

**Consultative Dialogue with Mozambique CSOs
Held at Hotel Avenida, Maputo, Mozambique
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Introduction and Welcome

1. A consultative dialogue between the Southern Africa Trust and Mozambican Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) was held on 17 November 2006 in Maputo, Mozambique aimed at:
 - Introducing the Southern Africa Trust to its Mozambican CSO stakeholders;
 - Establishing a platform for engagement between the Trust and its Mozambique stakeholders on a sustained dialogue on poverty related issues;
 - Advising the Trust on how it can better assist CSOs in undertaking better policy work;
 - Taking the step to communicate with southern African lusophone countries to understand their development concerns in the region; and
 - Commemorate Dr José Negrão as the inaugural recipient of the Southern Africa Trust 2006 Drivers of Change Award.
2. The meeting was opened by Mr Denis Kadima, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Africa Trust, who was also the meeting's co-chair with the Executive Director of Cruzeiro do Sul, Dr Luis Philippe. Mozambican CSO representatives as well as the Trust's Board of Trustees and staff were present (list of participants in Annex A).

Brief Introduction of the Southern Africa Trust

3. Mr Neville Gabriel, Executive Director of the Southern Africa Trust, made an overview presentation about the Trust and highlighted the importance of the Trust's work in supporting southern African CSOs to better undertake evidence-based policy work at regional level so as to influence the type and process of policy development to make an impact on poverty in the region. The Trust is interested in working with CSOs such as the Group of 20 (G20) and use their method of collaboration with the Mozambican government as a model to the region on how to constructively building a working relationship with government in a sustained manner.

CSO Work in Mozambique: Key Issues, emerging Trends and Challenges

4. Mr Paulo Cuinica, Programme Manager of the G20, made an overview presentation of the main issues, emerging trends and challenges of CSO work in Mozambique. CSO work in Mozambique over the past twenty years has mainly been dominated by social development issues. Three civil wars in the last thirty years have also led to CSOs playing an important role in peace building and resettlement of populations after the war. It is important to therefore note that CSOs have been involved in poverty alleviation work for a long time and are increasingly speaking out about poverty and development issues concerning Mozambique.
5. Collaboration between the Mozambican government and CSOs was previously very challenging because there was little confidence among different stakeholders. This collaboration has since strengthened and is now proving more fruitful, particularly during the development of the recent Government of Mozambique Action Plan for the Reduction of Absolute Poverty II (PARPA II). The G20 emerged when the Mozambican government invited twenty CSOs, as the government CSO representatives, to engage with the government's poverty observatory on an ongoing basis. The G20 and government collaboration has also included the development joint G20 and government annual reports, since 2004, where both the G20 and the government separately prepare their development reports, which are then merged to form a more objective (particularly on issues related to poverty and service delivery) annual development report.

6. During the development of the PARPA II, the Mozambican government sought the participation of CSO groups at all levels of government, from grassroots to provincial to central levels, where over 128 districts were covered nationally. Although not all civil society concerns were accommodated, engagement efforts with different stakeholders has been continuous.
7. Areas identified as particularly challenging for CSO working on development issues include: HIV and AIDS; participation at grassroots level especially in the inaccessible rural areas; access and value of land; capacity to analyze development policies, especially those related to budgetary issues; as well as other developmental issues.

Open Discussion on CSO Work in Mozambique

8. The main issues that emerged from the discussion between Mozambican CSOs and representatives of the Southern Africa included:
 - Mozambique has a strong government compared to its still very new and fragile CSO sector, making it difficult for CSOs to engage meaningfully with government and hence a challenge for CSOs and government to work more effectively together.
 - Although the Mozambican CSO sector is increasingly growing and strengthening compared to a few decades ago, it is still very young. There are a few emerging and maturing exceptions, like the G20, that are able to more effectively engage with government in their work.
 - CSOs in Mozambique are currently working in an *ad hoc* manner, which is compounding the challenge of CSOs' ability to participate in shifting and emerging development and social economic issues of the country.
 - Influencing policy in a collaborative way and influencing policy on the ground are important challenges that CSOs need to address.
 - The definition of the role of CSOs in Mozambique by CSOs and other stakeholders is yet to be clearly articulated, mainly due to capacity constraints, creating a hindrance in effectively responding to government work.
 - There is a need to deepen local government work by strengthening CSOs at lower levels.
 - There is still weak women's representation in the Mozambican CSO sector.

Proposals for Interaction with SAT

9. The following were proposed as potential areas of collaboration between the Southern Africa Trust and Mozambican CSOs:

Coordination of Mozambican CSOs

- i. CSOs have developed a favorable environment for participation and engagement with government at different levels, as has been demonstrated at central level in the G20 collaboration with government and development partners. CSOs need to take advantage of the current favourable political climate that is opening up to CSOs in Mozambique to influence policies more effectively.
- ii. The different types of interactions between CSOs, government and other stakeholders in Mozambique need to be identified and evaluated in order to support the interventions that can make a difference to development in the country.

- iii. Further understanding of practical projects that PARPA has adopted in collaboration with G20 is needed.

Capacity Building of Mozambican CSOs

- iv. Capacity challenges of Mozambican CSOs include: the need for contracting experts and consultants on specialized issues; coordination and ways of working within and among CSOs; competition for financial resources rather collaborating or complementing each other's work; reinforce technical capacity of CSOs for deeper policy analysis and input; and professionalization of CSOs.
- v. Action-research spearheaded by civil society is required to assist in identifying solutions to concrete poverty related issues in Mozambique. CSO contribution in the mid-term development planning of PARPA is an example of where CSOs require support.
- vi. Need for analytical support to civil society institutions while strengthening capacity for self-sustainability.

Regional Issues for Mozambican CSOs

- vii. The extent of Mozambique's integration with regional and continental development plans, such as those of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the African Union (AU), in relation to the PARPA II process needs to be elucidated.
- viii. Need to investigate Mozambique's regional analysis on SADC's Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP), especially related to South Africa-Mozambique trade and investment relations that could further aggravate the poverty situation in Mozambique.
- ix. Traffic of women and children and violence against women is becoming a regional concern. There are regional forums already dealing with its criminal implications across borders and Mozambique is a country in the region with a negative impact on this issue.
10. The meeting agreed that further work is needed to deepen the collaboration between Mozambique CSOs and the Southern Africa Trust. Participants were invited to submit proposals in response to the Trust's October 2006 Open Call for Proposals on SADC's RISDP and SADC national committees.

Commemoration of Late Dr José Negrão as the recipient of the Southern Africa Trust 2006 Drivers of Change Award

11. Dr Prakash Ratilal, Trustee of the Southern Africa Trust, summarized the Southern Africa Trust's Drivers of Change Awards, which is currently being held in collaboration with the Mail and Guardian newspaper's Investing in the Future Awards. The Drivers of Change Award recognizes individuals or organizations from across southern Africa that are making a real impact, especially in developing effective public policies and strategies, to overcome poverty. The late Dr José Negrão was awarded the inaugural Drivers of Change Award for 2006 on 26 October 2006 in Johannesburg, South Africa by Former President of Mozambique, His Excellency Joaquim Chissano, for promoting inclusive dialogue towards overcoming poverty. The Award was received by his wife, Sabina Isselle.

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