With the establishment of the mining giant Rio Tinto (extraction of mineral sands), the construction of the Ehoala port, the development of the special economic zone and the development of tourism, Taolagnaro has become a city that arouses the interest of investors. It is worth noting that the economy of the city and of the Anosy region is now more diversified, while it used to be based only on the export of lobsters, crabs, dried seaweed and sisal.

This new port city of the extreme southeast of Madagascar has indeed many economic assets. This is why the Air Austral / Air Madagascar companies have decided to include Taolagnaro among their destinations. A choice that other companies should also follow in the coming years and which confirms the need to expand and modernize the city's airport platform.

The International Airport of Taolagnaro is located 3 km southwest of the city. Its geographical position gives it the opportunity to grow and to play a leading role in the development of the air sector at regional level. Its tourist potential also allows it to consider direct international connections like those of Nosy-Be island. But in order to achieve its ambitions, Taolagnaro must first have an airport that meet the requirements of the market, both in terms of trade and security. Hence the need to carry out the upgrading and expansion works on the existing infrastructures that suffer from a number of weaknesses.

Among the deficiencies that holds the airport down, we note the inadequate dimensions of the runway, the absence of runway shoulders and ramps, the limited number of parking stands, the tight existing terminal, the in-depth inadequacy of runway strips and aircraft parking areas are other factors limiting the development of the airport. However, the upcoming installation of electrical markings will contribute to the improvement of traffic flexibility.

The project to develop and extend the Taolagnaro 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 large aircrafts of A340 or B777 types.
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 Taolagnaro airport to optimize its development.

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