

REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS
 (Data Source: National Trade Statistics of the reporting country)

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) : Kingdom of Morocco

MONTHLY REPORT

A. Trade in goods

(A.i)

Quantitative Data

a) Total trade in goods during

	Export (US\$ million)	Import (US\$ million)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India (Jan-Jun 2023)	504	640	N.A
Country's total global trade (Jan-Jun 2023)	22 022	359 83	N.A

*Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

As per Niryat Portal of the GoI, the total export for the period April-August 2023 stood at USD 440 million , showing a strong revival of exports in the months of July and August 2023 and this momentum to likely to continue. Further exports from Morocco have declined sharply mainly due to low offtake of phosphate derivatives by India from Morocco.

b) Preferential trade in goods during

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

(Source : Customs/National Trade Statistics of reporting country)

S.No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Exports to India (US\$ million)	Preferential Exports to World (US\$ million)
1	N.A		
2	N.A		

(Source: based on Certificate of Origin issued by reporting country)

c) Top 10 items of import from India during **(Jan-Jun 2023) HS Code Basis**

S.No	HS Tariff chapter	Commodity	Value (US\$ million)	Quantity (Mt)	% share in total import of the commodity
1	87	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	84	8228	2.6%
2	96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	58.6	5066	10.3%
3	84	Machinery, mechanical appliances, nuclear reactors, boilers; parts thereof	55	5431	1.69%
4	52	Cotton	42.8	10043	11.7%
5	39	Plastics and articles thereof	38.8	25077	2.5%
6	9	Coffee, tea, maté and spices	31.6	15025	0.7%
7	29	Organic chemicals	31.2	3133	10.8%
8	54	Man-made filaments; strip and the like of man-made textile materials	29.8	13977	10.5%
9	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	27.7	1071	0.75%
10	30	Pharmaceutical products	27.5	404	6.7%

*Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

d) Top 10 items of export to India during (Jan-Jun 2023) HS Code Basis

S.No	HS Tariff chapter	Commodity	Value (US\$ million)	Quantity (Mt)	% share in total import of the commodity
1	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; Phosphoric Acid of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes	193	420354	29.5%
2	31	Fertilizers	161	290613	6.4%
3	25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	121	606479	24%
4	76	Aluminum and articles thereof	8.5	5620	7%
5	72	Iron and steel	3.3	3541	8%
6	81	Other base metals; cermets; articles thereof	3.1	52	4.5%
7	74	Copper and articles thereof	2.6	383	1.3%
8	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	2.3	53	0.05%

9	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1.49	3157	0.5%
10	12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	1.07	562	2.1%

*Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

e) Potential products of imports from India

	Name of goods -HSN Code	Export from India Apr-Jul 2022 USD Million	Export from India Apr-Jul 2023 USD Million	% change
1	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes Chapter 27	105.45	40.69	-61.41
2	Vehicles other than tramway; railways rolling stock and parts and accessories thereof; mechanical Chapter 87	48.03	26.08	-45.70
3	Cotton Chapter 52	16.31	19.68	20.166
4	Pharmaceutical Products Chapter 30	15.47	18.94	22.47
5	Articles of Iron or Steel Chapter 73	3.01	17.61	484.75
6	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances, parts thereof Chapter 84	15.80	16.83	6.49
7	Plastic and Articles Thereof Chapter 39	13.83	15.13	9.39
8	Man Made filaments Chapter 54	20.20	15.09	-25.29
9	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 Chapter 85	14.80	13.82	-6.63
10	Organic Chemicals Chapter 29	9.77	12.720	24.89

*Source: DGFT

S.N o.	Commodity	Total Exports Apr'23 - Aug' 23 (\$M)
1.	Engineering Goods	145.17
2.	Petroleum Products	80.48
3.	Man-made Yarn/ Fabs/ Madeups etc	32.82
4.	Drugs and Pharmaceutical products	31.53
5.	Cotton Yarn/Fabs /Madeups. Handloom Products etc.	25.01

6.	Plastic and Linoleum	23.36
7.	Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	17.71
8.	Electronic Goods	13.89
9.	Others	13.84
10.	Rice	11.82

*Source: Niryat, Government of India

B. Qualitative Feedback

Month

Market Access Alerts (attach copy of notification) :

a. Alerts on customs tariff changes: **NIL**

S.No.	Notificationno. and date	HS code	Description	Original customstariff	Present customs tariff	Effective from	Remarksif any
1.							

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

S.No	Notificat ionno./ date	Measure	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks ifany
1.					

