



**REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE**

**Ministry for the Coordination of Environmental Action**

**Address of Her Excellency, Ana Paulo Somo Gudo Chichava,  
Vice-Minister for the Coordination of Environmental Affairs at  
the Nineteenth Conference of the Parties of UNFCCC and  
Ninth Meeting of the Parties of its Kyoto Protocol**

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**Mr. President**

**Excellencies**

**Ladies and Gentlemen's**

First of all I would like to join those who preceded me in congratulating Your Excellency for your appointment as President of COP19 and CMP 9. We are confident that under your wise leadership we can achieve positive results in this Conference, particularly in establishing the foundations for the instrument to be adopted in 2015.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Government of Poland and to the citizens of Warsaw for the warm hospitality accorded to me and my delegation. I would also like to show my appreciation to the Secretariat of the Convention for their work in creating such a positive working environment for all of us at the Conference.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere condolences to the people and Government of the Philippines for the loss of human life and massive destruction that resulted from the Haiyan Typhoon.

**Ladies and Gentlemen's**

**Excellencies,**

This is the nineteenth time that we are meeting under the Convention and ninth time under Protocol, trying to reach an agreement on what we have to do to keep this world with a changing climate liveable for present and future generations.

Despite all the scientific information available to assist us in the adoption of adequate measures, which may give some encouragement to those who have followed year after year these negotiations with great patience, **we are not making significant progress.**

We are all too aware of the consequences of the lack of progress in the negotiations and have witnessed, many of us first-hand, the impact of inaction. It is increasingly translating in catastrophic consequences like what we have just seen in the Philippines.

Much like the Philippines, Mozambique has annually had to pay a heavy bill for the lack of progress in these negotiations. Earlier this year, the combined toll of floods and cyclones alone resulted in one hundred seventeen (117) dead, four hundred eighty thousand (480,000) displaced, and massive infrastructure destruction which is estimated will cost five hundred and seventeen (517) million dollars to replace. The level of loss and damage is similar to that which resulted from the massive floods of 2000.

The severe floods this year have occurred just a few months after the Government approved the National Strategy for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, and as its implementation began. The Mozambique Climate Change Strategy now sets the guidelines for action to build resilience and reduce climate risk in communities and in the national economy, while promoting low carbon development and green economy through their integration in the country's national, sectoral and local planning processes.

At present, a number of efforts are underway nationwide to implement the Strategy and to consolidate its implementation mechanisms. These include the new institutional arrangements for climate change, covering also climate finance and the

development of a framework for monitoring and evaluation of the country's climate change response. As part of the strategy's action plan we are now taking on a new challenge - the formulation of local adaptation plans, where communities' vulnerability and adaptive capacity are assessed to help identify adaptation and opportunities for low carbon development measures which will then be integrated in local planning and budgeting processes.

We welcome the progress made in this COP 19 regarding the formulation of NAPs as it will contribute to the process which Mozambique has already initiated. However, we expect that the mechanisms for the implementation of NAPs are established, so that we can ensure that countries will not only have the ability to plan their response, but to implement as well.

**Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen's**

I would like to end by saying that I very much hope that this Conference will result in the establishment of:

- Steps and milestones that will allow us to comply with the deadline agreed in Durban for the adoption of the new legal instrument, protocol or agreement in 2015 and to set more ambitious targets for emissions reduction in pre-2020
- Adequate and predictable funds for the implementation of the NAPA and the National Strategy, as well as for the formulation and implementation of the NAP and REDD+ Strategies a, including means of implementation

- Response mechanism for losses and damages resulting from extreme events in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to climate change, including and supporting their operationalization.

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Thank you!