



INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF RAILWAYS

MIDDLE-EAST

UIC Regional Assembly for Middle-East (RAME)

Action Plan 2014 - 2015

12th RAME Meeting, Jordan, 11 November 2013

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1) Political and Strategic Issues

1.1) Rail Vision - 'Strategic Action Plan 2013 – 2020 for the Middle-East'



STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN
FOR UIC MIDDLE-EAST
2013-2020



Actions

- Dissemination plan for this strategic document (to international, national decision-makers), in connection with RAME Report “*Regional and Supra Regional Rail Transportation Links – Middle-East*” (March 2013) and ‘*Amman Declaration*’ (November 2012)
- Identifying issues for closer cooperation with International Organizations (ECO, UNESCAP,..)
- Follow-up of UIC RAME High-level Conference held in Amman and ‘*Amman Declaration*’ (November 2012)

Responsible

UIC RAME Regional Office in cooperation with all Middle-Eastern Members and UIC HQ support

1) Political and Strategic Issues

1.2) Investors Forum for the ME

The marmaray project



Actions

- a RAME Investors Forum to
 - ✓ Attract new investors to railways financing (international, regional banks,..)
 - ✓ Encourage new partnerships with public / private investors
 - ✓ Promote new businesses (with ports, intermodal, industry partners,...)
- ❖ Invitation by TCDD for an Investors Forum in Istanbul (date in 2014 tbc)

Responsible

UIC ME Regional Office with TCDD and UIC HQ support

1.3) Rail/ Ports & Oil/ Rail cooperation

- International 'Rail/Ports and Oil/Rail Seminar '
- Seminar planned in Iran, postponed to 2014



RAI as Host Railway with ME Regional Office, all ME Members and UIC HQ support

2) Toward seamless railway operations

2.1) Interoperability



Actions

UIC RAME International Seminar on Railway Interoperability

Focus on :

- Technical
- Operational
- Legal and regulatory
- Commercial
- Human interoperability

❖ Acceptation by Qatar Railways (QRC) to host the seminar (date and location tbc)

Responsible

Regional Office
with QRC and
UIC technical
support

2) Toward seamless railway operations

2.2) Standard Signalling – Control Command

ERTMS / ETCS / GSM-R

Actions

11th UIC ERTMS World Conference
(1-4 April 2014, Istanbul)

Objectives :

- Present the state of the art of ERTMS / ETCS / GSM-R developments across the world
- Inform on current status of implementation
- Exchange with industry about future development trends
- Exchange on experiences and best practices among operators (railways)

<http://ertms-conference2014.com/>

Responsible

UIC ERTMS Conference Organizing Committee Including UIC, TCDD, Supply Industry, UNIFE, CMS Project

3) Cooperation on technical issues

3.1) Railway Safety



Actions

UIC Rail Safety Working Group

Follow-up of UIC RAME Seminar (2008), Educational Seminar on Railway Safety (2010), 1st meeting of UIC RAME Safety Working Group (2011), MERTCe Training Program on Rail Safety (Nov. 2013)

Objectives:

- Developing a Safety Database for the Middle-East, according to methodology experienced by UIC Members
 - Supporting Members in the definition of a Safety Management System (SMS)
 - Exchanging on best practice related to Safety
 - Associating RAME railways to International ILCAD campaigns on Safety at Level Crossings
- ❖ Meeting of Rail Safety WG (chair: RAI) to be held in 2014

Responsible

Rail Safety WG (RAI)
MERTCe Training Center, with technical support from UIC HQ

3) Cooperation on technical issues

3.2) Infrastructure Maintenance



Actions

UIC RAME Infrastructure Maintenance Working Group

Follow-up of 1st UIC/RAI Technical workshop on Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance in Desert and Extreme conditions (2008, Tehran), 1st UIC RAME Seminar on Infrastructure Maintenance-Asset Management (Amman, 2010)

Permanent Working Group decided in 2013. 1st meeting on 12 November 2013 (Jordan)

Objectives:

- Developing exchanges and benchmark on best practices in Rail infrastructure management
- Disseminating information on methodologies and UIC projects related to infrastructure optimization and maintenance
- Infrastructure costs in maintenance, renewal
- Considering with special attention the construction and maintenance of railways in desert / extreme conditions

Responsible

Coordination by
Regional Office
With UIC HQ
technical support

3) Cooperation on technical issues

<h2>3.3) High Speed Rail</h2>	<h2>Actions</h2> <p>Regional Seminars on High-Speed rail developments</p> <p>Follow-up of 1st UIC RAME Information and Training Seminar (org by TCDD/MERTCe, Ankara, 2012), UIC High-Speed Training Sessions, ...</p> <p><u>Objectives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supporting the development of High-Speed in the Middle-East▪ Organizing benchmark and exchange of best practice on HS rail planning, construction, operations, maintenance▪ Training staff specialized in High-Speed rail development <p>➤ A dedicated RAME seminar in 2014 in the Middle-East ? (for ex Saudi Arabia ?)</p>	<h2>Responsible</h2> <p>UIC HQ (High Speed, Expertise Development) MERTCe in liaison with Regional Office</p>
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4) Training programs for the Middle-East

4.1) Developing Expertise – Training programs



Actions

Middle-East Rail Training Center (MERTCe)

Location in Eskisehir

Coordination with UIC Expertise Development Division

Follow-up of 1st UIC RAME International Rail Business Seminar (Eskisehir, Oct. 2012) and High-Speed Information and Training Session (Ankara, Oct. 2012)

- 2nd UIC RAME Training Session on Rail Safety Management (Eskisehir, November 2013)
- New program to be presented by MERTCe for 2014
- Progressive development of a Middle-East Network of Rail Training Centers (MENRTC)
- Participation in UIC activities targeted at Young Talents / High Potential Staff (UIC Innovation Awards, etc.)

Responsible

MERTCe with support from TCDD, UIC Expertise Development Unit and UIC Technical departments



5) Information, Communication

5.1) Information Communication	Actions Communication on the Rail Vision for the Middle-East and UIC RAME activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Promoting the Rail Vision and Strategic Action Plan for the Middle-East▪ Plan communications and lobbying actions towards international organizations, governments,..▪ Inform on UIC RAME Regional activities (through UIC website, UIC RAME website,...)▪ Communicate on Member railways' achievements in the ME region▪ Organize exchange of information among Members	Responsible UIC RAME Regional Office With Member railways, UIC Communications Department
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6) An essential, proactive role for the Regional Office

6.1) UIC Regional Office *Based in Tehran*



Actions

Main missions of the Office

- Implementation and update of the UIC RAME Action Plan, progress reports
- Consolidation of the UIC Middle-East community, extension to new member
- Preparation, facilitation of agreements, MoUs, with international organizations
- Realization of studies, strategic documents (the Rail Vision), position papers on behalf of the Middle-Eastern railways community
- Organizational support for RAME conferences, seminars, workshops

Responsible

The team of the
UIC ME
Regional Office

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■ ■ ■ Thank you for your kind attention

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