



### Sustainability criteria for biofuels – a Mozambican approach

GTZ - ProBEC, Mozambique



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#### Mozambique and bioenergy: Background

- Favourable climatic condition, sub-tropical climate and sufficient rainfall in many provinces.
- Large population living in rural areas who could benefit from labour intensive biomass production.
- Destructive use of traditional biomass for energy.
- Supportive government encouraging investment.
- Land suitable for a variety of potential biofuel crops.
- Biofuel part of poverty reduction strategy and contributing to national energy security.
- EU, Chinese and Indian interest in buying Mozambican biofuels.









# Mozambique and biofuels : State of play

 A Biofuel Assessment Report is finalised, a biofuel strategy is in drafting



- Few implemented biofuel projects, land allocation process paused 2007 in favour of land zoning exercise
- Biofuel aimed for export and for domestic use as fuel blending for national/regional markets as well as rural electrification
- Main crops of interest

Ethanol: sugar cane, sweet sorghum.

Biodiesel: jatropha, soy?, sunflower?, coconut?



Partnerships with ex. Brazil to share technology, know how etc.







#### GTZ - ProBEC

The Programme for Basic Energy and Conservation (ProBEC) is a SADC project, implemented by the German Development Co-operation, GTZ.

**ProBEC** aims to improve **energy security for low-income population** groups in a **socially** and **environmentally sustainable** manner.

Currently **ProBEC** is actively involved in **Malawi**, **Lesotho**, **Mozambique**, **Tanzania**, **South Africa**, **Swaziland**, **and Zambia**, and it is in negotiation to set up further activities in Botswana and Namibia.

**ProBEC** focal areas for the Bioenergy Component are:

- Sustainability criteria for biofuels
- Socio-economic aspects of biofuels
- Build ProBEC, SADC Secretariat and other partner knowledge









- Social and environmentally sustainable production of biomass
  - Technical assistance to SADC Secretariat on international development of sustainability criteria for biofuels
  - Technical support to SADC and national biofuel task forces
  - Requested to support a working group within the National Biofuel
     Task Force of Mozambique on developing a nationally adjusted sustainability standards for biofuel
  - Appraisal exercise of the Cramer framework in Mozambique
  - Assist GTZ HQ in its assessment of areas of High Conservation
     Value areas of critical biological or social value in Mozambique
  - Case study on Potential of Sustainable Biomass production, by the Kenyan Ministry of Agriculture and GTZ, assessing availability of land for sustainable production of various energy feedstocks.





- Deepen the knowledge on socio-economic aspects of biofuel production:
  - Sustainability criteria and socio-economic impact analysis for a large-scale sugar cane project in the SADC region.
  - Small scale project focusing on jatropha oil as fuel for electricity generation
- Additional activities
  - Regional monthly newsletter to improve communication and cooperation in SADC
  - One GTZ expert on biofuel based in the SADC
     Secretariat July/August 2008
    - "Crop decision tool" for biofuel practitioners in SADC.







# **Sustainability standards**

- The right of food is a priority.
- Social standards equally important to environmental standards.
- Obligatory sustainability reporting reinforces implementation of existing law.
- Community consultation and equal ownership structures.
- Social indicators are country specific.
  - Certification scheme must be adopted to small scale actors.





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