



## About the EU Delegation in Mozambique

### What we do

The European Union is represented in Mozambique by a Delegation in Maputo established in 1985. The Delegation has full diplomatic privileges and immunities with the Head of Delegation, Mr. Antonio Sanchez-Benedito Gaspar.

The Delegation in Maputo is one of 140 European Union Delegations in the world.

The entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty on the 1st of December 2009 has reinforced the role of the Delegation in the area of political relations with the host country.

### **The Delegation's mandate includes the following:**

- Ensuring the representation of the European Union to the Republic of Mozambique ;
- Ensuring the follow-up of bilateral relations in the areas of political, economic, trade and external assistance cooperation (financial and technical);
- Ensuring the follow-up of EU policies in all sectors;
- Promoting and defending the values and interests of the EU;
- Coordinating with member states embassies, particularly in the fields of Commission competences, notably trade and external assistance;
- Ensuring the long-term programming of aid and the management of programmes and development projects within the framework of the external aid management;
- Promoting the political and economic relations between Mozambique and the EU by maintaining extensive relations with governmental institutions and by increasing the awareness on the EU, its institutions and policies;
- Informing the European Union Headquarters about significant political, economic and other developments in Mozambique and facilitate the operation and development of bilateral cooperation agreements;
- Managing a very substantial aid programme to Mozambique. The main instrument of co-operation is the European Development Fund (EDF) - currently the 11th EDF - under implementation with a budget of 734 Million € for the period 2014-2020. The EDF is complemented by other budget lines. Some of them are managed locally by the Delegation, for example, the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights, Food Security, Non-state Actors and Local Authorities. Others

are centrally coordinated, for example, budget lines of Investing in People, Migration and Asylum, Climate Change;

- Informing and promoting knowledge of the EU and its values and policies.

## Ambassador



On the day I presented my credentials to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Mozambique, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, and thus formally took over the function as Ambassador of the European Union (EU) in Mozambique, I warmly welcome you to the website of the EU Delegation. This website contains ample information about the EU, our policies, and above all about the relationship between the EU and Mozambique.

The EU Delegation to Mozambique and the Member States of the European Union, of which 12 are permanently represented in the country, are working closely together to further develop and strengthen the already rich and multifaceted relations between the EU and Mozambique. Our partnership is based on shared principles and values and covers political, security, economic and trade relations as well as development cooperation.

The European Union is supporting Mozambique with over EUR 700 million through the European Development Fund for the period 2014-2020. Mozambique is also benefitting from the Economic Partnership Agreement signed in 2016 between six countries of the South African Development Community and the EU. Moreover, the EU is one of Mozambique's largest trading partners and the origin of significant direct investment flows.

The European Union has also proposed a new Africa-Europe Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs, from which Mozambique will directly benefit. The Alliance focuses on the youth and foresees the creation of millions of jobs in the coming years in Africa, as well as a substantial increase of European investments to the continent. These measures will, among others, support Mozambique to meet the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the consolidation of the country's peaceful path towards democracy and inclusive growth.

The European Union, in close cooperation with our partners, is also a strong supporter of the ongoing peace process in Mozambique. Durable peace, the strengthening of the rule of law, and new social and economic opportunities for all citizens are all key priorities for the EU in Mozambique.

I look forward to building on the already existing strong ties with the Mozambican

authorities, but also with all other partners and stakeholders, and particularly with Mozambique's vibrant civil society.

I thank you for visiting our website. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information on issues related to the cooperation between the EU and Mozambique. Your feedback will be very much appreciated as we constantly strive to improve our website as well as our Facebook page.

**Antonio Sánchez-Benedito Gaspar**

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