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Results presentation of the research on "Citizens Consultation and Dialogue to Promote an Inclusive Energy Transition in Pemba

• At the seminar held last Wednesday, 30th March, in Pemba City, the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) and the Pemba Municipality, in partnership with the British High Commission in Mozambique, presented the results of the research conducted under the project "Citizen Consultation and Dialogue to Promote an Inclusive Energy Transition in Pemba". The moment also allowed to collect inputs on the initiative to launch the Citizens' Assembly on Energy Transition.



he project aims to promote greater involvement and participation of civil society in the energy transition of the city of Pemba and create a more equitable and sustainable process that improves people's well-being, the environment and the economy. The research

focused on analyzing the perspectives of Pemba's citizens on the energy transition in order to involve them in this process, as well as on the macroeconomic scenario of the country that directly or indirectly influences the energy transition process of the city of Pemba.

United Kingdom says energy transition in Pemba is an opportunity to attract investment

Adriano Tuzine, British High Commission representative in Mozambique

The British High Commission representative in Mozambique, Adriano Tuzine, brought the experience of the city of Aberdeen, in the United Kingdom, to inspire a sustainable energy transition in Pemba. Aberdeen is a city that has huge reserves of natural gas and has been able to take advantage of the resources from this sector to promote an energy transition, using cleaner and renewable energies and thus ensuring sustainable local development.

Adriano Tuzine considered that the energy transition in Pemba was an opportunity to improve the business environment and thus attract investments in infrastructures capable of triggering multiplier effects, stimulating other activities in the economy.

With this initiative, the United Kingdom Government also intends to create the necessary mechanisms and instruments so that the city of Pemba can join the world partnership of energy cities, an initiative that aims to ensure sustainable energy for the benefit of communities. The British High Commission representative in Mozambique ended his speech by reaffirming the commitment of the Government of the United Kingdom to work with the Government of Cabo Delgado and the Municipality of Pemba in the design of a long term indicative plan on the steps that can be taken to ensure that the revenues from natural gas contribute to the achievement of the energy transition.





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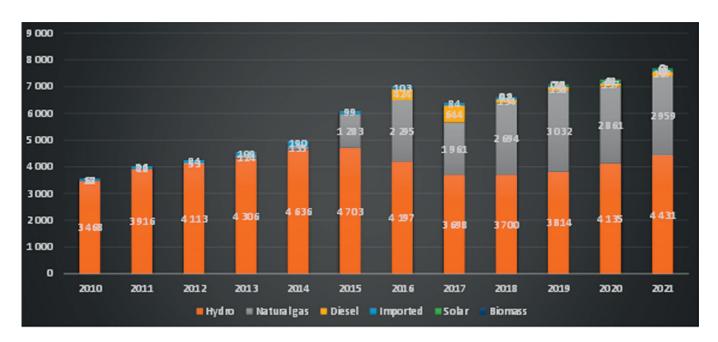
Opportunities and challenges for an energy transition in Mozambique

Américo Maluana, CDD researcher

CDD researcher, Américo Maluana, presented the research results, recalling that Mozambique is about to enter the framework of major exporters of natural gas, a situation which reinforces the need for a debate on the implications, expectations and prospects of the exploitation of this resource, taking into account the global context in which the theme on energy transition is inserted.

The debate on energy transition and climate change is framed in a more global scope in which some programmatic instruments are identified at international level, with emphasis on the 20/30 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, which have as one of their premises the need for access to accessible, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.





Mozambique is in a relatively comfortable position because its energy matrix is dominated by renewable sources, particularly biomass and hydro. Recently, it is possible to note the presence of natural gas in the energy matrix which, despite being a fossil fuel, is relatively cleaner compa-

red to oil and coal. This means that there is room for Mozambique to take advantage of the natural gas exploration in the Rovuma basin and to move forward with its development plans and programmes.

But the country is in a challenging position be-

cause the development process is not a given, but rather a process of conquest, where there are some necessary preconditions. And one of these is the need for effective governance in the extractive industry sector, so that gas can serve to promote development and also to accelerate the energy transition process.

It is also challenging because the slow growth in hydro, solar and biomass supply seen in recent years has meant a reduction in the share of renewables in Mozambique's energy mix, although natural gas has improved energy access in the country and is a cleaner source than other fossil fuels.

"Therefore, it is necessary to look at the opportunities and existing resources and the dynamics of governance, because there may be an entire technical structure to cope with the process of development and energy transition, but if at the highest level of governance - which is the one that determines all logic of exploitation of these resources - there are no effective policies, it will not be possible to move towards sustainable development," Américo Maluana stressed.

The main results of the research show that national dynamics impact on long term macroeconomic planning in relation to the energy transition; lack of local capacity for understanding and higher priorities means that the energy transition is not a familiar agenda for local communities; limited municipal influence and advocacy restricts progress on the energy transition agenda.

Recommendations for an inclusive energy transition in Pemba

Raise awareness and improve understanding and knowledge about the energy transition, especially with civil society organisations and communities in Pemba. At the same time, develop a robust strategic communication plan to highlight the key considerations needed for an effective energy transition.

When sufficient capacity to understand the key issues around the energy transition is achieved - combined with a core of civil society organisations that are able to convene community representatives on the issue - the process of forming a Citizens' Assembly related to the energy transition in Pemba begins.

There is a need to work with municipal/provincial authorities and the private sector (particularly LNG operators) in the awareness raising process, helping communities understand the

practical challenges of affecting an energy transition alongside other priorities.

"Facilitate the development of a joint (civil society/municipality) energy diversification plan for Pemba, taking into account the urban development and infrastructure plans being produced by other authorities, such as the Northern Integrated Development Agency (ADIN) and the National Fund for Sustainable Development (FNDS)."

It is also necessary to establish the metrics and process for a monitoring programme to ensure continuous assessment of the progress (or otherwise) of the energy transition; as well as assist in building the capacity of the Citizens' Assembly to advocate for a fair and effective energy transition in line with the joint energy diversification plan and local priorities.



Pemba municipality reaffirms commitment to clean energy

Cláudia Sónia Roldão da Conceição, Councillor of the Pemba City Council

Cláudia Sónia Roldão da Conceição, councillor of the Pemba City Council, reaffirmed the commitment of the municipality to embrace the energy transition initiative. She recognized the need to use the resources from the natural gas exploration in the Rovuma basin to support the use of cleaner and renewable energies in order to allow a sustainable local development.

"The Pemba City Council also supports the idea of greater participation and involvement of civil society in the energy transition process, through community dialogue to give citizens a voice and understand their sensitivities in favour of a participatory management."



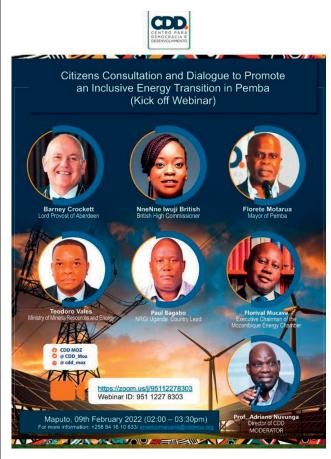
Frederico João – FOCADE Representative

The representative of the Forum of Non-Governmental Organizations of Cabo Delgado took the opportunity to reaffirm that local civil society organizations are ready and available to, on the one hand, integrate the Citizens' Assembly on Energy Transition and, on the other hand, exercise advocacy so that this transition is inclusive.











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