Source : Customs Administration and indirect taxes, Morocco

c. Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures:

	Notificatio nno./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks ifany
1.	Circular No 6496/232 Rabat, September 18 th ,2023	Classification in the tariff of the import duty of the product called « composite insulator » under the reference "ST C60-L60"	8546.90	September 18 th ,2023	« The composite insolator » is classified, by application of GIRs 1 and 6 under the position 8546.90.00.20 of the harmonized System.
2.	Circular No 6495/232 Rabat, September 13 th ,2023	Classification in the tariff of the import duty of the products called the article called “BNC Connectors (50ohm/75ohm)-RG59”	8536.69	September 13 th ,2023	The acticles called “BNC Connectors (50ohm/75ohm)-RG59” are classified, by application of GIRs 1 and 6 under subheading 8536.69 of the Harmonized System: - heading 8536.69.10.00 of the import duty tariff for those for domestic application; - And heading 8536.69.90.00 for those used for other applications.

Source : Customs Administration and indirect taxes, Morocco

- d. Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country: (*Safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or anti- subsidy*) :

S. No.	Notification no., date or other references	Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review)	Details of products/ sectors affected (including HS codes)	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.	Circular no 6497/211 Rabat, September 25 th , 2023	Revision and extension of the anti-dumping duty definitively applied to imports from plywood originating from the Republic of China.	Plywood made from sheets of okoume wood or various woods, each of which has a thickness not exceeding 6 mm, originating of Republic of China (HS Code: 4412)	September 25 th , 2023	- Provisional maintenance of the definitive anti-dumping right applied to imports of plywood originating in China, subject to the application of an anti-dumping duty at a rate of 25%, in the form of a deposit while waiting for the results of the review investigation. - The joint order of the Minister of Industry and Commerce and the Minister of Economy and Finance, provides for the extension of the anti-dumping definitive right until August 28, 2027, as well as the upward revision of its rate which is fixed at 76%.

- e. Alert on services, regulatory regime, qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc. : **NIL**

S. No	Notification no.,and date or other references	Service sectors affected	Modes	Effective from	Remarks ifany
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(iii) Other Feedback

- a. Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to that country:

S.No.	Name of business house	Activity sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	Industry	NIL	A 4-member delegation from CII, led by Ms. Amita Sarkar, Deputy Director General, and Mr. Manish Mohan, Africa Manager, visited Morocco from September 6 to 9, 2023 and met the Ministry of Trade and Industry, General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises Industry and Services, Rabat Salé-Kénitra Chamber of Commerce and Marrakech Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services. They discussed issues of mutual interest and ways and means to increase bilateral trade.

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

S.No.	Activity (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	Number of participants from India	Name(s) of large/ key participants from India	Feedback received (Max.200 words)	Source of funding (MAI, TA/TC)
1.						

- c. Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM; number of Business Visas issued:

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.	KIDS INDIA 2023 – India's largest B2B fair for toys, children's products and sports goods	31 st August to 02 nd September 2023. at Jio World Trade Centre, Mumbai				
2.	Biofach India - Visit The 'Go To' Business Platform For Organic, Natural & Millets Industry	6 th to 8 th September, 2023 India Expo Center & Mart (IEML), Greater Noida, DELHI-NCR				
3.	14th India Climate Policy and Business Conclave 2023	13 th to 14 th September 2023, FICCI, New Delhi				
4.	1st edition of UP International Trade Show	21 st to 25 th September 2023 at India Expo Center & Mart, Greater Noida				
5.	India Energy Transition Summit 2023	25 th to 26 th September 2023 at FICCI Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi				
6.	5th World Coffee Conference & Expo (WCC)	25 th to 28 th September, 2023 India at Bengaluru				

- (iv) Any other submissions:

B. Trade and Investment:

- B.a. Significant trends in trade and investment (Sources: Exchange Office,)

