

RESEARCH AND DISCUSSION SEMINAR

Study “Natural Resources, Environment, and Sustainable Growth in Mozambique”

July 16-17th, 2009
Hotel VIP - Maputo

Context

AFD has launched in May 2008 a study on natural resources, environment, and sustainable growth in Mozambique. The main objective of the study is to provide quantitative and strategic assessments to specify the relationship between environment and growth and to use it as an input for the next Government Plans and Strategies.

On February 24th 2009, the Ministry for Coordination of Environmental Affairs (MICOA) with AFD's support organized a one day seminar to present and discuss the study's first results and identify the project's next steps. Participants of that seminar agreed upon local ownership of the used methodology (in particular by researchers, economists and senior government officials) being a priority.

To fulfil that objective, AFD and the Centre of Economics and Management Studies (CEEG) of the University Eduardo Mondlane's Faculty of Economics agreed on organizing jointly a training and discussion seminar to address methodological and technical issues, and start the reflexion on policy implications following on the study.

Objectives

- capacity building of local economists/researchers in the methodology (assessment of natural capital contribution in the country's total wealth, costs of environmental degradation, calculation of the "genuine saving"), with the aim of improving the work that has already been done
- gather university teachers and researchers as well as technicians from the various sectoral ministries to discuss further the study's methodology, results and steps forward.

Schedule

Thursday July 16 (full day):

- 8h30-8h45: Welcome speech / Introduction (UEM-Director of the Faculty of Economics)
- 8h45-9h00: Presentation of the context (AFD)
- 9h00-09h15: General presentation of environmental economics tools and of the links between growth and environment (AFD)
- 09h15-10h30: General presentation of the study's methodology (AFD) & Questions
- 10h30-11h00: Coffee Break
- 11h00-12h30: The Mozambican case study: used data, calculations and results (AFD) & Questions
- 12h30-14h00: Lunch
- 14h00-14h45: INE's presentation: "national accounting / data production" (INE) & Questions
- 14h45-16h00: Discussions on specific methodological issues and/or sectoral issues
- 16h00-16h30: Coffee Break
- 16h30-17h00: Discussions on how to complement / improve the study
- 17h00: General conclusion

Friday July 17 (1/2 day)

- 8h30-9h15: The study's main results and policy implications (AFD/MICOA)
- 09h15- 10h30: CEEPA's presentation: "Accounting for the environment: experiences in Africa" (CEEPA) & Questions
- 10h30-11h00: Coffee Break
- 11h00-11h15: Presentation of the Ghana case-study (AFD)
- 11h15-11h45: UEM's perception of the study (UEM)
- 11h45-12h15: Policy notes (UNDP/Donor focal point for the environment sector)
- 12h15-13h00: Panel discussions, conclusion and steps forward
- 13h00-14h00: Lunch