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OF RAILWAYS

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# UIC Regional Assembly Middle-East (RAME)

Action Plan 2010  
First draft 2011

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# Working themes

## # 1 UIC Middle-East Regional Office in Tehran

(Permanent activity)

### Activity

- Implementation of Programme of Work (submitted by RAI),
- Consolidation of the Middle-East Railways community, extension to new members,
- Centralised lists of RAME experts in technical issues,
- Preparation, follow-up of RAME Meetings,
- Follow-up of 2010 Action Plan, progress reports,
- Consultation of RAME Members on new regional and multi-regional projects,
- Finalisation of 2011/2012 RAME Action Plan

### Responsible

- Team of RAI International Department in charge of management of UIC Regional Office,

in close cooperation with RAME Members and UIC HQ (Coordinator)

Estimated cost 2011:  
70,000 Euros

# Working themes

## # 2 Vision and Perspectives for an integrated Rail Transport System in the Middle-East

- Promoting the development of rail transport in the region
- Publicizing the projects and strategies of the Middle-East railways,
- Gaining support from Governments, international organisations, opinion leaders, potential investors.
- Concluding agreements

## Activity

- High-Level Workshop under the theme “Towards an interconnected, competitive Rail transport System
- Projects and Perspectives in the Middle-East Region” targeted at decision-makers from policy, economy and finance, international institutions, banks, business and trade, media.
- Organisation in Turkey, date in Autumn 2010
- Preparation in cooperation with International organisations (UNESCWA, ECO ...)

## Responsible

- Organising Committee TCDD and UIC with support from RAME Member railways
- (Presence of Ministers, Presidents and CEOs, international organisations)

# Working Themes

## # 3 Investors Forum in the Middle-East

- Encouraging new business opportunities with a diversity of stakeholders (ports, shipping lines, intermodal operators,..)
- Attracting new investors into railway financing (World bank, regional banks,..)
- Encouraging new forms of partnerships, joint ventures.

## Activity

- A RAME Investors Forum in a Middle-East country (Dubai? A Gulf State?) in 2011
- Principle to be approved. Location to be found.

## Responsible

UIC RAME  
Regional Office  
in liaison with  
host railway  
UIC and all  
RAME  
Members,

Estimated cost  
2011:  
50,000 Euros

# Working Theme # 4: Technical cooperation issues

## 4.1 Railway Safety

- Developing a Safety database for the Middle-East region
- According to methodology experienced by UIC Members,
- Supporting RAME Members in their efforts to develop a Safety Management System (SMS)

## Activity

- 1st UIC / RAI Seminar on Railway Safety (January 2008, Tehran),
- 2nd UIC RAME Educational Seminar on Railway Safety (4-5 May 2010)
- Exchange on methodology for database and SMS development
- Nomination of RAME safety experts (as contact with UIC Safety Unit)
- Elaboration of a Guideline (collection of methodology presented during the seminar),
- Dissemination to all Middle-East railways,
- Setting-up of RAME Safety Database or synergy with UIC Safety Database,

## Responsible

RAME Regional Office with technical support from UIC HQ / Safety Unit

# Working Theme # 4: Technical cooperation issues

## **4.2 Infrastructure Maintenance – Asset Management System**

- Lowering Infrastructure costs for construction, operations and maintenance

### **Activity**

- “Infrastructure Maintenance - Asset Management Workshop” for ME Railways
- Technical programme for a 2-day Seminar already prepared by UIC Rail System Department, approved by all RAME Members,
- Workshop open to a multi-regional participation,
- Date to be finalised for a workshop in Jordan (July tbc?)

### **Responsible**

**Technical content** by UIC Rail System Department,

**Organisational and logistic aspects** by RAME Regional Office in liaison with Host Railway ARC

Budget 2010:  
50,000 Euros

# Working Theme:

## # 4 Technical cooperation issues

### *4.3 Railway Construction, Operations and Maintenance in Desert and Extreme conditions*

- Promoting benchmark and exchange of experience and best practises
- Optimising Safety of rail Operations and Reducing maintenance costs (in connexion with Desert conditions, sand, temperature,..)
- Preparation of a UIC Guideline (best practises, recommendations..) by “Desert Working Group” for general use by UIC Members

### Activity

- Follow-up of 1st technical workshop on Desert Conditions (January 2008, Tehran),
- Next Desert Working Group meeting connected with Seminar on “Infrastructure Maintenance – Asset Management System ” in Jordan.
- Content: Methodology for collecting experiences (already one UIC enquiry) and preparing Guideline edition – next steps.
- Seminar open to other Members concerned (e.g. from Asia): a vocation for a multi-regional activity

### Responsible

RAME Regional Office

with technical support from UIC HQ

and contributions from RAME Railways

Estimated cost 2010: 10,000 Euros

# Working Theme:

## # 4 Technical cooperation issues

### *4.4 International « Oil Rail » Project*

- Promoting international transport of Oil, Gas and Petrochemical Products by Rail,
- New activity with a regional and multi-regional scope

### Activity

#### 1st International Rail Oil Conference

- Proposal by Niroo Rail, Iran
- Sessions / Workshops dedicated to all issues of Oil and Gas transportation:
  - Technology, Operations and Safety, Marketing, Commercial agreements, Regulations, ...
- Importance of ensuring participation from experienced countries (Oil and Gas producers), typically a multi-regional dimension,
- Objective of developing a specific UIC project (Leaflet?) for general use by UIC members

### Responsible

Niroo Rail as a promoter with UIC RAME Regional Office, and all UIC Members for the content

Estimated budget 2010/11:  
93,000 Euros (possibly part of multiregional activities 2011)



# Working Themes

## # 5 Railway Security Congress

Developing international exchange, cooperation and partnerships on all issues related to railway security:

- Security of passengers and goods,
- Security of train operations and infrastructures,
- Fighting terrorism, vandalism

## Activity

- UIC World Security Forum organised by UIC with TCDD in Turkey, 23-25 June 2010
- Opportunity to develop specific international cooperation activities on security issues for Middle-East Railways (proposal for multiregional project with Asia)

## Responsible

- UIC/TCDD
- Regional Office in liaison with UIC Security Platform

# Working Themes

## # 6 Developing Expertise – Training and education

### Activity

- Developing and educational programme / training activities specifically targeted at the needs of the Middle East railways
- New project: Network of Rail Training Centres (participation of ME training centres?)

### Responsible

International Railway Academy, Tehran, with technical support from UIC HQ

Estimated cost for 2011: ?

# Working Themes

## # 7 Communication activities

- Developing the exchange of relevant information within the Middle-East railways community
- Promoting the activities of the UIC RAME
- Promoting internationally projects and strategies of the individual Middle-East railway companies

## Activity

- Reporting on RAME activities through UIC website, press releases, dissemination of information on conferences, seminars (CD, ...)
- Regular Service of business news (Esmerk service) specifically created for the Middle-East railways
- Communication and media activities for the congresses, workshops and forums in 2010, 2011

## Responsible

RAME Regional office with UIC HQ (Communications Department) and RAME railways' support

Estimated cost for 2011:  
20,000 Euros

■ ■ ■ Thank you for your kind attention

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