



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. Sven Kühn von Burgsdorff.

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

Welcome to the website of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Mozambique.

I took office as Head of the European Union Delegation to Mozambique in September 2014 on the aftermath of agreements contributing to the stability of the country and on the eve of general elections. This is an important period for the Mozambican people. Mozambique, rich in natural resources and endowed with dynamic people, now has the opportunity to turn its back on the political-military crisis in a definitive way and experience economic growth that can help reduce poverty in the country. I have no doubt, on the other hand, that free and fair elections as well as respect for the rule of law will contribute to political stability and will also bring new social and economic opportunities for all citizens.

In further developing the European Union Partnership with Mozambique under the Cotonou Agreement - covering Political, Economic and Trade relations, as well as Development Cooperation - the European Union hopes to make an important contribution, helping Mozambique to meet the Millennium Development Goals and supporting the consolidation of the country's peaceful path towards democracy as well as inclusive and sustainable development.

Furthermore, the European Union, together with its 28 member states, is the first trading partner, investor and donor in Mozambique. Our relations are political as much as they cover security, economic and development cooperation.

I very much look forward to building on the strong ties which characterise the excellent relations not only with our host, the Government of Mozambique, and all stakeholders in Mozambique's vibrant civil society, but also with the diplomatic missions and international organizations present in this great country.

Rest assured that I am strongly committed to deepening the ties between the European Union and Mozambique in all areas of common interest.

Enjoy surfing our Delegation's website - and please do not hesitate to provide feedback on the service we offer. Thank you!

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