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## (1) Egyptian Maritime Transport In Numbers Until The End Of 2023

- Total Egyptian seaports: 55 ports (18 commercial ports, 37 specialized ports).
- Total number of Egyptian commercial ports: 18 ports, 9 of which are affiliated with the Ministry of Transport (Alexandria - Dekheila - Damietta - Port Tawfiq (Suez) - Zaytiyat (Oil Basin) - Nuweiba - Sharm El Sheikh - Hurghada - Safaga), 6 ports affiliated with the Suez Canal Economic Zone (East and West Port Said, Arish, Sokhna, Adabiya, El Tur), in addition to (3) ports affiliated with the Armed Forces (Abu Qir, Gergoub, Berenice).
- Total number of specialized ports: 37 ports (16 petroleum, 6 mining, 7 tourism, 6 fishing, 2 of a special nature).
- Egypt has 23 marinas/tourist quays (19 existing "12 on the Red Sea, 7 on the Mediterranean", 4 proposed, 1 on the Red Sea, and 3 on the Mediterranean).
- Maximum depth of navigation channel of Dekheila Port, East Port Said Port, Sokhna Port: 20, 19, 17 meters respectively.
- Total length of Egyptian coastline: about 3000 km (Mediterranean Sea 1000 km, Red Sea 2000 km).
- Total port facilities that have been harmonized with the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.
- 76 port facilities divided into (12 commercial ports, 23 specialized ports, 17 governmental port facilities, 24 independent port facilities)
- Approval of security plans and certificates of conformity for ports and port facilities in accordance with the provisions of the International Code (ISPS CODE) :
- After reviewing the plan by the Port Authority and the Competent Security Authorities. (9 plans)
- (192) complaints related to Egyptian maritime transport were resolved, which were received through the Egyptian government portal (The Unified Government Complaints System), with a success rate of 97%, with an increase of 10% compared to previous year 2022, in addition to settling (24) complaints outside the government complaints portal related to shipping agencies.
- Total number of ships calling in 2023: 14,409 ships, with an increase of 13% compared to previous year.
- Total TEU handling in 2023: 8.4, 000,000 TEUs, with an increase of 10% compared to the previous year.
- Total cargo handling in 2023: about 181,000,000 tons, with an increase of 3% compared to previous year.
- Total number of passengers during 2023: 781,000 passengers, with an increase of 46% compared to the previous year.
- Total handling of specialized ports for 2023: amounted to about 43, 000,000 tons, with an increase of 56% compared to the previous year.
- Total number of tourist yachts registered in Egyptian seaports is (280) yachts according to the single window records for tourist yachts during the year 2023.
- The total number of marine passports issued: (34086 marine passports) computerized and valid until the end of December 2023.



## (2) Egyptian Maritime Legislation

### ▪ Enhancing Maritime Tourism to Attract Foreign Cruise Ships:

- An integrated vision was prepared to maximize and attract cruise ship tourism to Egyptian ports. Such vision includes granting a package of incentives and facilities to foreign cruise ships, which contributes to placing Egyptian ports on the global tourism map, increases their competitiveness, and upsurges national income of foreign currencies. The Supreme Council of Ports approved the proposed vision, and Ministerial Decree No. 124 of 2023 was issued regarding charges calculation for foreign cruise ships.



### ▪ Reducing financial burdens charged in dollars (Storage Fees, Fines):

- An integrated package of incentives was granted to the storage and warehouse sector in Egyptian ports, to contribute to solving the problem of container and cargoes congestion and ship dwelling outside Egyptian ports, with the aim of reducing financial burdens charged in US dollars (storage, fines), and port authorities budgets bore the impacts and financial burdens of the incentives, and in implementation of this, Minister of Transport Decree No. 610 of 2023 was issued.

### ▪ Adjusting the Structure and Sustenance of the Responsibilities and Competencies of The Maritime Transport Sector to be the Principal Regulator of Maritime Transport Activities:

- Ministerial Decree No. 754 of 2023 was issued and published in the Egyptian Gazette (Issue 36 on 2/13/2024) with the aim of having a single custodian of the bodies and companies operating in the field of maritime transport, to formulate an integrated and unified national maritime policy, and reduce overlap and entanglement in competencies and responsibilities, while preserving the configurations of the entities operating in the field of maritime transport (authorities - companies) and their attained legal statuses.

### ▪ Maritime legislation aiming to maximize the role of the national maritime fleet and maritime safety:

- As per the directives of Mr. President of the Arab Republic OF Egypt regarding determining Egypt's needs pertaining to establishing a commercial maritime fleet, the Ministry of Transport has developed an executive plan regarding the amendment of Egyptian maritime legislation with the aim of developing and reinforcing the commercial fleet in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Council of Ports in its session which was held on 12/5/2023. Indeed, instantaneous amendments were devised on some maritime legislation. A draft law and its attachments were introduced and referred to the Council of Ministers' Advisory Board, which surveyed the opinions of ministries and entities to achieve consensus on the draft law, then referred the draft to the Ministry of Justice. The Legislating Sector is currently preparing the draft law in its final form, in order to complete the procedures for submission to the Council of Ministers and then the Parliament.