S · N o ·	Category	Details of significant trends(Max.200 words)	Analysis (Max. 200 words)
1.	Trade in Goods	<p>- In the first eight months of 2023, Moroccan imports fell by 3.9% or – USD 1.9 bn, standing at USD 47.18 bn compared to USD 49.12 bn at the end of August 2022.</p> <p>- On the other hand, exports from Morocco stand at USD 28 bn against USD 27.9 bn a year before showing a slight increase of 0.2% or USD +0.508 bn.</p> <p>- Thus, trade deficit reduced by 9.4% (USD19.18 bn) at the end August 2023 compared to USD 21.17 bn at the end of August 2022). The rate of coverage gained 2.4 points to stand at 59.3% compared to 56.9% a year earlier.</p>	<p>The decline of imports is essentially due to the reduction in product energy, semi-finished products and raw products purchases.</p> <p>-As regard exports, the increase registered is assigned mainly exports of automotive sector (35.6%), electronics and electricity (32.8%), textiles and leather (9.2%). On the other hand, sales of phosphates and derivatives and those of aeronautics (-3.7) are falling.</p> <p>- Exports of phosphates and derivatives are USD 4.68 bn at the end of August 2023 compared to USD 7.87 bn at the end of August last year. This decrease is due to the drop in : natural fertilizer sales and chemical (-35.1% or USD -1.88 bn), of phosphoric acid (-46.8% or USD -0.71 bn) and of phosphates (-56.2% or USD -0.5 bn).</p>
2.	Trade in Services	<p>For the first eight months of 2023, the services balance of trade shows a surplus rising by 37.7% or USD +2.5 bn: the balance established on USD +9.17 bn against USD+6.6 billion a year before.</p>	<p>- The increase of the balance of services is due to the increase in exports (USD17.19 bn in 2023 against USD13.8 bn in 2022, i.e. +24.6% or USD +3.39 bn) more important than that of imports (USD 8.02 bn against USD 7.13 bn, i.e. +12.3% or USD +0.88 bn).</p> <p>- In fact, Travel revenue reached USD 7.13 bn at the end of August 2023 against USD 5.38 bn at the end of August 2022, i.e. +32.5% or USD +1.75 bn. These revenues also exceed the level reached at the end of August 2019 (USD 5.26 bn).</p> <p>- Concerning travel expenses, in the eight first months of 2023; they stand at USD 1.65 bn. Thus, the excess travel balance stands at USD +5.4 bn at the end of August 2023 compared to USD +4.2 bn in the same period of the previous year.</p>
3.	Investment	<p>- For the first eight months of 2023, the Moroccan direct investments abroad stood at \$1.82bn (\$1.18 billion at the end of August 2022).</p> <p>- For Foreign Directs Investments (FDI), at the end of August 2023, revenue recorded a drop of 23.4% (\$ 2.12 bn at the end of August 2023 against \$ 2.77 bn at end of August 2022). As regard expenses, they are increasing by 44% or \$ +0.34 bn.</p> <p>Thus, the net flow of FDI increases from \$ 1.99 bn at the end of August 2022 to \$1 bn at the end of August 2023, a drop of 49.6% or \$-0.99 bn.</p>	

*Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

Opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

S. No ·	Sector Name(List attached)	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
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B.b. Information on tender Notices for projects and procurements of interest to Indian projectexporters/ suppliers (USD15 million & above)

S. N	Tender/ procurementnotice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
1.	Ref:TS4121803/2023/18/ONEEBELEC Extension of positions in the Agadir Transport Operations Division National Office Of Electricity And Drinking Water - Electricity Branch, Inezgane-Ait Melloul, Taroudannt Deadline: 23/11/2023 09:00	Works / Electrical work / Installation work for industrial use	50 202 800.00 Dhs equivalent to \$ 5 M
2.	Ref: PJ4121965/2023/DXJ Medium and low voltage electrification of 26 villages as part of PERG IV (Azilal, Fquih Ben Salah and Khouribga Provinces). National Office Of Electricity And Drinking Water - Electricity Branch Deadline : 01/11/2023 09:00	Works / Electrical works / Transformers and MV installation	21 261 000.00 Dhs equivalent to \$ 2.1 M
3.	Ref: 2GN4120523/2023/AGS/DXG Service for the evacuation and treatment of waste water from power plants attached to the South Operations Division. Tan-Tan, Laayoune, Oued Ed Dahab National Office Of Electricity And Drinking Water - Electricity Branch Deadline: 28/12/2023 09:00	Services / Transport, collection and related services / Transport relating to radioactive, toxic, medical and dangerous products	4 176 000. 00 DH equivalent to \$ 0.4 M

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

S.No.	Enquiry originator	Product withHS Codes	Nature(Import/Export)	Value (US\$ million)	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
1	Green Global Export And Import	94	Clinical Cabinet / Autoclav / Laboratory Refrigerator Biosafety Cabinet / Blood Donor Couch / Treatment Couch / Humidity Chamber / Hot Air Oven	Export	Information Supplied
2	Green Rangers Consulting	10	Basmati Rice	Export	-Do-
3	Kaustubh Hingmire	08	Raisins	Export	-Do-
4	Prime International Exports	08	Coconut Turmeric Red Chilli Onion Food Powders	Export	-Do-
5	Infinity Exim Traders	53	Coco Peat	Export	-Do-
6	Stok Exports	19	Cookies Biscuit	Export	-Do-

