



Draft Programme

National Policy-level Workshop

on fostering productive capacities in Mozambique for industrialization,
export diversification, and inclusive growth

(Radisson Blu Hotel, Maputo, Mozambique, 29-30 April 2024)

DAY I: Monday, 29 April 2024**08:30-09:00** Registration**09:00-09:30 Opening Session**

09:00-09:10 Opening remarks by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce

09:10-09:20 *Opening remarks by RCO (tbc)*

09:20-09:30 Introductory remarks by UNCTAD

09:30-10:00 Group Photo and Coffee & Tea Break

10:00-12:00 Session I: Mozambique's national development vision "a prosperous, competitive, sustainable, secure and inclusive country" and policy formulation: challenges and opportunities for fostering productive capacities for sustainable and inclusive structural transformation

This session will provide substantive foundation for key issues of deliberations at the workshop by assessing the current trends in socio-economic development of Mozambique, progress achieved, and challenges confronted. In the session, views will be exchanged on Mozambique's development vision and strategy. The session will set a tone for subsequent deliberations and pay close attention to enablers and facilitators growth and economic diversification.

Moderator:

10:00-11:00 Presentations by Government institutions:

- Mozambique's development vision, objectives, and main challenges to development
- Challenges, opportunities and good practices in the implementation of the National Development Strategy of Mozambique (2015-2035)
- Pattern and sources of economic growth, job creation and poverty reduction

11:00-12:00 Interactive discussions, questions, and answers (Q&A)**12:00-13:00** Lunch Break**13:00-15:00 Session II: Productive capacities and structural economic transformation: measuring and benchmarking performances by using UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index (PCI) for evidence-based policy formulation and implementation in Mozambique: Gaps, limitations and policy implications.**

This session is intended to relate the concepts of productive capacities and structural economic transformation to Mozambique's development endeavors, including policy implications for inclusive growth and sustainable development. The session will discuss UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index (PCI), which is an innovative approach applied by UNCTAD to measure and

benchmark the level of development of productive capacities, and the National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment as the prelude for building productive capacities. It will discuss the success stories concerned with building productive capacities and accelerating structural economic transformation and examine the level of productive capacities of Mozambique with implications to national, regional policies as well as international support measures.

Moderator:

13:00-13:30 Mozambique's Performance in UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index and policy implications

Mr. Mussie Deleegn, Acting Head, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

13:30-14:00 Productive capacities and structural transformation in a comparative perspective – the success stories and the policy lessons learnt

Mr. Andrzej Bolesta, Economic Affairs Officer, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

14:00-14:30 Implementation of the holistic approach to economic development and structural transformation in Angola: Policy lessons for developing countries such as Mozambique

Ms. Johanna Silvander, Programme Management Officer, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

14:30-15:00 Interactive discussions, questions, and answers (Q&A)

15:00-15:30 Coffee and Tea Break

15:30-17:00 Session III: Key sectoral development challenges: Agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture modernization, manufacturing transformation and services development as a way to harness the Natural capital potential

This session will examine Mozambique's comparative advantages and potential together with main challenges to structural transformation and productive capacities' building and economic diversification from the sectoral perspective, looking at the potential pillars and drivers of growth: modern agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture, industry with important role of manufacturing, and services such as tourism. It will point to the manufacturing sector as desired focus of structural transformation. Observations will base on the analysis conducted using the Productive Capacities Index, where the components of Natural Capital and Structural Change in respect to Mozambique recorded relatively high scores.

Moderator:

15:30-16:15 Presentations by Government institutions:

- Potential and challenges to agricultural modernization and development
- Potential and challenges to fisheries and aquaculture modernization and development
- Potential and challenges to industrialization through manufacturing
- Potential and challenges of developing the tourism sector

followed by UNCTAD response.

16:15-16:30 Harnessing Mozambique’s potential in fisheries and aquaculture for socioeconomic development through value addition and sustainable management

Ms. Johanna Silvander, Programme Management Officer, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

16:30-17:00 Interactive discussions, questions, and answers (Q&A)

DAY II: Tuesday, 30 April 2024

09:00-10:30 Session IV: Infrastructure and connectivity in fostering productive capacities: the energy sector, ICT and transport

The process of building productive capacities requires improvements in infrastructure to galvanize countries’ economic interaction and growth. This session compares Mozambique’s performance in the Productive Capacities Index with other developing countries in Africa and other regions, particularly in transport, energy and ICT components of the Index. This session will focus on the critical aspects of this infrastructure, namely, access to and development of energy resources and electricity, to ICT infrastructure and transport network.

Moderator:

09:00-10:00 Presentations by Government institutions:

- Transport infrastructure and connectivity
- Energy sector and the access to electricity
- ICT development as facilitator of development

followed by UNCTAD response.

10:00-10:30 Interactive discussions, questions, and answers (Q&A)

10:30-11:00 Coffee and Tea Break

11:00-12:00 Session V: Private sector development, institutions and human capital fostering

This session will focus on private sector development, institutions and human capital as critical in ensuring the robustness of structural economic transformation and important factors in building productive capacities. It will discuss the gaps between the labour market’s needs and the output of the educational system.

Moderator:

11:00-11:45 Presentations by Government institutions:

- Education policy and challenges of the education system

- Current status and challenges of human capital formation to address the labour market needs
- Current status and challenges of private sector development
- Effective policy coordination to ensure structural change, economic diversification and building of domestic productive capacities and the challenges in institution building

followed by UNCTAD response.

11:45-12:00 Interactive discussions, questions, and answers (Q&A)

12:00-13:00 **Session VI: International trade, foreign investment and regional integration as catalyzers of growth**

The session will focus on Mozambique's international trade and investment: challenges, developments and opportunities, in view of the country belonging to the LDC category. The discussion will also concern the investment policies (including FDI and in relation to establishing Special Economic Zones, SEZ) and the role of the regional integration, as opportunities to galvanize international economic interaction.

Moderator:

12:00-12:45 Presentations by Government institutions:

- Mozambique's international trade and related impediments
- Foreign investment and the policies to attract FDI
- Benefits from regional integration

followed by UNCTAD response.

12:45-13:00 Interactive discussions, questions, and answers (Q&A)

13:00-13:15 **Closure of the policy level workshop**

13:15-14:30 Lunch