### (3) New Procedures Set to Maximize Yacht Tourism

- Reducing the rate of invoices issued for a yacht's call on an Egyptian tourist port or marina charged for the benefit of the National Telecommunications Regulatory Authority by canceling the rate of the annual insurance on the wireless devices on board the foreign yacht.
- Reducing the time required for finalizing foreign tourist yachts procedures and foreign yachts data review through the digital window; consequently, shorten the necessary approvals and permits issuance period so that it does not exceed 30 minutes.
- Allowing the usage of small watercrafts (Jet Ski) by foreign tourist yacht owners carried on board foreign tourist yachts while in Egyptian territorial waters through the foreign yacht tourism single digital window, as well as approving the requirements for using small watercrafts as a result of the coordination that was established with the Ministry of Defense.
- Allowing the registration of the quantities of alcoholic beverages existent on board foreign yachts through the foreign yacht tourism single digital window upon the arrival of the yacht to Egyptian territorial waters as well as the registration of the remaining amounts upon departure in order to be reviewed by representatives of the Customs Authority through the digital window so that they are not subject to customs tax regardless of the remaining quantity whilst ensuring that they are not smuggled into Egyptian territory.
- Creating a special path for tourist yacht owners residing in the Arab Republic of Egypt to register within the digital window for foreign yachts which does not include obtaining approvals by the "Passports, Immigration and Nationality Administration - Quarantine", hence deeming it is sufficient to obtain approvals from the rest of the competent authorities in order to finalize procedures and issue the invoice which is levied electronically through the digital window in US dollars.
- Allowing representatives of the Customs Authority to calculate the financial variances in the cost of foreign yacht supplies with subsidized local fuel to be calculated at the global price, and to be charged in US dollars in favor of the Egyptian General Petroleum Authority by E-Finance Company through the digital window for yacht tourism.

### (4) Information infrastructure and digital transformation

- Carrying out the comprehensive improvement processes of the Maritime Transport Sector Information Bank "EMDB"; (in terms of devices, equipment and programs according to the latest technologies), mechanizing all Sector's work systems, activating e- payment for rendered services at the Sector's website.
- Finalizing the electronic linkage works between the EMDB and Port Authorities and activating the Oracle Golden Gate OGG tool within the data transfer process.
- Developing and adjusting the automated services provided by the Sector on the electronic portal according to customers' requests.

- Mechanizing the system for issuing commercial diving licenses in Egyptian ports and integrating it into the Maritime Transport Sector Services Portal, where all data related to commercial diving companies licensed by the Sector to practice commercial diving activity were incorporated.

## (5) Organizing Maritime Events

- The Maritime Transport Sector has successfully organized (2) workshops attended by Major Egyptian Maritime Transport Industry Entities at The Smart Transport, Logistics, infrastructure & Traffic Fair & Forum for The MEA Region (TRANSMEA) ; November 2023, held under the auspices of H.E. President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi to substantiate the efforts of the Ministry of Transport and the Egyptian State to advance the Maritime Transport Industry and Ports (Workshop on Integration between the Suez Canal Axis and Egyptian Ports and Efforts to Maximize Transit Trade to Transform Egypt into a Center for Global Trade and Logistics \ Sustainable Green Maritime Transport Workshop) and held meetings with foreign delegations (Singapore - Italy - China) to advance bilateral cooperation and joint collaboration undertakings during the conference proceedings.
- Planning and organizing "THE BEST 2023" ceremony which celebrates creativity, innovation and competition in the Maritime Sector under the auspices of H.E Lieutenant General / Kamel Al-Wazir; Minister of Transport, which was held on 13/5/2023 at the Regal Heights Hotel in New Alamein City, attended by a constellation of leading public figures in the field of maritime transport and with wide media coverage. During the ceremony, several awards were presented to distinguished maritime sector personnel, in addition to honoring "Outstanding Working Woman" in the Maritime Sector and a wife of a deceased seafarer.
- Planning and organizing the celebration of the World Maritime Day for the year 2023 under the slogan "MARPOL in its fiftieth year, our commitment continues" under the patronage of Lieutenant General/ Minister of Transport, attended by a constellation of maritime transport leaders and experts, mainly Chairmen of Port Authorities Chairmen of major shipping companies.

## (6) Strategic planning and follow-up of investment projects execution to maximize revenues

- Field visits were conducted to investment projects of the Egyptian Maritime Safety Authority and Port Authorities affiliated to the Ministry of Transport during the fiscal year 2022/2023 in the course of follow up on their progress and execution rates. An exploratory inspection scheme was set by the Maritime Transport Sector to Affiliated Seaports in order to ensure the integrity of operating procedures at Egyptian ports.
- An agreement was reached between the Maritime Transport Sector and the Customs Authority to issue Circular No. 25 of 2023 of the Head of the Customs Authority regarding maximizing transit trade (direct/indirect). The Circular contains the instructions and regulations that must be adhered to at all customs checkpoints as well as the yards designated for direct transit after finalizing all necessitated amendments to the executive regulations of Customs Law No. 430 of 2021, pursuant to the issuance of Decree No. 347 of 2023 by the Minister of Finance.

