

Morocco



Italy's environmental cooperation with Morocco has been promoted, starting from 2002, with support for the *Moroccan Solar Thermal Solution for Casablanca University Hospital and energy efficiency measures* project.

In 2012, an agreement was signed with the [Agence Marocaine pour l'Efficacité Energétique \(AMEE\)](#), and in 2016, a further [Memorandum of Understanding](#) was signed between in New York between the Italian Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of the Kingdom of Morocco that was then responsible for environmental affairs.

Located in the northwestern tip of the African continent, Morocco is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. The Strait of Gibraltar separates it from the European continent. Its territory is characterized by the Atlas Mountain Range and vast desert or semi-desert areas.

MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING
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SDG: 4; 7; 11; 13



2.961.880



5 projects
(1 concluded)

The risk of extreme weather events, desertification, coastal erosion, and water scarcity are the main challenges posed by climate change to Morocco. However, Morocco is strongly committed to ecological transition efforts and to harnessing its significant potential for renewable energy production: solar, wind, and green hydrogen.

THE CONTEXT OF COOPERATION

On December 2, 2022, during the Rome Med Dialogues, a new Memorandum of Understanding in the field of environment and sustainable development was signed in Rome between MASE and the Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of the Kingdom of Morocco. The new agreement commits the countries to continue their fruitful collaboration, inheriting the 5 projects already underway and expanding the scope of cooperation to include interventions on renewable energies and energy transition. It also refers to the goals of the three Rio Conventions (UNFCCC, UNCCD, and CBD) and the Agenda 2030.

OUTCOMES



As part of the cooperation between the two countries, five projects have been approved, with a commitment from MASE of over €2,850,000:

- Supporting Secretary of State in charge of Sustainable Development (SEDD) in Implementing the TA
- Programme intégré d'éducation à l'environnement et ou développement durable dans les établissements scolaires
- Mise en place de la filière de valorisation des déchets de construction et de demolition (red in the map)
- Programme de Promotion de l'entrepreneuriat vert
- Gestion integreedes zones cotieres de la region de Rabat -Salè-Kenitra (orange in the map)

The five projects are implemented by UNDP and focus on environmental education, youth entrepreneurship and sustainable startups, waste management, and the protection and sustainable, resilient development of coastal areas.