

## **MARINE METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITIES AT THE DIRECTION OF NATIONAL METEOROLOGY**

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Morocco, with its 3 500 km of coastline and its access to both the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, is a maritime country. Many economic activities are carried out at sea and in coastal regions and are closely linked to meteorological conditions and the marine environment. Thus, the maritime navigation, fishing, port operations and shoreline management sectors need specialized meteorological assistance for the planning and management of their operations.

The talk will be an opportunity to take stock of the maritime meteorology activities at the National Meteorological Administration of Morocco (NMA). There will be a discussion on the organization of these activities, the resources available and activities related to forecasting and meteorological assistance intended for users in the maritime sector. An emphasis will also be placed on efforts being undertaken by the NMA to improve the quality of this assistance, to strengthen the observation network and to develop forecasting models. Finally, the talk will touch on cooperation and partnership aspects involving organizations at both the national and international levels.

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