## (7) International Treaties and Conventions:

- Developing a roadmap to establish a single maritime window under the supervision of the Maritime Transport Sector, comprising all Egyptian ports, in compliance with the provisions of the Maritime Traffic Facilitation Agreement and the acknowledgement of the latest amendments thereto, which entered into force on 1/1/2024.
- **Declaration of the Red Sea region as a special area**
  - The Maritime Transport Sector participated in formulating a document submitted by Egypt on behalf of the participating countries to the Environmental Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization in order to designate the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden region as special areas in accordance with Annex I and V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), hence it was approved and the International Maritime Organization set the date of January 1, 2025 to activate this designation.
- **CleanSeaNet**
  - CleanSeaNet is a European satellite-based oil spill monitoring and ship detection service that was established and operated in April 2007 by the European Maritime Safety Agency. The service provides aggregated data on potential oil spills, pollution incident alerts and related information to the relevant Maritime Authorities within 30 minutes of their satellite detection, allowing for effective use of the data to support follow-up activities. The information is displayed through a specific application on the World Wide Web, complemented by daily operational support from EMSA.
  - An agreement was signed with the European Maritime Safety Agency to join and benefit from the Clean Seas Network in Egypt, with the objective to start the service in March 2024.
- **Integrated procedures for ballast water management in the Mediterranean Sea:**
  - Participation in the adoption of the resolution on unified procedures for ballast water management in the Mediterranean Sea - at the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Center for the Mediterranean Sea REMPEC.
- **Collaboration with the Danish Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN):**
  - Starting cooperation with the Danish Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN), an internationally recognized global business network recognized by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which aims to eliminate corrupt practices in the maritime industry. All reports received from the network's local office are currently being dealt with and resolved within the ports, and coordination is underway to sign a Mutual Memorandum of Understanding.
- **Reception and management of hazardous waste:**
  - A legitimate mechanism has been issued to allow the reception and management of hazardous waste resulting from vessels (with specific numbers) that was not been applied before, in coordination with the Waste Management Regulatory Authority, and it has been circulated to Egyptian Port Authorities to implement to preserve the marine environment in ports.

- Developing unified instructions for receiving and managing hazardous waste resulting from ships calling at Egyptian ports in implementation of Law No. 202 of 2020 on the organization and management of waste. The instructions were circulated to Port Authorities to put into practice.
- Preparing an integrated model to track the delivery and receipt of hazardous waste from Egyptian Port Authorities to companies licensed to transport it to its final disposal sites (resulting from stevedoring companies / ports / ships calling at the port).
- A unified mechanism was established pertinent to the issuance of certificates accredited by the Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC) in the fields of testing with cranes and hoists according to international specifications, and obligating all companies operating in seaport authorities to issue certificates (ISO 9001 Quality Certificate - ISO 1401 Environmental Certificate - ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Safety Certificate) from Quality Certification organizations that have full membership in the International Accreditation Forum (IAF).
- **Egypt attains membership in the International Maritime Organization Council for the 2024-2025 session:**
  - Egypt succeeded in attaining membership in the International Maritime Organization Council, Category "C", for the 2024-2025 session, during the elections held at the Organization's Headquarters in the British capital, London, in December 2023, where Egypt obtained the 3rd largest number of votes with 142 votes out of a total of 166 valid votes, thus outperforming a number of European countries such as Cyprus and Denmark.
  - This success is the culmination of intensive collaborative efforts between the Ministries of Transport and Foreign Affairs and the Egyptian Embassy in London, as coordination continued over the previous two years to induce support for the Egyptian candidacy and maintain Egypt's seat in the Council, which was upheld by Egypt since 1977.

## (8) Maritime Labour

- Issuance of Transport Ministerial Decree No. 733 of 2023 issued on 12/12/2023, amending some provisions included in the attached appendices to Transport Ministerial Decree No. 330 of 2013 regarding the issuance and renewal of the Maritime Passport, and adding new specifications for some professions and altering certain titles. Such modifications serve to support Egyptian labour and contribute to providing them with broader job opportunities.



- All necessary measures have been taken to deal with the issues of detained ships, in coordination with all relevant national authorities (ports, shipping agencies), and international through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), as well as the Seafarers' Crisis Task Force of the International Maritime Organization (SCAT), where efforts are exerted to provide seafarers with the



necessary supplies and medical care and coordinate their repatriation to their homelands and remunerate their financial dues. In this regard, intervention was rendered to resolve complaints on board (33) ships with total of (126) seafarers with a financial value of the dues amounting to (545,000) US dollars.

- Resolving complaints received from Egyptian seafarers, with a total of (11) complaint, in coordination with the competent authorities.
- Necessary measures were taken to follow up on the procedures for issuing death certificates by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers for (3) Egyptian seafarers who went missing while working on board ships operating outside the country's borders.

## (9) International Maritime Cooperation

- The Maritime Transport Sector strives to enhance bilateral and regional cooperation with several countries, effectively participate in international and regional forums regarding pivotal topics in the maritime field; During 2023, the most prominent of which are:

### ▪ **First: European States:**

#### 1- **Italy:**

- Successfully overcoming obstacles and implementing the necessary procedures to operate the Ro-Ro line for perishable agricultural products between the ports of Damietta and Trieste. The line was officially announced at a high-level conference headed by Lieutenant General/Minister of Transport and The Italian Ambassador to Egypt and attended by the Ministers of Finance, Trade and Industry on 1/22/2023, where Egypt joined the Vienna Conventions of 1968 and the issuance of Presidential Decree No. 329 of 2023 and the signing of the necessary legal documents for the line.

#### 2- **Spain:**

- The first meeting was held between the ports of Alexandria and Barcelona where officials discussed operating the Ro-Ro line between the two countries to increase the volume of trade exchange. A Memorandum of Understanding was also proposed in this regard and work is underway to launch the shipping line.

#### 3- **Greece:**

- It was agreed to implement a regional project to operate a passenger/cargo line between the ports of Alexandria and Volos in Greece and to expand the scope of partnership with European countries to operate direct connecting lines. A successful visit was carried out by the project team to Alexandria in September 2023 and a Framework Memorandum of Understanding was concluded on the implementation of the project, aiming to link the European transport network with Africa through the Arab Republic of Egypt.

#### 4- **Bulgaria:**

- Negotiations were concluded and it was agreed to sign a Bilateral Agreement in the course of 2024 between the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria in the field of commercial shipping; which is considered the highest governmental framework for

promoting maritime relations between two countries and is expected to be signed during the upcoming Egyptian-Bulgarian Joint Committee headed by the Foreign Ministers of the two countries.

