



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE
MINISTRY OF LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
THE MINISTER OFFICE

Letter n° 159 /MITADER/GM/900/2015

SUBJECT: **Zambézia Integrated Landscape Management Program**

Dear Sir,

The Government of Mozambique (GoM) is committed to reduce in 40% the deforest and degraded areas of the forests in the country by 2030. Additionally, the recently established MITADER had consolidated their responsibilities in land management (demarcation, land-use planning, and registry), and also in environmental regulations related to their enforcement and protected areas management. In the area of rural development concerns are related poverty reduction in rural areas. These reforms are a clear indication of Government's vision and commitment to promote a landscape approach to REDD+. Finally, aiming to protect the existing forests from further deforestation and degradation, MITADER, has launched a program called "Floresta em Pé" ("**Standing Forest Program**"). 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 COP21; 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 4th 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 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. 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.

Sincerely

Maputo, 22th September, 2015

The Minister


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