

## **Renewable Energy confirmed as part of the National Electrification Strategy of Mozambique during international conference organised by ALER with support from RECP**

ALER, the Association of Portuguese speaking countries for Renewable Energy with support from the RECP (Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme) organised an international conference “Renewable Energy in the Electrification of Mozambique” in Maputo during 25 and 26 October. The conference was dedicated to discuss the contribution of renewable energy towards the electrification of the country, in line with the Mozambique National Electrification Strategy (ENE) currently in preparation for achieving universal access by 2030.

During the two days of conference, more than 200 Delegates had the opportunity to participate in discussions of high-level representatives of the principal Mozambican as well as representatives from international institutions and project developers operating in the energy sector.

During the closing session, Vice-Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy affirmed that it will be impossible to achieve the Mozambican target of universal access to energy by 2030 with conventional methods (centralised generation, transmission and distribution) only and that distributed renewable energy will have an important role, specifically in remote areas. Augusto Sousa further confirmed that the Government of Mozambique will need private sector participation to achieve its targets and indicated interest in being open to contributions from within Mozambique and abroad as well as to include international experience in the future Mozambican approach.

The Vice-President of ALER, Miquelina Menezes welcomed the success of the conference which corresponds "to the culmination of the activities that ALER has been developing in Mozambique since 2015 and to the recognition by the Government of the importance of renewable energy", adding that "ALER willingly accepts the task entrusted to it, to compile input from all on how to ensure an effective National Electrification Strategy considering the role of renewable energy and the private sector".

The European Union's commitment to the promotion of renewable energies was made clear in the speech by the EU Ambassador to Mozambique, Sven Kühn von Burgsdorff, who stated that "this conference, supported through the Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Program, represents yet another step in cooperation between the European Union, its Member States and the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy with a view to increasing the use of renewable energy and increasing access to energy in Mozambique".

Reinforcing this position, Jan Cloin, Project Manager of RECP, added that "the success of this conference demonstrates the high interest of the private sector and the Government of Mozambique to join forces in promoting renewable energy in Mozambique. RECP has contributed to strengthen the sector, through drafting regulation for mini-grids, the organisation of a European trade mission dedicated to solar energy, support to the ALER conference, organising B2B matchmaking during the conference and provide support

through ALER for the creation of the Mozambican Association for the Renewable Energies (AMER) ".

In the context of the conference, the second edition of the "National Status Report - Renewable Energy in Mozambique" [1] and the Portuguese version of the "Mini-grid Policy Toolkit" [2] were presented. During the meeting, over 120 dedicated B2B meetings took place in which entrepreneurs had the opportunity to meet with potential business partners. During the Trade Mission programme that preceded the Conference on 23 and 24 October, 9 European companies met with over 15 Mozambican companies with a view to forging business partnerships and investment in renewable energy.

The conference concluded with a cocktail to commemorate the launching of the newly established Renewable Energy Association of Mozambique (Associação Moçambicana de Energia Renovável AMER [3]), in the presence of Vice Minister Augusto Sousa and other Delegates. The objective of AMER is to increase the capacity of the Mozambique companies, share market information and to speak with one voice towards the Government of Mozambique with a view to promote private-sector relevant policies in the renewable energy sector.

**Notes for the press:**

The documents referred to are available for download at the following links:

[1] [Renewable Energy in Mozambique – National Status Report](#)

[2] [Minigrid Policy Toolkit \(PT\)](#)

[3] [www.amer.org.mz](http://www.amer.org.mz)

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