#### 5- Malta:

- Cooperation with the Maltese side was reinforced and an agreement was reached on cooperation in the field of maritime tourism, yacht tourism, green ports, clean energy and infrastructure projects, and a governmental Memorandum of Understanding was proposed for signing during the expected high-level visit by the Maltese side.

#### 6- Cyprus:

- The Maritime Transport Sector Signed the Framework Memorandum signed with Columbia Ship-Management Co. of Limassol Cyprus, ranked no. (8) Globally among international maritime companies, and Pan Marine Co. on 11/7/2023 in the course of the activities of The Smart Transport, Logistics, infrastructure & Traffic Fair & Forum for The MEA Region (TRANSMEA). The Memorandum establishes separate contracts (to upgrade shipping companies affiliated with the Ministry of Transport - employing 1,500 Egyptian workers - managing and operating tourist marinas).

#### 7- Turkey:

- The Maritime Transport Sector participated in the meetings of the fifth session of the Egyptian-Turkish Joint Committee under the Free Trade Agreement between the two countries on 24 October 2023. Discussions with the Turkish side deliberated the re-operation of the RoRo line between the two countries; efforts are underway to revive it during the year 2024.

#### 8- The Russian Federation:

- Cooperation with the Russian side was fortified via participation in the meetings of the Egyptian-Russian Joint Committee (14th session) which was held in Cairo in March 2023, and coordination is underway to hold the joint Maritime Committee between the two countries in Alexandria for holding direct discussions in the field of maritime transport.
- The Russian company VESCO launched a direct/regular container service line between Novorossiysk Port and Dekheila Port in December 2023.

### ▪ **Second: Asian States:**

#### 1- Singapore:

- In implementation of the presidential directives to deliberate cooperation with the Singapore Cooperation Foundation in the field of maritime transport and logistics, and based on the directives of Lieutenant General/ Minister of Transport, negotiations with the Singapore Cooperation Foundation and its affiliated companies, resulted in the preposition of two projects that are currently being put into effect; (Mechanization of non-mechanized ports affiliated with the General Authority for the Suez Canal Economic Zone and implementation of a pilot project in West Port Said Port - a blueprint study to establish a single national window under the umbrella of the Maritime Transport Sector in cooperation with Integrated Solutions and Trans IT companies).

- The Maritime Transport Sector held an extensive meeting with the Chairman of the Singapore Cooperation Foundation and its affiliated companies on 11/6/2023 in the course of The Smart Transport, Logistics, infrastructure & Traffic Fair & Forum for The MEA Region (TRANSMEA).

## 2- China

- Cooperation with the Chinese side has been reinforced and executive steps have been taken for joint cooperation at the bilateral level within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative, as well as discussing future cooperation within the framework of the BRICS organization in implementation of the decisions of the Supreme Council of Ports, where the following steps were undertaken:
- Signing Memoranda Of Understanding for Port Cooperation between Alexandria Port and Chinese ports of (Qingdao - Guangzhou), the latest of which was signed at The Smart Transport, Logistics, infrastructure & Traffic Fair & Forum for The MEA Region (TRANSMEA) on November 6, 2023
- Direct deliberations with the Chinese side and arrange the visit of the Chinese Consul General in Alexandria and the Director of the Chinese State Arsenal to the headquarters of the Maritime Transport Sector during December 2023 - January 2024
- Work is underway with the Chinese side to integrate the Sokhna - Alexandria logistics corridor within the Silk Road Initiative, as well as working on considering the entry of the Chinese Arsenal into the construction project of building (2) multi-purpose ships for the benefit of Al Kahera for Ferries and Maritime Transport Company.

## 3- Vietnam:

- A visit was conducted by a Vietnamese delegation from the Vietnamese Embassy in Cairo and the Ministry of Trade and Industry to discuss bilateral cooperation with Alexandria Port in December 2023.

## ▪ **Third: African States:**

- Cooperation with African countries has been enhanced and the Supreme Ports Council has approved the executive plan and time schedule prepared by the Maritime Transport Sector to foster and magnify Egyptian exports to Africa according to the plan to augment and enhance exports by 2025 and serve commercial effectiveness to maximize Egyptian exports to Africa.
- Preparing an Integrated Report on "Vision and Application" that incorporates efforts of the Ministry of Transport towards maximizing the volume of trade exchange with Africa and assigning ships to operate shipping lines with Africa.
- Active membership of the Maritime Transport Sector in the formed committee established by Decree No. 263 of 2021 by H.E the Egyptian Prime Minister to contemplate the formulation of an action plan for a comprehensive strategy aimed at magnifying exports to Africa by 2025;
- Bilateral cooperation with the Republic of Tanzania has been reinforced and a successful visit was conducted by the Tanzanian Ports Authority to Alexandria in October 2023 where Mr. Ambassador

Extraordinary of the United Republic of Tanzania in December 2023 to discuss the executive steps for cooperation between the two countries in the field of maritime transport.

- Cooperation with the Republic of Sierra Leone was enhanced and a visit of a high-level delegation was executed to the Maritime Transport Sector and the Port of Alexandria in March 2023 was executed successfully.
- Maritime cooperation with the State of Kenya was enhanced and the operation of a shipping line was discussed to maximize Egyptian exports to Africa and a Governmental Memorandum of Understanding in the field of maritime transport between the two countries is concluded and ready for signing.

