



Project Summary Form

Project Title: Oil Products Sector Liberalization in Morocco
Project ID (if available): N/A
Region/Country: Morocco/MENA
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ESMAP Thematic Area (M – Main; S – Secondary (if applicable)):

Energy Security	
Energy Markets	M
Energy Poverty	S
Renewable Energy	
Energy Efficiency	

Brief Description:

The Government of Morocco is planning to liberalize the liquid fuels markets by end 2008. Preliminary brief examination of the functioning of oil products markets in Morocco carried out as part of the due diligence in the preparation of an Energy Development Policy Loan has identified possible areas in the oil products markets where competition could be improved, leading to reductions in the cost of supply, all else equal. Reducing the cost of supply is expected to lead to a relative reduction in the share of energy expenditure for low income households.

This projects aims at identifying major impediments to the liberalization of liquid fuels markets and at defining the regulatory measures and decisions to be taken by the government to liberalize the liquid fuels markets and specifying the best sequence for introducing liberalization measures. The project will include two phases, to accompany the government’s gradual implementation of measures to prepare the market for liberalization.

Delivery Schedule:

	Phase 1	Phase 2
PCN Review	Feb. 2007	
Completion draft final/formal review meeting	Sept. 2007	Aug. 2008
Final delivery to client	Oct. 2007	Oct. 2008

Outputs expected:

	Yes?	Delivery date (Quarter, FY)
Formal AAA Report		
Informal AAA product (e.g., policy note)	Yes	Q2, FY09
Workshop/Conference		
Training course/materials/knowledge products		