7	Ams Enterprise	38	Tile Adhesives Ceramic Tiles Sbr Latex Chemical	Export	-Do-
8	Indimex International Private Limited	15	Palm Oil Honey Fresh Mango Milk Powder Spices Garments Animal Feed Building Construction	Export	-Do-
9	Jaidayal Group Of Companies	39	Pp/Hdpe Woven Bags & Sacks	Export	-Do-
10	Goind Overseas	10	Rice Millets Spices Groundnuts	Export	-Do-
11	Pursuit Industries Pvt Ltd	29	Ethyl Acetate Chemical	Export	-Do-
12	Montage Laboratories Private Limited	30	Pharmaceutical Products	Export	-Do-
13	Medasvi international	68	Granite, Marbles, Quartz, Sandstone And Stones Products	Export	-Do-
14	Tradewise Indian Xporter Private Limited	61	Shirts	Export	-Do-
15	Greengold Terminal	14	Bamboo Poles And Furniture	Export	-Do-
16	Suvij Enterprises	33	Perfume Spray	Export	-Do-
17	Sirmaxo Chemical Pvt	33	Hand Hygiene, Skin Antiseptics, Instrument Disinfectants And Surface Disinfectants.	Export	-Do-
18	Al Azizi Import Export Pvt Ltd	09	Garlic Pest Onion Powder Banana Fresh Ginger Sweet Busicuit Pasta Besan Papad	Export	-Do-
19	Baba Cups	48	Paper And Paperboard Articles Of Paper Pulp, Of Paper Or Of Paperboard	Export	-Do-
20	Portex International	85	Cable Trays, Fabricated Structures, Steel And Steel Products	Export	-Do-
21	Gautam Industrial Corporation Pvt. Ltd.	39	Fittings (Butt-Weld, Forged & Branch), Flanges & Tube Sheets	Export	-Do-
22	Goskyexim	48	Laminates	Export	-Do-
23	Jariwala Harsh	69	Tiles	Export	-Do-
24	Ftsi Trading Pvt Ltd.	04	Clarified Butter Natural Honey	Export	-Do-
25	Sbb Global Trade	90	Agricultural Products Testing & Prototyping Of Electronics, Medical Electronics And Embedded Products, Electrical Equipment's & Accessories	Export	-Do-
26	Mountain Fleet Pvt. Ltd.	59	Agro Food & Textiles	Export	-Do-
27	Katruwar Enterprises	30	Medicines (For Human Consumption)	Export	-Do-
28	Kk Internationals	27	Other Petroleum Oils & Oils Obtain From Bituminous Minerals (Light Liquid Paraffin), White Petroleum Jelly	Export	-Do-
29	Mahabaleshwar Madhotpadak Co Op Society Ltd	04	Organic Honey	Export	-Do-
30	Range Ceramic Pvt. Ltd.	69	Ceramic Tiles, Porcelain Tiles And Semi-Porcelain Tiles	Export	-Do-
31	Aspairing Exporter	68	Ceramic Tiels And Granite	Export	-Do-
32	Poshlin Incorporation	73	Scaffolding Formwork Fasteners	Export	-Do-
33	Neshiel Agrochem Pvt Ltd	15	Vegetable Oils, Aromatic Chemicals, Industrial Chemicals, Filter Aids	Export	-Do-
34	Chemtrade International Corporation	38	Chemicals	Export	-Do-
35	Rollmann Organics	09	Dry Turmeric Fingers & Dry Red Chillies	Export	-Do-
36	Savita Exim	44	Handicraft	Export	-Do-
37	Ashapura Perfoclay Limited	25	Bleaching Earth	Export	-Do-
38	Nyon Ceramica Llp	69	Porcelain Tiles/Ceramic Tiles	Export	-Do-

