 million program granted in 2020 and the financing demonstrates the international community's commitment to supporting Morocco's efforts in mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis and advancing comprehensive social protection reforms.

#### **(VI). Growth in Morocco's Agriculture Contracted by Nearly 13% in 2022**

Growth in Morocco's agriculture reached historic low levels in 2022 as a result of adverse weather conditions mainly very less rainfall resulting into 13 % decrease in the agri output of the country. In a

report on the overall economic situation in 2022, HCP data indicated that the suboptimal performance of Morocco's economic growth in 2022 - which stood at 1.3% - was mainly driven by the drop in agriculture input. Meanwhile, non-agricultural economic activities recorded a 3% growth.

#### **(VII). OECD Projects Morocco's Economic Growth to Average 3.5% in 2023**

Morocco's economy is poised for a recovery, with growth projected to reach 3.5% in 2023 and 3.7% in 2024, according to the latest OECD Economic Outlook. The positive outlook is attributed to the easing of global economic tensions and a rebound in foreign demand for Moroccan goods and services. The country's agricultural sector is expected to make a stronger contribution to economic activity compared to previous years due to higher rainfall during the winter season, coupled with healthy tourist inflows.

### **Morocco- External**

#### **(I). Morocco- Nigeria Gas Pipeline Advanced Through New Agreements Signing**

Morocco and Nigeria are advancing efforts towards the implementation of the mega pipeline project aiming to benefit several countries in West Africa. Morocco's Hydrocarbon and Mines Office (ONHYM) signed four Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC) with petroleum operators in four countries, including the Republic of Guinea, Liberia, Benin, and Cote d'Ivoire. The project will allow Morocco to host 1,672 kilometers of the pipeline which will benefit over 400 million people in West Africa.

#### **(II). Morocco to Receive Sherpa Vehicles From France**

Morocco has signed contract to get Renault-made Sherpa, light armored vehicles from France. The vehicles are equipped with Mistral 3, a very short range air defense missile system. Mistral 3 is currently in service with the French armed forces. It can be used from vehicles as well as surface ships and helicopters.

#### **(III). Morocco and Netherlands Launch €300 Million Investment Fund for Green Initiatives**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Moroccan Minister of Economy and Finance Nadia Fettah, the Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte and CEO of Invest International Joost Oothuizen in order to promote cooperation between the two countries in the field of renewable energy. The agreement intends to establish a €300 million (MAD 3.2 billion) investment fund to finance projects in the fields of infrastructure, water, agriculture, and renewable energy. The fund will be managed by Invest International, a Dutch organization that invests in developing countries. Of the €300 million, 35% percent will be in the form of a grant, while the rest will be a loan, according to the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

#### **(IV). Morocco, Germany Cooperation to Create 9,500 Jobs in Fiber Optic Engineering**

Morocco and Germany have collaborated to launch an innovative pilot project focused on the installation of fiber optic networks. The project is set to create a wave of employment opportunities for 9,500 individuals in the field of civil engineering. The two countries reached the agreement during a

meeting held in Geneva, on the sidelines of the Global Summit on Social Justice organized by the International Labor Organization.

#### **(V). Israeli Defense Giant Elbit Systems Plans to Establish Two Sites in Morocco**

Elbit Systems, an Israeli defense technology company, has announced plans to open two sites in Morocco, Shai Cohen, Head of Israel's liaison office in Rabat, said during a press conference. Elbit Systems is renowned for its expertise in developing and implementing advanced defense solutions.

#### **OCP, Fertilizer and Phosphate news**

#### **(I). OCP to Invest \$7 Billion in Green Ammonia Plant in Southern Morocco**

Morocco's state-owned phosphate giant, OCP Group, has announced its plans to invest \$7 billion in the construction of an ammonia plant in Tarfaya, southern Morocco, that will utilize green hydrogen produced from renewable sources. OCP Group, a major ammonia importer, faced significant expenses of \$2 billion last year due to global price increases resulting from the conflict in Ukraine.

#### **Companies**

#### **(I). China's Tinci to Open Electric Vehicle Battery Plant in Morocco**

Guangzhou Tinci Materials Technology, one of China's leading manufacturers of materials for electric vehicle batteries, will open a plant in Morocco, as per the local news reports with an investment of MAD 2.8 billion (\$282,061 million).

#### **(II). Atlas Group, BG Motors Join Forces to Launch First African-Built Electric Car**

Atlas Group, an Anglo-Moroccan technology company aiming to launch the first African-designed and engineered BEV (Battery Electric Vehicle), announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BG Motors, a leading importer, marketer, and retailer of vehicles in Israel. The document forms the broad outline of an agreement between the parties to facilitate the commercial development and assist with sales and after-sales services when the production of the first Atlas EV starts in 2027.

#### **(IV). American Aerospace Manufacturer Pratt & Whitney Expands to Morocco**

American Aerospace Manufacturer Pratt & Whitney has announced plans to establish an affiliate, Pratt & Whitney Maroc (PWM), in Casablanca. In a press release, the company stated it aims to manufacture detailed static and structural machined parts for various engine models, noting that construction will begin in the fourth quarter of 2023 to start the commercial production in year 2025.

#### **(V). Predator Oil & Gas Identifies New Gas Reservoirs in Morocco**

New Jersey-based oil and gas company, Predator Oil & Gas Holdings released a positive interim drilling update for its MOU-3 well, announcing that it had identified two new potential gas reservoirs. Predator Oil's operations unveiled a substantial drilling break between 339 and 350 meters in depth, which was identified as the source of the gas.

