Mahajanga, a Port city of North-West Madagascar and the capital of the Boeny region, has always been a cosmopolitan city because of its inhabitants who come from all horizons (Africa-Arabian Peninsula-India-Europe-Asia). It has significant tourism and economic potentials. International tourists visiting Mahajanga and the region have been growing steadily in recent years. This led to the significant improvement of its supply for tourism and hotel.

The city also remains the rear base of an emblematic industry in Madagascar which promotes fishing and shrimp aquaculture. Moreover, the renewable energy sector is also expected to experience a remarkable growth in Mahajanga, just like the service sector (financial inclusion, new information technologies, vocational training, business assistance, etc.). It is this potential economic development that air transport should support and justifies the need to modernize the city’s airport platform.

The Mahajanga International Airport is located 7.7 km northeast of the city center. In order to fully use its potential, the platform must invest to overcome its current handicaps, such as the airfield pavements peeling off and having low bearing capacity. A lot of work is required for the airport to accommodate large aircrafts. Prospects for traffic growth for both passengers and freight argue in favor of this perspective of modernization.

The project to develop and extend the Mahajanga airport aims to improve air connectivity between the regions of Madagascar and with the outside world by bringing the technical and commercial operation of the airport up to standards, in order to accommodate A340 or B777 type large aircrafts. The goal is to make the platform the hub of the country’s Western region.
ADEMA is turning to private investors with a view to establishing a partnership relationship. The company also intends to build on the international expertise of its future partner(s) to enable the Mahajanga airport to optimize its development.

**Expected results:**
- Airport able to accommodate A340 or B777 type large aircrafts