39	Mipa Overseas	30	Pharmaceutical Medicine, Manufacturer, Supplier And Exporter	Export	-Do-
40	The Personal Exports	09	Indian Spices	Export	-Do-
41	Techfirst Technologies	69	Kitchenware / Home Appliances /Fmcg	Export	-Do-
42	Al-Aziz Plastics Pvt Ltd.	39	Plastic	Export	-Do-
43	Feature Studio Private Limited	33	Incense Sticks, Automobile Parts	Export	-Do-
44	Saaho Fresh	15	Sunflower Oil / Wheat Flour	Export	-Do-
45	Stallion Enterprises	39	Organic Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber	Export	-Do-
46	Sunria Bioscience	33	Pharmaceutical Products	Export	-Do-
47	Koyna Exports	04	Natural Honey	Export	-Do-
48	Adiyogi Ie Services	58	Indian Spices Plastic Furniture Egg Powder Green Chilli Powder Organza Fabric Baluchis Patch Works	Export	-Do-
49	M/S Tubefit Engineers	84	Instrumentation Fittings And Valves	Export	-Do-
50	Farming Hut Exim Private Limited	09	Indian Organic Turmeric Finger & Powder	Export	-Do-
51	Jigar Tube Industries	73	Stainless Steel Products And Mild Steel Products	Export	-Do-
52	F&F International	33	Essential Oils, Carrier Oils, Fragrances, Aromatic Chemicals, And Herbs	Export	-Do-
53	Sahaj Enterprises	84	Agricultural Products	Export	-Do-
54	Ramay Indian Garments Private Limited	62	Men's Or Boy's Trousers T-Shirt, Singlets, And Other Vests Of Cotton	Export	-Do-
55	Benzene Chem Exim	28	Allied chemical, Organic-In Organic, Industrial Salt , Water Treatment Chemicals	Export	-Do-
56	Leather Riza	94	Upholstery And Leather Furniture And Leather Bags	Export	-Do-
57	A M Smart Exim	38	Chemicals	Export	-Do-
58	Tsa Technologies Private Limited	04	Natural Honey	Export	-Do-
59	Cai Xport	09	Flours And Spices	Export	-Do-
60	Innovise Rise	09	Spices Products	Export	-Do-
61	Global Harbor	72	Steel Products	Export	-Do-
62	Divyams Seamless	85	Fishing Net Signal Lights	Export	-Do-
63	White Feather Export	07	Fresh Fruits, Vegetables & Spices	Export	-Do-
64	Paras Group	10	Rice	Export	-Do-
65	Eminent Consumer Private Limited	57	Hand-Made And Machine-Made Carpet	Export	-Do-
66	Bdex Private Limited	70	Onion, Rice, Cashew, Foxnut, Spices, & Ddgs.	Export	-Do-
67	Victorious Merchants	73	Home Decor Items, Jute & Coir Handicrafts, Vases, Candle Stands, Singing Bowls	Export	-Do-
68	M/S Ss Traders	27	Automobile Engine Oil, Marine Oil	Export	-Do-
69	M/S Jamil Ahmed	54	Weed Barrier Landscape	Export	-Do-
70	Shardaa Exim	69	Coal Fired Red Clay Bricks	Export	-Do-
71	M-Tech Innovations Limited	85	Visa/Master Cards	Export	-Do-
72	Haldiram Foods International Pvt Ltd	19	Indian Packaged Food Products	Export	-Do-
73	Viraj Global	32	Chemical And Enzyme	Export	-Do-

B.d. 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)

C. Tourism

(a) Tourist Visa issued:

S.No.	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the month September 2023	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the same month last year September 2022	No. of Tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the year Jan-Sep 2023	No. of Tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the last year Jan-Dec 2023
1	44	45	437	628

(b) Indian Tourism Promotion Events held/organized :

S.No.	Details of Event	Themes	Avg. No. of Participation

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

Activity	Print	Electronic	Twitter	Facebook	Instagram	Youtube	Any other
No of Posts			37	14	0		
No of Impressions			147	0	0		
Likes			80	339	0		

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

S.No.	Advisory	Reason	Action Taken

(e) Interactions held with Tour Operators for promoting tourism in India:

S.No.	Tour Operator	No. of Interactions Held

(f) Any other information:

After the strong earthquake occurred in the Kingdom of Morocco in the night of September 8th, 2023, the Mission issues an advisory advising all Indian citizens residing/all Indian nationals currently in the Kingdom to stay calm and adhere to the advisories/guidelines issued by the local authorities.

Embassy reported also that there is no report of any Indian national getting affected due to the earthquake and that the Mission is in touch with community members.

A 24x7 helpline number was provide for any assistance/guidance they may require in the aftermath of the earthquake.

