

**Government of Mozambique and the European Union sign Financing Agreements aimed at supporting the adaptation of Mozambique to the effects of climate change (€10.2 million) and at supporting the road sector (€22.5 millions)**



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*In the Framework of the Global Climate Change Alliance, €10.2 millions have been allocated to Government of Mozambique. This initiative aims at supporting the Government of Mozambique to adapt to the effects of climate change as well as the mainstreaming of Climate Change into Policies and Strategies. The Mozambican Government and the European Union have signed the corresponding Financing Agreement on 8 April 2011 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.*

*In parallel, a Financing Agreement was signed regarding the €22.5 million support to the road sector.*

- **The Global Climate Change Alliance** is an initiative of the European Commission initiated in 2007 for improved cooperation and support towards developing countries that are most vulnerable to climate change. Developing countries suffer the earliest and hardest from climate change. Moreover few resources are available to prepare for the effects of climate change, which will further delay the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Against this background, the European Union provides support and cooperation, so as to tackle the combined challenge of poverty and climate change.

This signed agreement contributes to the already ongoing Environment Sector Programme Support II 2011-2015 (ESPS II) between Mozambican Government and the Danish International Development Assistance (DANIDA). Implementation will be delegated to DANIDA and a separate agreement to this effect will be signed between DANIDA and the EU in the near future.

The EU will support the Programme for a period of 4 years. The overall objective of the Environmental Sector Programme Support, Phase II is that the environment sector leads Mozambique in promoting a healthy environment with a high quality of life, and a socially, environmentally and economically balanced development.

The programme aims at (i) promoting and integrating environmental aspects in the formulation of policies and strategies enabling a harmonious use of the natural resources, (ii) creating public awareness in the areas of environment and climate change and (iii) strengthened environmental management in the urban areas of Mozambique.

For more information on the The Global Climate Change Alliance: [http://www.gcca.eu/pages/1\\_2-Home.html](http://www.gcca.eu/pages/1_2-Home.html)



- **The Budget Support to the road sector for 2010-2013 (€22.5 millions, in the Framework of the National Indicative Programme of €130 millions)** aims at supporting, in accordance with the Road Sector Integration Programme (Programa Integrado do Sector das Estradas: PRISE), the creation of an adequate, well managed and economically efficient and sustainable road network in Mozambique. This programme will contribute to the achievement of the expected results of the PRISE, namely the finalisation of the priority works in the primary road network, the improvement of the access to roads and the creation of sustainable preservation and maintenance mechanisms.

Furthermore, technical assistance and the strengthening of capacities are foreseen. Technical assistance will aim at supporting agencies of the road sector (ANE and National Roads Fund) to take up the challenges imposed by the finalisation of the road network in Mozambique. This will be achieved mainly through the organisation of local training activities for agents of the road

sector, in line with the decentralisation, as well as through the strengthening of the managing capacities of local SMEs in the road sector.

