

**MAURITANIA:
ANOTHER MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE NATION USING NAMSA'S SERVICES**

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On 25 January 2010 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between NAMSO and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. The MOU provides a framework agreement for future cooperative logistic support activities related to Trust Fund Projects for which NAMSA is the Executing Agent. The MOU also allows for the provision of logistic services related to NAMSA's purchase of defence equipment that is not available in NATO states, in response to urgent operational requirements. This MOU represents an important development in further cooperation between NATO and Mauritania.

Mauritania is one of seven NATO Mediterranean Dialogue countries. The Mediterranean Dialogue is a forum for political consultations and constitutes an important framework for practical cooperation, including a bilateral and a multilateral component. Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia are participants.

In coordination with NATO HQ and several donor nations, NAMSA is currently engaged in the development of a Trust Fund Project in Mauritania. The latter is the second Mediterranean Dialogue Nation in which NAMSA has been asked to undertake activities related to NATO Trust Fund Projects.