D. Transfer of Technology to India:

(a) New Technology identified / covered in Press:

S. No.	Name of Technology	Details	Usage	Sector	Company

(b) Any interest received from Foreign Companies for Technology Transfer:

S. No.	Name of Company	Sector	Details

(c) Any query received from Indian company seeking technological solutions:

S. No.	Name of Company	Sector	Details

(d) Any science / technology exhibition held:

(e)

S. No.	Details	Sector	Participation	Participation from _____ India

(f) Any press coverage on new patents / designs / IPR filed / granted:

S. No.	Details	Sector	Name of Applicant

(g) Any other information

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

S. N o.	Nature of activity (trade research, information dissemination, seminar etc) (Max.200 words)	Details of Seminar/ conference (date/ venue, no of participants) or research (Max.200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report, executive summary, date of publication) Max.200 words)
1.			
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F. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

BE for current financial year	RE for current financial year	Amount utilised	Details of Activity (IV) (Max.200 words)

G. Action taken on the previous JWGs, Joint Commissions, Sub Commission etc. (issues that Mission had to follow up with host government):

S. N o.	Detail of JWG/JEC with date and venue	Action Point (Max. 200 word)	Action Taken (Max. 200 words)
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2			

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

Name of Foreign buyer/supplier	Address & contact details of foreign buyer/supplier	Name & address of Indian exporter/importer	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.
M/s. World Win Engineering Mr. Harmeet Singh Manager +919999425312 Worldwinengineering@gmail.com	M/s. Trefle Negoce Mr. El Bakali Tahiri General Manager +212661325283 treflenegoce@gmail.com;	M/s. Trefle Negoce informed that : they placed an order with the Indian company and sent 30% advance. After being informed by the Indian supplier that the order was ready for shipping, the Moroccan company made the remaining payment of 70% of the total order amount. Later, the Indian company stopped responding the Moroccan company calls and messages and didn't provide any convincing explanations for the delay.	The Embassy sent an email to the Indian company requesting to communicate with the Moroccan company and resolve the issue at the earliest.	The Indian company replied that there was a quality issue in the production so they had manufactured again the parts and they will handover the parts within 20 days to the shipping company.
M/s. Grenic Tiles PVT Ltd	M/S. Jawahara Design SARL	The Moroccan company informed that: after placing the order they sent	Mission contacted the Indian requesting to look into the matter and	Over phone, the Indian company informed that they

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I. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer:

Name of Indian exporter/importer	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
<p>M/s. Ultra Denim Pvt. Ltd</p> <p>Mr. Parth Patidar</p> <p>+9175730 29614</p> <p>mkt@ultradenim.in</p> <p>www.ultradenim.in.</p> <p>www.ultralifestyle.co.in</p>	<p>M/s. Nimes SARL Au</p> <p>Mr. Jalil Abdesslam</p> <p>+212661158586</p> <p>148 Bd Bahmed 5éme étage N°18, Casablanca</p>	<p>The Indian company informed that: they shipped the a container to NIMES SARL. AU on 12/09/2022. However, upon receiving the container, they discovered a price difference between the agreed price and current price of the product is huge. Despite their attempts to negotiate a resolution, the Moroccan company couldn't clear the container. The solution agreed was returning back the cargo to India. Even that the owner of the Moroccan company and shipping agent was supporting in terms of necessary documentation and submitting several</p>	<p>The Mission contacted all concerned parties to find a solution.</p> <p>Request:</p> <p>We kindly request your assistance and guidance to reimport of the Ultra Denim container. The container is currently at the Casablanca port and it has cost us huge port charges and demurrage so we are also requesting to guide us to concession, as we are trying with custom to resolve this issue since beginning of this year.</p>	<p>After discussing the issue with to all concerned parties (importer, exporter, forwarder etc). And after consultations and contacting local customs authorities, we have been given to understand that it is nearly impossible to get the container, laying in Casablanca port for one year, and there is no possibility of re-export of the same container because of customs regulations/rules.</p>

		documentation and letter which needed by custom but still custom is denying the Re-import request which cost a huge port charges and shipping line demurrage.		
M/s. Kanishka Organics LLP	M/s. Sahara Fruit SARL	M/s. Kanishka Organics LLP that: in March, 2023 a shipment was discharged at Casablanca port, Morocco. At that time, new crop prices had gone down so the buyer refused to take the cargo. For loss minimization & to avoid cargo from demurrage, detention & abandonment they agreed on the buyer's request for discount of USD 15000.00. So, the buyer has made only partial payment and still the amount of USD 15000.00 is overdue. They tried to reduce the loss by offering the buyer & broker to divide the loss equally in between all three parties (Exporter, Buyer & Broker) but the buyer denied & Intentionally took the advantage.	The Mission contacted through phone the Moroccan company and sent an email to the broker.	The Moroccan buyer who informed that the Indian company gave a discount of \$15000 USD and as the payment terms were CAD, he made the payment of the full amount overdue which was \$ 15000 USD and cleared the cargo. He informed also that there is no pending payment. Also, The broker informed that at first the Moroccan company refused to pick up the cargo as it was sent out of contract terms and he worked very hard to find the best solution between both parts. The Broker notified also that the Indian company didn't honor his commitment by paying their commissions.

