

## About Morocco:

The Kingdom of Morocco in the North-western corner of the African continent between the two lines presentations 36 and 21 degrees. Morocco is a country straddling two seas, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Amidst the mountain ranges Rif and Atlas obstruct the landscape. From this arises the diversity of terrain variety of Moroccan landscapes, which are among the finest in the world ...

The area of the Kingdom of Morocco 710.850 square kilometers, covering the mountainous regions including a good proportion of the most important of the Middle Atlas Mountains and the High Atlas heights ranging between 2.000 and 4.000 meters. The highest mountain Atlas Big 4.165 m (Mount Toubkal).

Climate of Morocco varies according to regions, it is Mediterranean in the north, peripheral to the West, desert in the south. Coastal areas characterized by a mild climate. And often know the mountainous regions in the south cold and wet climate during the winter where he met the Atlas Mountains, which hosts the city of Marrakech heavy snowfall. Despite all this, the rate of sunny periods during the day more than eight hours. The average temperature in Marrakech during the month of April does not exceed 25 degrees. And known as the northern half of the country's two chapters: Dry season runs from May / May to the end of the month of September, and mild and wet season runs from the beginning of October to the end of April.

Morocco has a population of 30 million people growing at 1.8%, while the average life expectancy is 67 years.

The country's official language is Arabic. Other languages used are Amazigh. As for foreign languages used are French, English and Spanish.

The economy of Morocco is available on significant mineral resources. It is the third producer of phosphates in the world and his first source of about 20 million tons. It also has a stockpile of iron and other minerals such as barite, lead, manganese, cobalt, copper, zinc, antimony and fluor. In contrast, the energy sources is very limited, as the country Antacid's production and oil and natural gas barely covers 20% of the needs, forced Morocco to import.

The most important grain crops are wheat, barley and maize, pulses, beans, vetch, lentils and beans, crops marketing 'and acids. The cultivation of fruit trees, olive trees activity is not without importance. The ranching occupies a special place in the farming sector.

And the industrial sector contributes about 28% of GDP. And food industries come in the forefront, followed by textile and leather industry and construction. The transport sector is also developed sectors in view of the availability of Morocco on several roads with a length of 59 474 km, as well as a network of rail extends to a distance of 1893 kilometers.

## **AIDMO and its objectives:**

AIDMO is an Arab specialized organization working within the framework of the League of Arab States and the strategy of joint Arab economic action approved by Arab summit conferences. It aims at achieving coordination and Arab industrial integration as well as contributing to Arab economic development and strengthening its capacities in industry, energy, mining and standardization, which promote production, quality and competitiveness development.

## **Establishment:**

Within the framework of reconstructing Arab joint economic institutions, Arab Industrial Development Organization (previously created in September 1978) was the one of the main activities and entrusted in September 1988 with the functions of the Arab Mineral Resources Organization (previously created in February 1979 in Rabat) in addition to the functions of the Arab Standardization Organization. The new organization named Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization and began to work in January 1990.

## **Some achievements**

- Issuing the first digital geological mining map of the Arab world in March 2009;
- Preparing comprehensive and sectoral studies and technical and economic feasibility studies and industrial and mining project files;
- Developing unified Arab standards to remove technical obstacles that hinder trade exchange between Arab countries and improve production quality;
- Preparing the detailed rules of origin for Arab industrial goods;
- Holding conferences, seminars and training sessions;
- Providing technical assistance through experienced experts of industrial plants as well as a special program to support industry in Palestine;
- Developing information bases in the fields of industry, mining and standards;
- Creating an Arab Industrial Information Network for (Arifonet) including several sectoral networks related to AIDMO's activity;
- Issuing books, statistical bulletins, guides and periodicals;
- Cooperating with the Arab private sector by providing information, studies and marketing research investment opportunities portfolio prepared by AIDMO;

Regional and International Cooperation: AIDMO has close cooperative relations with of Arab, regional and international organizations and bodies by concluding a number of agreements and joint programs and projects.



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