







Maritime Exhibition of Dakar











FISHING and MARITIME ECONOMY: STAKES and CHALLENGES FOR EMERGENCE.

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In Senegal, the sector of Fishing and Maritime Economy plays a leading socio-economic role.

- It generates 30% of total export earnings;
- It contributes 12.5% of the GDP of the primary sector (meaning 2.5% of the total GDP);
- 17% of the workforce is operating in this sector;
- It covers 75% of the animal protein needs of the population;
- 95% of Senegalese foreign trades are maritime;
- The Port of Dakar is a preferred gateway on Africa.

All these considerations make the sector of Fishing and Maritime Economy one of the priorities listed in The Emerging Senegal Plan or "Plan Senegal Emergent" (PSE)

To meet the high demand and the markets requirement, the Government of Senegal has implemented a number of alternatives:

- The restoration and sustainable management of resources;
- The development of the continental fishing and aquaculture;
- The development of resources and the exploitation of the sea bed;
- Market diversification.

Despite their importance, the Senegalese maritime transports are still dominated by foreign multinationals.

In recent years, Senegal has got in a series of achievements for the development of this sector and various programs and projects are included in the framework of The Emerging Senegal Plan. The realization of these programs and projects calls for a multiform partnership in the sphere of influence of a globalized and progressive world economy. It is also a way for Senegal to position itself in this international competition, while providing a privileged framework for exchange and partnerships, especially with the countries of the African sub-region. These stakes have led to the organization of a specialized exhibition: Maritime Exhibition of Dakar, from 10th to 13th December, 2015 at the International Center of Conference Abdou Diouf. The theme will be: **"Fishing and Maritime Economy: Stakes and Challenges for 'Emergence".**

The Kingdom of Morocco is the guest of honor of the 2015 edition.

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