#### ▪ **Fourth: Regional organizations:**

##### 1- **Union for the Mediterranean (UFM)**

- The success of the Maritime Transport Sector - Egyptian Ministry of Transport in finalizing the negotiations on the "Blue Med Partnership" document, as Egypt signed the declaration of intent through H.E Minister of International Cooperation on behalf of H.E. Lieutenant General / Minister of Transport at the COP28 Conference of the Parties in Dubai on December 2, 2023.
- The success of the Maritime Transport Sector in proceeding with the project to establish an Egyptian Maritime Cluster in cooperation with the countries of the Southern Mediterranean (Morocco - Mauritania - Morocco) and obtaining the approval the funding thereof within the framework of the Blue Economy Initiative and the Integrated Maritime Policy of the Union for the Mediterranean with 80% funding from the European Marine, Fisheries and Aquatic Life Fund.

##### 2- **African Union:**

- Effective participation of the Maritime Transport Sector in the meetings of the African Union Specialized Committee on Transport, Energy and Transit Infrastructure in Tanzania in September 2023. As well as the meetings of the third session of the African Union Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, and Industry Committee during the period from 14-15/11/2023

##### 3- **BRICS countries:**

- A vision and plan for the Maritime Transport Sector was developed to enhance cooperation with BRICS countries within the framework of Egypt's membership in the BRICS organization, and work is underway to carry out the envisaged plan and intensify bilateral collaboration efforts with leading States of the organization (South Africa - China- Russia - Brazil).

#### ▪ **Fifth: Regional initiatives for Green Transformation and benefits attained by Egyptian Ports:**

- A successful dialogue was instigated with the Italian port of Livorno to benefit from the European Union initiatives and the funding it provides for projects of the beneficiary countries, including the Arab Republic of Egypt, including the Life 4 MEDECA initiative - which is an initiative for green transformation in the Mediterranean funded by the European Union and the Italian port of Livorno as a beneficiary and coordinator of projects with Mediterranean ports and providing necessary funds.



- It was agreed with the Italian side to include Egyptian ports in upcoming projects, avail financing opportunities and to engage as an observer/ spectator of some of the activities already underway in the European Union.

## (10) Maritime Cooperation with Arab countries

- The eighth session of the Egyptian/Jordanian Joint Technical Committee for Maritime Transport was held during the period from 9-10/8/2023 in Alexandria.
- The seventh session of the Egyptian/Saudi Joint Technical Committee for Maritime Transport was held during the period from 9 - 10 /8/2023, in Jeddah.
- The fourth session of the Egyptian/Algerian Joint Technical Committee for Maritime Transport was held during the period from 9-10/8/2023 virtually.
- Pilot operation of a shipping line sailing from Amman, Jordan to the Port of Alexandria and then shipping cargoes to Italy, where the cargo shipments are transported to Italy via the line and vice versa, which strives to attract trade movement from Jordan and neighboring Arab countries to the Egyptian Mediterranean seaports.
- The importance of operating the Arab line has increased after the impact on navigation in the Red Sea as a result of the Israeli war on the Gaza Strip.
- Regarding the League of Arab States, the Maritime Transport Sector has participated in workshops organized by the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport regarding deliberations pertaining to the establishment of a database and a mechanism to foster ship repair and construction industry in Arab countries, as well as the participation in the joint meeting of the Technical Committees for Maritime, Land and Multimodal Transport during the period from 17-18/9/2023.



## (11) The Achievements of the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety during 2023

- **In the field of information technology and digital transformation:**
  - The electronic archiving system was activated to store the Authority's documents so that they can be dealt with electronically in addition to exchanging documents between departments through a secure network, as well as applying the ERP system (LASERFICHE PROGRAM) to contribute to the optimal and effective use of the Authority's resources, which helps in creating an integrated and smart work environment.
  - A prototype electronic sailing permit was prepared to enable the exchange of the ship sailing permit electronically between the Authority and the Port Authority.
  - A system for passports and certificates was created to print them electronically.
  - The Authority's website was developed to provide several interactive services to users, most notably (verifying the validity of the competency certificate - medical examination results - verifying seafarers')

certificates - verifying recognition of a foreign certificates - inquiring about maritime passports - individual certificates - mandatory certificates).

- The Authority was linked to external parties (the Maritime Transport Sector (information bank) and the Alexandria Port Authority to achieve integration in the exchange of information)
- Creating the necessary programs for electronic linkage and issuing the comprehensive invoice for each port.
- A unified invoice was created for the Suez Canal Authority to issue the unified invoice.

## (12) The Achievements of the Egyptian Marine Ports during 2023

### (12-1) Port of Alexandria

#### ■ In the field of Enhancing Operational Capabilities:

- The neglected and stagnant waste was disposed of in the ports of Alexandria and Dekheila, with a total of 26,152 containers during the year 2023, out of a total of 28,188 neglected containers, and the remaining 2,036 neglected containers procedures are being finalized for disposing of them are underway.
- Coordinating with the Ministry of Transport to solve the problem of container and cargo congestion and ships dwelling outside ports. Accordingly, some provisions of Transport Ministerial Decree No. 800 of 2016 were amended pursuant to Ministerial Decree No. 610 of 2023.
- Many measures were taken to reduce the delay in disbursement cycles and the accumulation of grains inside port warehouses, most notably coordination with the Ministry of Transport to grant exemptions to storage companies that did not achieve the minimum storage limit for the fiscal year 2022/2023 from applying the minimum storage fees stipulated in Decree no. 800 of 2016, as H.E Lieutenant General/Minister of Transport agreed to waive 50% of the difference between the achieved storage rates and the minimum limit.

