

## Annex 2 - Letter of endorsement



Republic of Mozambique  
Government of the Province of Zambézia

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The Government of Mozambique (GoM) is committed to reduce 40% the deforestation and degradation of the forests in the country by 2030. Additionally, the recently established MITADER consolidates the responsibilities of Land (demarcation, land-use planning, and registry), Environmental (regulations, enforcement and protected areas management) and rural development (poverty reduction in rural areas). This restructuring is a clear indication of the Government's vision and commitment to promote a landscape approach to REDD+. Finally, aiming protecting existing forests from further deforestation and degradation, MITADER, has launched the "**Standing Forest Program**" (Pacote Floresta em pé). This program is being mainstreamed into various forest related policies, programs and interventions, such as the preparation of the REDD+ Strategy, the Forest Investment Plan, and the forest moratorium".

The government of Mozambique is fully committed to the REDD+ agenda since 2008. In the past two years, Mozambique has taken important steps towards REDD+ Readiness. The UT-REDD+ has been strengthened with full time employees; the national steering committee was created and is well functioning; a national REDD+ strategy is under preparation and will be presented at COP; and two large-scale landscape programs have been identified by the national government.

In this context, Mozambique seeks support from the World Bank and other development partners to become one of the countries of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Carbon Fund to pilot a Landscape-Level program. The **Zambézia Integrated Landscape Management Program** would be developed in a critical landscape in the Zambézia province, which is the 4<sup>o</sup> most deforested province in the country, accounting for 13% of the total forest cover and 8% of total deforestation. This unique miombo landscape also is home of the Gilé National Reserve and a Marine Reserve with pristine mangrove forests. This program intent to create an innovative governance arrangement connecting the national, provincial

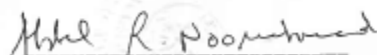
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and district governments, and at the same time working across sectors. We hope this program brings economic rural development for the local population and at the same time generates Emissions Reductions.

Based on the above mentioned we would like to submit the ER-PIN as part of the process of ensuring the availability of resources for our program that is expected to start its implementation from 2016. It is our hope that the result of this process will contribute significantly to poverty reduction and therefore improve the resilience of the landscape in providing goods and services for the wellbeing of our communities.

Quelimane, to September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Governor of Province



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