

Objective 3.4. Reducing fragility through renewed regional integration

In line with the objective of the MNA Regional strategy, the CPF will aim to provide a stronger and more strategic framework for a regional approach to fragility. The Framework will aim at facilitating cross-border trade through development of infrastructure links and trade facilitation. The World Bank will also support Tunisia in assessing and providing a well-targeted response to the impact of the Libyan crisis. Trade between Tunisia and Algeria will also be supported through technical assistance to support trade facilitation and customs collaboration, as well as infrastructure investment in the road sector. In the short term, the Bank technical assistance will continue to focus on informal sector and tax implications of cross-border trade. The Bank is carrying out an assessment of the impact of the Libyan crisis on service delivery, services and subsidized goods consumption as well as in some sectors, particularly tourism; on financial flows, remittances; and trade and potential mitigation measures. Regional integration will continue to be promoted by improving the management of shared natural ecosystems, and risks of coastal zones resulting from un-coordinated development, population pressures, climate change and seal level rise.