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Policy Notes: a product of the dialogue on Environment in Mozambique

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Mozambique Context

- ✓ **Rapid Growth** (8% average annual growth rate during the past 10 years)
- ✓ **Climate Change**/Variability (already affected by droughts, floods and cyclones)
- ✓ Lots of Development Partners and **Harmonization** process
- ✓ **PRSP** recognize importance of environment (natural hazards, natural resources), but not sufficiently related to **economic growth**

+ Environmental Issues

- ✦ **Natural capital** represents 50% of Mozambique total wealth. Natural resources (forests, minerals, fisheries) over-exploited and rents are not adequately captured,
- ✦ **Mega-projects** backbone of the country's economic growth. What will be the cumulative environmental impacts of the new mega-projects in the energy (water, coal, biofuels), mining, and transport sectors?
- ✦ **Water shocks:** 1% of GDP lost each year
Climate change is expected to increase the frequency and intensity of cyclones and floods

+ The Environment Working Group

Promotes an **intersectoral** approach to create **synergies** and **harmonization** between policies, strategies and programmes, ensuring that environmental considerations are taken into account in the **development planning** processes

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- ✓ Strengthening the policy **dialogue** for policy convergence and synergies (paying attention to macro-reforms and environment policies decisions)
- ✓ Participating in **performance review**
- ✓ Reinforcing partners' coordination, **harmonisation** and alignment

+ Objectives of the Policy Notes

- Inform and catalyze long-term Government **planning**
- Provide rationale for donor support and **directions** for future support
- Enhance development partner **harmonization**

+ 7 priority issues

- ❖ Forestry
- ❖ Fisheries
- ❖ Mining, oil and gas
- ❖ Environmental Health
- ❖ Energy mega-projects
- ❖ Climate Risk and Change
- ❖ Biodiversity and conservation

+ Policy Notes

- ✓ Concise and actionable guidance documents
- ✓ For Government Policymakers and DP
- ✓ Evidence based arguments for policy recommendations
 - ➔ Outcome of the WG environmental dialogue representing the group's joint position and recommendations