

A partnership between the Mozambican Civil Society and Portucel Moçambique

Signature of the Advisory Committee for the Portucel Forestry Investment in Mozambique



Eng. Pedro Moura, Portucel Moçambique's CEO, and Amade Sucá, from ActionAid Moçambique, Sign the terms and conditions to create the Advisory Committee

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Portucel Moçambique and ActionAid, the latter representing Civil Society organizations, agreed in September the terms and conditions to create the Advisory Committee for the Portucel Forestry Investment in Mozambique.

The Advisory Committee aims to create a platform that allows Portucel Moçambique, the Civil Society organizations and the communities to dialogue efficiently and for the NGO to provide advice.

The scope of its advice will encompass those areas where interests overlap and these are: environmental performance; social performance; Community Development program (PDSP); Human development and economic, social and cultural rights; and issues of gender equity. Beyond the counselling this Committee will monitor the project development and Portucel Moçambique's procedures in the forestry project implementation.

The Advisory Committee will be have five members representing Mozambican Civil Society, um member from Portucel Moçambique and other member representing the Mozambican Government. This group will elect a president and a vice-president for three year terms renewable once.

This October it will be know all the five members of the Committe representing the Civil Society.

Portucel Moçambique meets with the Civil Society in Manica and Zambézia provinces

Also in September, Portucel Moçambique met with Civil Society organizations in Mocuba, Zambezia province, and Chimoio, Manica province. There were a total of 65 people from 61 institutions based in those two provinces.

These meetings, which followed the model used in the previous two meetings in Maputo, aim to present the Community Development program (PDSP) that Portucel Moçambique and its partners will implement inside the company's DUAT areas, and also clarify any doubt about the project or the PDSP. It was also presented and debated the integrated forestry and industrial project.

Portucel Moçambique asked the organizations present at the two meetings to deliver proposals on how they can cooperate in the implementation and enhancement of the PDSP.



Participants at the Chimoio meeting.