#### ■ The following projects have been completed:

- TAHYA MISR Multi-purpose Terminal Project on Berths 55-62 was inaugurated under the patronage of H.E the President of Egypt in June 2023. The terminal is operated and managed by TMT, which includes the CMA CGM Alliance and EGMPT.
- A timber and grain handling terminal project on Berth 85/3, implemented BY EGYCO, was inaugurated under the patronage of H.E the President of Egypt in June 2023. Meanwhile, on 12/13/2023, a contract was signed with Egypt Holland Stevedoring Services Company (EDSCO) to build and develop the superstructure, use, manage, operate, exploit, maintain and redeliver an integrated logistics terminal for handling and storing dry bulk cargo on the marine berth.
- The Marine Services Berth Restoration Project, implemented by the Nile General Company for Roads and Bridges.
- The project to establish a link to connect Dekheila Port to the International Coastal Road, implemented by the Nile General Company for Road Construction.

- The project of establishing a bridge link to connect Alexandria Port (Gate 54) to the international coastal road, implemented by the Nile General Company for Roads and Bridges, and the external waiting area is being completed, with an implementation rate of 85%.
- **In the field of Digital Transformation, the following has been accomplished:**
  - Increasing the speed of data transfer between Alexandria and Dekheila ports to ensure the efficient operation of all electronic systems in the Authority and striving to implement full connectivity and mechanization within the framework of its transformation into a smart port.
  - Activating the workflow cycle for general cargo and containers handled by the warehouses company (warehouses - yards) at Alexandria and Dekheila ports in terms of storage operations and issuing the exchange card.
  - Activating the online reservation cycle at the level of service trucks, car carriers, and the activation of cycle linking the tax number to trucks is underway.
  - Activating the cycle linking storage with direct withdrawal at the gates.
  - Activating the workflow cycle of supplying ships with fresh water, oils and fuel.
  - Creating an electronic system to record waste reception requests from ships and deliver it to safe disposal companies by marine-works contractors and endorsing requests electronically
  - Devising a comprehensive plan to manage all types of waste at the Alexandria Port Authority and publishing it on the port's website
  - Activating and implementing a model register for ships and the Alexandria Port Authority to track hazardous waste starting from its generation inside the port until its final disposal, as per recommendations of the Mandatory Audit Scheme Committee of the International Maritime Organization
- **In the field of environmental protection:**
  - Reviewing the local emergency oil pollution combat plan in the Ports of Alexandria and Dekheila and endorsing it by the Environmental Affairs Agency.
  - Supervisory visits were conducted to all docks and yards of the Alexandria Port with a total of (2820) visits and (169) reports were issued for environmental violations, which led to the improvement of the port manifested image and the reduction of pollution rates compared to previous years.
  - The discharging of (ballast water/coal/scrap/waste) was approved and monitored with (520) approvals, which led to ships' commitment to environmental requirements and international agreements regulating this matter

## (12-2) Red Sea Ports Authority

- The Electronic Management System has been implemented in the Ports which were provided with modern means of communication and monitoring systems.
- New shipping lines were launched between Ports of (Safaga \ Duba), (Hurghada \ Duba), and (Safaga \ Yanbu).

- 77% of the multi-purpose terminal at Safaga Port has been implemented, as the terminal is considered a main gateway for the development of the Upper Egypt region, serves mining activities and enhances the exports and imports traffic.

### (12-3) Damietta Port Authority

- **In the field of investment projects:**
  - 82% of the construction of the second container terminal "TAHYA MISR 1", has been completed, with the aim of increasing the container handling capacity at Damietta Port with a capacity of 3.5 million TEUs - with a quay length of 1970 m and a depth of 18 m - and a backyard of 922, 000 m<sup>2</sup>
  - The process of developing and upgrading the eastern barrier at Damietta Port has been completed
  - 62% of the construction of a western breakwater with a length of 4345 m has been completed; with the aim of reducing annual maintenance expenses by reducing siltation rates and establishing a multi-purpose terminal "TAHYA MISR 2" with a quay length of 3382 m and a backyard of 2.2 million m<sup>2</sup> behind the western barrier.
  - 96% of the dredging of the navigation channel and the turning basin to 18.5 m has been accomplished with a total dredging of 16.5 million m<sup>3</sup>, with the aim of receiving new generations of ships and ensuring optimal operation of the port terminals.
- **In the field of Multimodal Transport:**
  - An amount of (860,445) tons of public sector wheat were disbursed, with a total of (673) trains, and a number of (7,986) TEUs were traded, with a total of (160) trains. In addition, a number of 105 river units were operated, with a total of 32,797 tons of wheat shipment and the unloading of a quantity of (31,201) packed cement.

### (12-4) General Authority for Suez Canal Economic Zone Ports – (SCZONE)

#### (12-4-1) Ports of: (West Port Said - East Port Said – Arish)

- Launching operations of the liquid bulk terminal at West Port Said Port for New Horizon Tank Terminal Company starting January 2023 for a period of 15 years with a storage capacity of 51, 000 m<sup>3</sup> on an area of 15.6, 000 m<sup>2</sup>, and it is expected to create 55 job opportunities (direct - indirect).
- Contracting with TRANSCARGO International (TCI) at West Port Said Port starting 22 March 2023 for a period of 15 years to store cement in silos consisting of 3 silos with a storage capacity of 30 thousand tons on an area of 5000 m<sup>2</sup> to achieve a trading volume of 1.2 million tons annually, and it is expected to create 45 job opportunities (direct - indirect).
- Contracting with TRANSCARGO International (TCI) at El Arish Seaport starting 1 June 2023 for a period of 15 years to store cement in silos consisting of 6 silos with a storage capacity of 75, 000 tons on an area of 6144 m<sup>2</sup> to achieve the expected trading volume of 1.2 million tons annually and expected to create 70 job opportunities (direct - indirect).



