



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

“SEMINAR ON NACALA SPECIAL ECONOMIC AREA DEVELOPMENT”

**ADDRESS OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT
AIUBA CUERENEIA**

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HONOURABLE GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF NAMPULA
EXCELLENCY,

HONOURABLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MAYOR OF NACALA PORTO
MUNICIPALITY,

HONOURABLE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DISTRICT OF NACALA PORTO,

HONOURABLE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DISTRICT OF NACALA-À-VELHA,

HONOURABLE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE DISTRICTS OF MEMBA, MOSSURIL,
MONAPO AND ILHA DE MOÇAMBIQUE

HONOURABLE RECTOR OF THE LÚRIO UNIVERSITY,

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR,

HONOURABLE NATIONAL DIRECTORS,

HONOURABLE PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS,

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We would like to give a message of peace and renew our commitment to increasingly deepen the meaning and importance of the 4th October. We are officially closing this conference close to the date of celebration of one more anniversary of the **“General Peace Agreement”**.

In fact, peace represents a *condition sine qua non* for the achievement of all our desires. We must strive to preserve peace which is our most precious asset of which we are very proud.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

After two days of interactive and exciting discussions combined with humor on the development of Nacala Special Economic Area we believe that even the more sceptic ones are closer to follow us in our strong determination to develop Nacala Special Economic Area.

When we look back, we feel proud of the course of action, the hindrances and uncertainties overcome. It allow us to say clearly and with determination that we are making significant progress.

We witness a parade of institutions with clear interventions and roles for the achievement of this dream. Fortunately no one of the institutions is questioning what should be their role and contribution being all committed to find out the best and most effective way to align their interventions so as to boost the development of Nacala Special Economic Area.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

In spite of our recognition of the progress made we should not soften our determination because we are yet in the beginning and there is a lot to be done.

After those two days, let me say, and I believe you will all agree with me, that we are more determined and excited to pursue our objectives.

The discussions were, in fact, characterised by an openness and frankness which reveals that people are guided by a common purpose – **The development of the Nacala Special Economic Area.**

Therefore, here goes my recognition to all participants for the hard work which was critical for the success achieved.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We believe that we all have a more clear vision of what we want today, how we want and the role of each one to achieve the goal.

We realised, through the communications and respective discussions, that the pace in which the package of necessary projects to ensure the establishment of a number of economic undertakings is satisfactory. Such fact will turn the Nacala Special Economic Area into an impelling element of development not only for the districts of Nacala Porto and Nacala-a-Velha but also other regions of our country, particularly the neighboring Districts and Provinces.

We would like to ensure, at the end of the works of this Seminar, our ongoing commitment to this Project and we believe that we will continue to benefit from your support.

We cannot forget to recognise, at this stage, that the success of the Nacala Special Economic Area resides in the involvement of the Government Institutions, Private Sector and the Communities.

The inter-institutional coordination should be considered as an impelling factor of implementation to the Nacala Special Economic Area. That's why we discussed jointly over these two days the critical factors of implementation.

It was established, at central level, an Investment Council as a Consultation and Police Coordination Body to the Council of Ministers in promoting and attracting investments.

Among a number of competences of this Body it is worth to mention the following: **“coordination of activities of a number of Government Institutions so as to create the necessary conditions to undertake investments in the Country.”**

One big challenge that we face is the joint discussion, sharing and coordination of ideas. We need organisation for the purpose, therefore I hereby invite the Delegation of the Nacala Special Economic Area and the Office for Accelerated Development Economic Areas (GAZEDA) at Central Level to present a consultation and articulation mechanism that ensures the solution of daily problems as well as the implementation of the deliberations of the Investment Council.

This mechanism should also ensure that our discussions and excellent recommendations of this forum are not lost and may be put into place on the ground.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Allow me to thank everyone for the attendance to this Conference.

We would like to thank the Honourable Governor of the Province of Nampula, who dedicated two precious days of His agenda to be here with us. We hope that the discussions may be a valuable contribution to enrich the Nampula Province Strategic Plan.

We would appreciate if the officers of the various sectors which brought their inputs could extend our thanks to their leaders.

Our special thanks go also to the Administrators of the Districts of Nacala Porto and Nacala-a-Velha as well as to the Municipality of Nacala Porto for their warm reception and hospitality.

Our special thanks to the Administrators of Memba, Monapo, Mussoril and Ilha de Moçambique for sharing with us those two days of discussion and we believe that contributed to increase our knowledge on Nacala Special Economic Area.

Finally, a word of thanks to the officers who strived to make this event possible in Nacala with no problems. They assured the availability of the documents and all necessary elements for the success of the meeting and we can see them circulating in and out of the room.

With these words of thanks I officially declare closed the **“Seminar on Nacala Special Economic Area Development.”**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION!