



INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF RAILWAYS

MIDDLE-EAST

UIC Regional Assembly for Middle-East (RAME)

Action Plan 2014 - 2015

13th RAME Meeting, Ankara (Turkey), 8 May 2014

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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 the revised version of the “*Strategic Action Plan for UIC Middle-East 2013-2020*”, in connection with RAME Report “*Regional and Supra Regional Rail Transportation Links – Middle-East*” (March 2013) and ‘*Amman Declaration*’ (November 2012)
- Follow-up and development of cooperation with international organisations (ECO, UNESCAP,...)

Responsible

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

1) Political and Strategic Issues

1.2) COTIF Conference in Tehran

Actions

- Developing cooperation with international organisations
 - Benefitting from harmonisation of international transport law
 - Ensuring follow-up of implementation of Action Plan with ECO (ECO/UIC MoU)
- ❖ Date: **29-30 September 2014 in Tehran, Iran**

Responsible

UIC ME Regional
Office with Chair
Railway and UIC HQ

1) Political and Strategic Issues

1.3) International Business Forum

The marmaray project



Actions

- a UIC RAME International Business 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 International Business Forum : **22 October 2014, Ankara, Turkey**

Responsible

UIC ME Regional Office with Rame Members, TCDD and UIC HQ support

1.4) Rail/ Ports & Oil/ Rail cooperation

- International 'Rail/Ports and Oil/Rail Seminar'.
- ❖ Seminar planned in **Iran, 18-19 June 2015, Tehran**



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 UIC seminar: **10 September 2014, Qatar**

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)

<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) Rail 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 UIC RAME Rail Safety WG to be held at invitation of RAI:
17 June 2014, Tehran, Iran

Responsible

Rail Safety WG (RAI), UIC ME Regional office with technical support from UIC HQ

3) Cooperation on technical issues

3.2) Safety and Security

Actions

TCDD / UIC Safety and Security Seminar

Objectives:

Exchange of experience and best practice on safety and security issues relating to

- High speed operations
- Infrastructure, tunnels, signalling systems
- Passenger rolling stock
- Railway stations
- Freight corridors, multimodal terminals
- Research on safety and security

❖ TCDD / UIC Seminar on **6-7 May 2014 in Ankara, Turkey**
Open to RAME Members

Responsible

UIC HQ
(Security Division,
Passenger/High Speed
Department) with
TCDD

3) Cooperation on technical issues

3.3) 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 (Dead Sea, 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
- DVD on Infrastructure Maintenance Seminar at Dead Sea in preparation.

Responsible

Coordination by
Regional Office
With UIC HQ
technical support

3) Cooperation on technical issues

3.4) High Speed Rail

Actions

Regional Seminars on High-Speed rail developments

Follow-up of 1st UIC RAME Information and Training Seminar (org by TCDD/MERTCe, Ankara, 2012), UIC High-Speed Training Sessions, ...

Objectives:

- 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
- ❖ A dedicated UIC RAME High Speed seminar **in 2015 in the Middle-East** (for ex Saudi Arabia ?)

Responsible

UIC HQ (High Speed, Expertise Development)
MERTCe in liaison with Regional Office

3) Cooperation on technical issues

3.5) Passenger Activities

Actions

RAI / UIC Training Workshop on Passenger activities and High Speed

➤ Exchange on information and best practice on passenger and high speed operations issues (programme to be finalised)

❖ Workshop planned on **30 August - 1 September 2014 in Tehran, Iran**
Open to all Middle East (RAME) Members

Responsible

RAI with UIC
Passenger /
High Speed
Department

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)
- Program for a training session on LCC and RAMS (October 2014?), tbc
- Progressive development of a Middle-East Network of Rail Training Centers (MENRTC)
- Participation in UIC activities targeted at Young Talents (TALENT Strategy approved by UIC GA): MBA Rail, Research & 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

- 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

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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