



First of all I would like to thank you for the invitation to attend the

commercially valuable goods and 15 forest reserves occupying 510 thousand ha.

Taking into account the importance of indigenous forests we are promoting the forest conservation and the sustainable use of forests, as well as the restoration and establishment of forest plantations which covers an area of 7 million ha.

Mozambique forest sector as the rest of the world have been affected by the impact of the Pandemic. Nevertheless the country 5 Year Program of work highlights the following forest sector priorities:

- Ø Restoration and implementation of afforestation strategies to expand forests planted areas,
- Ø to strengthen the processing industries at national level as it guarantees of the economic growth and poverty eradication,
- Ø to strengthen the law enforcement of the forest resources,
- Ø to increase the participation of the local communities on the sustainable forest management
- Ø to review and update implement the education and awareness campaigns spreading out the importance of the participatory forest management, control of uncontrolled forest fires, reduction of the deforestation among others.
- Ø to cancel authorization for new areas for forestry concessions;
- Ø to ban exports of logs and beams;
- Ø to reduce pressure from illegal logging in conservation areas
- Ø To promote primary and secondary pro

- Ø To develop and implement forest research programs by creating mechanisms to integrate the forest research center within the directorate of forestry
- Ø to establish the national forest monitoring system;
- Ø to develop participatory programs to control, prevent and combat uncontrolled fires, deforestation and forest degradation;

In order to implement successfully the forest sector priorities the following activities are being developed

1. Establishment of mechanisms for channeling 20% of the of harvesting forest rate for the benefit of local communities living in areas where the exploitation of these resources occurs;
2. Review the forest policy
3. Reduction of Emissions due to Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) National strategy which links climate Change and forests;
4. Increase number of Forest Concessions to guarantee SFM;
5. Increase of the exports of processed products with bigger added value which contribute for job creation and improvement of livelihoods;

Ladies, & Gentlemen, ,

In Mozambique, several communities and associations are under a shared subsidy scheme through the Sustainable Development Program that includes natural resources from which forest areas are being restored and planted in Zambeze Province which aligns with the main theme of this Sixteen Session of the Forum on Forests "FOREST RESTORATION: a Path to Recovery and Well-being"

I thank you very much for your kind attention.