- Granting a concession to finance, design, construct, manage, operate and maintain the second container terminal for (SCCT) Co. at East Port Said Port on August 15, 2023 under Law No. 165 of 2023 for a period of 30 years by allocating a 955 m long sea berth and a handling yard with an area of 510,925 m<sup>2</sup>. It is expected to create 1000 job opportunities (direct - indirect).
- Granting a concession to finance, design, construct, manage, operate and maintain a multi-purpose terminal for (SKY PORTS Company) at East Port Said Port on August 21, 2023, pursuant to Law No. 164 of 2023 for a period of 30 years, by allocating a 900-meter-long sea berth and a 380,000-meter-long handling yard, which is expected to create 550 job opportunities (directly and indirectly).
- Signing a contract with "Minerva" and "Peninsula" Companies to supply ships with fossil fuel in May 2023, as well as carrying out the first green fuel supply process (methanol) for a container ship within the port on the berth affiliated to Suez Canal Container Handling Company.

#### (12-4-2) Sokhna Port

- The establishment of 5 new basins by executing dredging works for a quantity of 70 million m<sup>3</sup> to reach a depth of 18 m to be able to receive giant vessels at the port, with the addition of new quays with a length of 18 kilometers, thus the total length of port docks becomes 23 kilometers instead of 5 kilometers, with all new quays and yards being linked to the port via a railway network with a length of 17 kilometers and connected to the high-speed electric train serving as a logistical hub linking the Red Sea and the Mediterranean (Sokhna - Dekheila - Marsa Matrouh) across the industrial and logistical areas in addition to the land ports, to enhance cargo traffic, especially containers.
- Establishing the Hutchison Container Terminal, with a quay length of 2,600 meters, a total area of 1.6 million m<sup>2</sup>, and a capacity of 3.5 million TEUs annually. The terminal allows receiving giant vessels with a length of 400 meters. It was delivered in two phases, the last of which was on 15/1/2024 to the (Hutchison - CMA - COSCO) alliance, in accordance with the concession contract signed for the superstructure project, management, operation, exploitation, maintenance and redelivery of the container terminal at Sokhna Port.
- Establishing new handling yards with an area of 9.6 million m<sup>2</sup>, thus bringing the total handling yards in the port to 11.1 million m<sup>2</sup> instead of 1.5 million m<sup>2</sup>, with the construction of a network of internal roads with lengths of 17 km of concrete paving to connect the quays and yards within the port, which contributes to the ease of traffic within the port, in addition to establishing breakwaters with lengths of 3.27 km. This comes in the framework of the comprehensive plan to complete the development of Sokhna Port, which is currently being undergoing, to become the largest hub port on the Red Sea. It is worth noting that about 94% of the Sokhna Port development project has been completed.
- Cruise tourism in 2023 is the highest since the establishment of the port, as 42 ships called on the port with a total of 47,051 tourists.

### (12-4-3) Adabiya Port

- Adabiya Port received 24 84-meter-long fins for the wind power plan successfully.
- Amending the scope of the concession contract with the Adabiya Maritime Management Company (25-year concession contract), to be a multi-purpose terminal instead of a dry bulk terminal only.
- Contracting to improve and upgrade the efficiency of Berth No. 2 and establish new equipped berths instead of Berths Nos. (3-4-5) with lengths of approximately 1060 meters and acquiring a handling yard area of 30,000 m2 and reaching a draft of 17 meters to receive Capsize ships.
- Allocating (2) quays with a total length of approximately 650 meters to receive ships with a capacity of (120-130) thousand tons and a draft ranging from 16-17 meters to be exploited by the "Suez Steel Company", at an approximate rate of (2) ships/week, coinciding with the company expanding its industrial activities by establishing an iron pellet factory with a production capacity of (5 million tons/year) as a first phase, reaching (10-15 million tons/year) in the second and third phases.
- Concluding new contracts for liquid bulk trading companies until 6/30/2030, which had a significant positive impact on their status quo due to their value in industries based on palm oil and chemical industries, which leads to increased financial returns.
- Starting the rehabilitation of one of the chemical reception sites to resume work after a hiatus of more than 5 years and after the end of the judicial predicament and the legalization of the company's status in the port.
- Establishing (5) liquid bulk warehouses with a total storage capacity of 6600 tons, so that the total static storage capacity of liquid bulk cargoes in the port becomes (364 thousand tons).
- Establishing (1) dry bulk warehouse of 5000 meters.
- Raising the efficiency of rehabilitating (2) yards for storing stevedoring equipment at an estimated cost of (20 million L.E).

## (13) Training and human resources development

### ▪ Maritime Transport Sector:

- The number of trainees during 2023 reached (27) trainees, including (9) external scholarships "4 Alexandria Port, 3 Damietta Port, (2) Maritime Transport Sector", as well as (18) internal training courses at the Ports Training Institute.

### ▪ Alexandria Port Authority:

- Cooperation protocols were signed with a number of entities (Alexandria University, Arab Academy for Science and Technology, Engineers Syndicate, Pharos University).
- Practical training programs were provided to students of public and private universities and institutes in various specializations of the Authority with a total number of 1290 trainees.
- Professional training programs were provided to employees of the Authority according to the training plan for vocational training approved by the Ministry of Labor, with total number of (42) employees on two programs: (Safety, Environment and Pollution Control to Transform into a Green Port and Fire Prevention Standards).

### ▪ Egyptian Maritime Safety Authority:

- Organized and implemented (4) workshops to train the Authority's employees on how to prepare an environmental analysis (SWOT Analysis) with the participation of the Authority's high level officials (Head of the Operations Sector, Heads of Central Departments, General Managers, Department Managers) and the employees concerned with strategic planning in the Authority and the Authority's employees.
- (145) training courses were implemented at the Ports Training Institute with the participation of (235) trainees to build the capacities of the Authority's employees in various administrative and specialized fields. In addition, (3) external courses were implemented with the participation of (7) trainees.