J. Anv other issue of importance (Max. 500 words)

Bilateral

(I). Awarding prizes to winners of UNESCO India-Africa Hackathon from Morocco

Ambassador Rajesh Vaishnav gave prizes to winners of UNESCO India-Africa Hackathon from Morocco. The participants thanked the Embassy and Indian authorities for this opportunity and greatly appreciated Indian hospitality.

(II). Attending International Seminar on digital public infrastructure

International Seminar on digital public infrastructure-enabler for advancing financial inclusion and productivity grains, organized by IMF, World Bank and Ministry of Finance of Government of India, was telecast virtually at Indian Embassy, Rabat and attended by many people including Embassy officials.

(III). Meeting with officials attending ITEC courses in India

Ambassador Rajesh Vaishnav met the Moroccan officials going to India for ITEC courses. India's ITEC program has emerged as a leading capacity building platform having trained more than 200,000 officials from more than 160 countries. ITEC courses, fully funded by India, have emerged as a strong symbol of India-Morocco partnership in capacity building.

Internal

Macro economic indicators

(I). IMF Approves \$1.3 Billion Resilience Loan For Morocco

The executive board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has announced the approval of the Resilience and Sustainability Facility loan for Morocco, a statement from the institution said. The loan budget is estimated at \$1.3 billion, aims to help Morocco address climate-related challenges, including preparedness for natural disasters.

(II). Moroccan Dirham Rises 0.87% Against Euro, Falls 0.54% Against Dollar

Morocco's Central Bank, Bank AL-Maghrib, has indicated that the exchange rate of the Moroccan dirham rose by 0.87% against the euro and fell by 0.54% against the US dollar during the period from September 21 to 27 of this year.

(III). Morocco Secures 20th Global Position in Crypto Index

Morocco has been one of the top 20 countries in the global crypto index, according to a recent report by Chainalysis. The country is witnessing a substantial increase in crypto engagement, propelled by a growing interest in decentralized finance (DeFi) and blockchain technology despite the nationwide ban.

(IV). Morocco's Economic Rebound: EBRD Predicts 3.1% Economic Growth for 2023

Morocco's economy is showing signs of a robust recovery, with economic growth reaching 3.4% year-on-year in the first half of 2023, according to a report released by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The EBRD predicts that growth will rebound significantly in 2023, with an expected rate of approximately 3.1 percent. An improved agricultural output and resurgent tourism sector have helped Morocco start the recovery process from the economic shocks of the past few years.

(V). Morocco's Central Bank Keeps Interest Rates at 3% Amid Earthquake Recovery

Morocco's central bank, Bank Al-Maghrib (BAM), announced that it will not pursue a tighter monetary policy, and will keep central bank interest rates unchanged at 3%. Experts speculate that the decision was made to accommodate Morocco's efforts to reconstruct demolished zones that were hardest hit by the devastating September 8 earthquake.

(VI). Morocco Seeks To Import 2 Million Metric Tonnes of Soft Wheat

In order to face the challenges posed by the drought, Morocco plans to import 2 million tons of soft wheat. Morocco's National Interprofessional Office for Cereals and Legumes (ONICL) announced the news, stressing the country will offer subsidies to import the soft wheat from the period of October 1 to December 31.

(VII). Morocco's Tourism Revenue Rises by 50.9% in First Seven Months of 2023

Morocco's tourism sector witnessed a remarkable recovery in the first seven months of 2023, with revenue reaching MAD 57.2 billion (\$5.6 billion). The data represents a substantial 50.9% increase compared to the same period in 2022, as reported by the Exchange Office's monthly report on external trade indicators. July in particular, marked a significant turning point for the country's tourism industry, as revenues exceeded pre-pandemic numbers recorded in July 2019, reaching MAD 41.4 billion.

(VIII). Moroccan Diaspora Remittances Reach Record High of \$6.4 Billion in July

Remittances from Moroccans living abroad reached MAD 66 billion (\$6.4 billion) in the first seven months of 2023, representing a 10% increase compared to the same period in 2022, according to data from Morocco's Exchange Office. The report released by the E.O. revealed that diaspora remittances hit an all-time high in July 2023, surpassing numbers recorded in the first seven months of the past four years.

