

 Early Warning System

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Morocco - Programme for the Extension and Modernisation of Airport
Infrastructure (PEMIA)



Quick Facts

Countries	Morocco
Specific Location	Airports of Marrakech, Agadir, Tangier and Fès
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-12-09
Borrower	Government of Morocco - Office National des Aéroports (ONDA)
Sectors	Construction, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 311.47 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 1,003.98 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the Programme for the Extension and Modernisation of Airport Infrastructure (PEMIA) aims to enhance the capacity, safety and operational efficiency of Morocco's airport system in response to strong growth in air traffic and the country's ambition to strengthen its position as a regional and international air transport hub. The programme focuses on the modernisation and expansion of major airports, notably Marrakech, Agadir, Tangier and Fès, through the extension of passenger terminals, construction and upgrading of aircraft parking areas and taxiways, installation of modern safety and security equipment, and improvements to air navigation and operational systems. The programme also integrates climate resilience measures, energy efficiency solutions and digital technologies to improve passenger experience and operational performance. The programme is financed through a loan from the African Development Bank amounting to EUR 270 million, provided to the Office National des Aéroports (ONDA), with a sovereign guarantee from the Kingdom of Morocco through the National Enterprise Financing Guarantee Company (SNGFE). The African Development Bank financing is complemented by counterpart resources mobilised by ONDA and the Government of Morocco, as part of a broader airport investment programme supported by multiple development partners. The project is implemented by ONDA, which acts as the executing agency, in alignment with Morocco's national aviation strategies, including Airports 2030 and Ajaïe 2035 .



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [2] Moderate Risk

PEMIA is classified as Category 2 according to the Integrated Safeguards System (ISS). The category was validated in the Integrated Safeguards Tracking System (ISTS) and confirmed in SAP on 22 May 2025.

Main environmental and social risks and impacts: Given the nature of the expansion works, the programme presents several risks. On the environmental side, these include:

- noise pollution from construction equipment
- air quality degradation due to dust and exhaust emissions
- soil and water contamination in the event of accidental hydrocarbon or chemical spills
- poor management of solid and liquid waste, whether hazardous or non-hazardous

Other risks include increased water and energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and risks to airport safety, particularly interference between construction activities and operational airport areas. There is also the issue of the removal of ruderal vegetation of low ecological value.

Social risks primarily concern employment and working conditions, as well as the health and safety of workers and neighbouring communities.



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Finance Type: Loan

Commitments (UA): 231,523,165

Conversion Rate USD (2025-12-09): 1,34533

The programme's preliminary cost, excluding all taxes and customs duties (HTTD) and including physical and financial contingencies, is estimated at approximately MAD 9,082.731 million, equivalent to EUR 863.379 million (based on the October 2025 exchange rate of EUR 1 = MAD 10. 51998).



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Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Report \(EN\)](#)
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- [Environmental Study \(FR\)](#)