### ▪ Red Sea Ports Authority:

- The number of trainees reached (365) trainees through (52) internal programs.

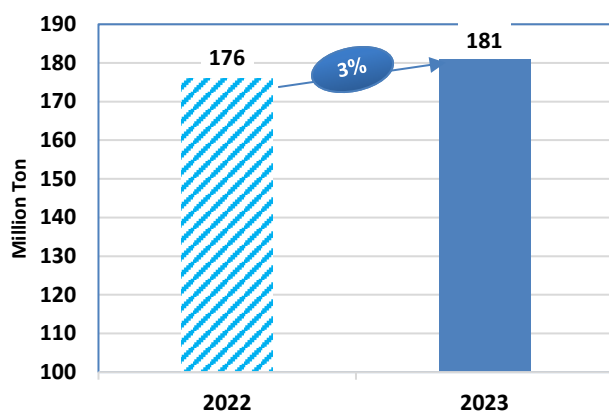
### ▪ Damietta Port Authority:

- The number of trainees reached (880) trainees through (82) external courses, in addition to holding (26) conferences, seminars and unplanned topics with a total of (39) trainees.

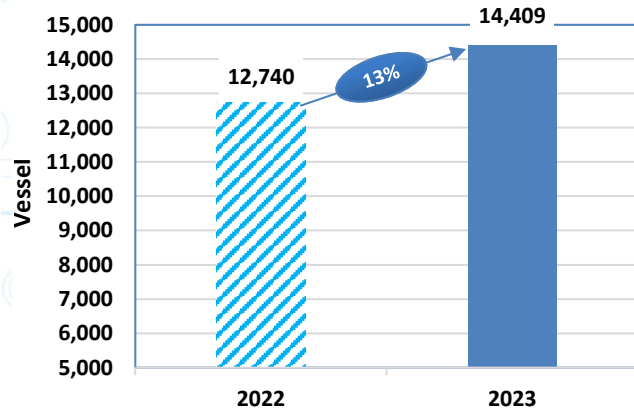
## (14) Total Traffic at Egyptian Seaports during the years (2022, 2023)

Entities Details	Alexandria Port Authority			Damietta Port Authority			Red Sea Ports Authority			Total								
	2022	2023	%	2022	2023	%	2022	2023	%	Total Ministry of Transport			SCZONE Total			General Total		
	2022	2023	%	2022	2023	%	2022	2023	%	2022	2023	%	2022	2023	%	2022	2023	%
Total ship calls (Vessel)	3931	4597	17%	3344	3606	8%	1818	2217	22%	9,093	10,420	15%	3,647	3,989	9%	12,740	14,409	13%
Total Cargo (Million Tons)	62	55	-11%	39	43	11%	5.32	6	13%	106	103	-1.9%	70	77	10%	176	181	3%
TOTAL TEUs (Million TEUs)	1.47	1.63	10%	1.11	1.77	60%	0.00	0.02	0.0%	3	3	33%	5	5	-2%	7.6	8.4	10%
Total Passengers (Passengers1000)	36	88	144%	0	0	0%	435	565	30%	471	654	39%	64	128	100%	535	781	46%

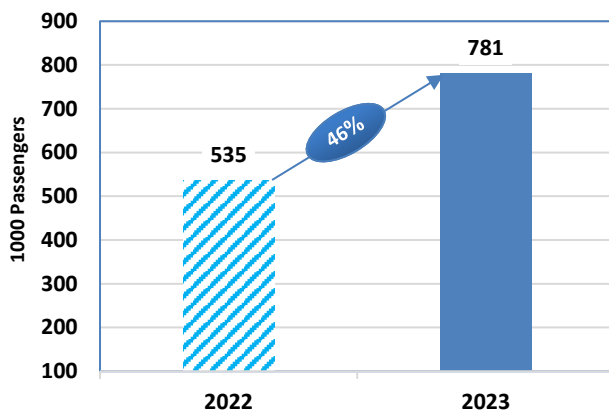
Total Cargo Handling Rate During ( 2022 – 2023)



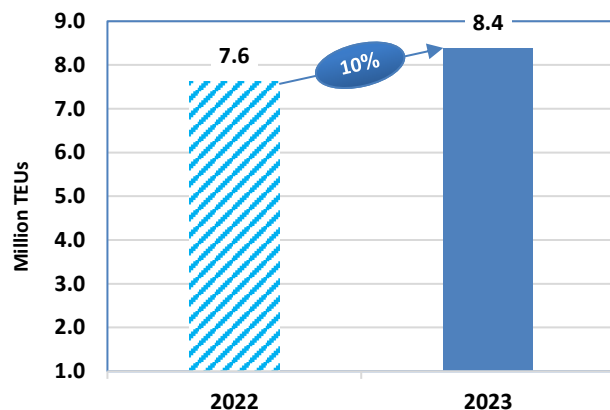
Total Call Rate of Ships During (2022-2023)



Total Number of Passengers During ( 2022 – 2023)



Total TEUs Handling Rate During ( 2022 – 2023)



- Despite the adverse international conditions that the world economy is still undergoing as a result of the Russian-Ukrainian war, as well as the aggression on the Gaza Strip and its negative repercussions on global trade, we find that the indicators of Egyptian seaport traffic during 2023 are achieving positive results compared to the previous year 2022, as ship calls increased by 13%, while cargo traffic increased by 3%, container traffic increased by 10%, whereas passenger and tourism traffic achieved a noticeable recovery by 46%.