(IX). Morocco's Automotive Exports Soar to over \$8 Billion in 2023

The automotive industry in Morocco has continued on its positive momentum, with exports soaring by 37% year-on-year at the end of July 2023. According to a monthly publication from Office d'Echange (OE), automotive exports in Morocco totaled MAD 82 billion (\$8.2 billion) in the first seven months of 2023, up from MAD 59 billion (\$5.9 billion) during the same period in 2022.

(X). Morocco's Trade Deficit Continues to Narrow in 2023

Morocco's trade deficit continues to shrink in 2023, growing at a year-on-year rate of 6.5% at the end of July. According to a report from the Office d'Exchange, for the first seven months of 2023, imports have declined by 2.3%, totaling MAD 419.6 billion (\$41.9 billion) compared to MAD 429.3 billion (\$42.9 billion) at the end of July 2022. Meanwhile, exports reached MAD 250 billion (\$25 billion), compared to MAD 248 billion (\$24.8 billion) a year earlier. The OE report explains that the drop in the value of imports can be primarily attributed to reduced purchases of energy products, semi-finished items, and raw materials.

Morocco- External

(I). Morocco Among Top African Destinations for Chinese Investment

Morocco has emerged as an attractive African destination for Chinese investments over the next decade, the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) revealed in its 2023 report. The report highlights Morocco's position as the 33rd most attractive investment destination out of 80 countries. This represents a significant leap of 27 places compared to its standing in 2013, when it ranked 60th.

(II). Russia Is 'Ready' to Supply Morocco with Wheat

Russia has shown willingness to supply Morocco with wheat at "reasonable prices," Russian Ambassador to Morocco Vladimir Baibakov said in an interview with Russia news agency, where he stressed his country's willingness to cooperate with Morocco in the sector amid "the exacerbation of the energy and food crisis."

OCP, Fertilizer and Phosphate news

(I). OCP Achieves MAD 3.4 Billion Net Profit in First Half of 2023 Despite Market Challenges

OCP Group has announced its financial results for the first half of 2023, demonstrating resilience and adaptability in a challenging market environment. The company reported a net profit of MAD 3.4 billion for the first half of 2023, indicated OCP Group in a press release. OCP's revenue for the first half of 2023 was MAD 37.6 billion, a decrease from the previous year's MAD 56.01 billion due to price adjustments. The

company noted a decline in prices across product categories, impacting the revenue generated from phosphate fertilizers and related products. However, the OCP Group managed to partially offset this decrease by focusing on increasing sales volumes and enhancing accessibility for farmers, which led to improved demand.

(I). OCP Maintenance Solutions Unveils New-Gen Drone for Industrial Digitalization

OCP Maintenance Solutions, a subsidiary of the OCP Group, has introduced new drone technology to its services, with the aim of revolutionizing and digitizing industrial maintenance. The acquisition of the drone technology represents a “significant leap” for the company and the industrial landscape in Morocco, said OCP Maintenance Solutions in a press release.

(I). Moroccan Phosphate Exports See Steep Decline to \$4 Billion in 2023

Morocco’s Exchange Office released an annual report that unveiled a noticeable decrease in exports of phosphates and phosphate derivatives. The figures showed that exports had dropped by 40.2% at the end of July compared to the same period last year, reaching a total of 40.8 billion dirhams (\$ 4 billion). This decline in phosphate exports can be attributed to a significant reduction in sales across various categories. According to data from the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), there was a 36.5% decrease in natural fertilizers and chemicals, a 46% drop in phosphoric acid, and a substantial 53% decrease in crude phosphates. But the report noted that it’s crucial to keep these numbers in perspective. The current export level, while lower than last year, still remains significantly higher than what was achieved between 2019 and 2021.

Companies

(I). LG Chem and Huayou Group to Launch Electric Car Battery Plant in Morocco

South Korea’s LG Chem, the country’s largest chemical company, announced on Sunday it has entered into a partnership with China’s Huayou Group’s subsidiary Youshan to build a joint electric vehicle (EV) battery material plant in Morocco. The plant, set to start production in 2026, aims to produce 50,000 metric tonnes of lithium-phosphate-iron (LFP) cathode materials annually, enough to be installed in 500,000 entry-class EVs, the South Korean chemical maker said in a statement.

(II). Netherlands’ N-Sea To Support Nigeria-Morocco Pipeline Project

Dutch subsea infrastructure service provider N-Sea has announced it intends to support the development of the Nigeria-Morocco gas pipeline project. The company said that it is carrying out daily meetings with several stakeholders including N-Sea data processors to “assess data quality and route alignment.”