



JAPAN



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

Memorandum of Cooperation

between

the Ministry of the Environment of Japan

and

the Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development
of the Republic of Mozambique

in the Field of Urban Solid Waste Management

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development of the Republic of Mozambique (hereinafter referred to as "both sides"):

Reaffirming the importance of proper management of urban solid waste to improve the environment and living conditions of citizens of their respective countries;

Highlighting the support of the Government of Japan and the Government of Mozambique to establish the African Clean Cities Platform;

Pursuant to the laws and regulations of their respective countries;

Have reached the following recognitions:

PARAGRAPH 1

Objective

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "MOC") is intended to promote and consolidate cooperation between both sides with a view to obtaining mutual benefits in the field of urban solid waste management.
2. This MOC is not legally binding and does not create any legal or financial rights, liabilities or obligations for both sides.

PARAGRAPH 2

Areas of Cooperation

The cooperation under this MOC includes the following areas, according to the principles of equality and mutual benefit:

- (a) urban solid waste management policy;
- (b) waste infrastructure for urban solid waste management; and
- (c) any other related fields which is of interest to both sides.

PARAGRAPH 3

Forms of Cooperation

In order to achieve the objectives set out in this MOC, both sides will encourage and facilitate cooperation through appropriate forms, to the extent of resources prepared by both sides, including:

- (a) exchange of information and experience on policy development and implementation;
- (b) conduct training and researches;
- (c) organize workshops, seminars, meetings, conference and reciprocal visits; and
- (d) any other forms of cooperation which are of mutual interest to both sides and which pursue the achievement of the objectives of this MOC.

PARAGRAPH 4

Working Group and Focal Point

1. For the purposes of implementing activities under this MOC, a joint intergovernmental group for urban solid waste management between both sides (hereinafter referred to as the “Working Group”) comprising representatives of both sides will be established.
2. The Working Group will meet on a reciprocal basis in one or the other country on such dates to be decided upon by both sides. The functions, procedure and responsibilities of the Working Group will be mutually determined by both sides.
3. To assure effective operation of activities under this MOC, both sides will appoint Focal Point, which will act as representative of each side in all matters concerning this MOC. For the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, the Focal Point will be the Office for Promotion of Sound Material-Cycle Society, Environmental Regeneration and Material Cycles Bureau. For the Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development of Mozambique, the Focal Point will be National Directorate of Environment, Environmental Management Department, Division of Waste Management and Green Spaces.

PARAGRAPH 5

Expenses

1. Unless otherwise decided, each side will be responsible for its own costs and expenses in relation to this MOC. The actions contemplated in this MOC will not involve financial commitments between both sides.
2. Each side can voluntarily contribute to expenses in relation to this MOC.
3. Both sides can facilitate the development of cooperation between private enterprises and entities of their respective countries in the field of urban solid waste management in accordance with the laws and regulations of their respective countries.

PARAGRAPH 6

Settlement of differences and disputes

Any differences or disputes that may arise between both sides, due to the interpretation or application of this MOC, will be resolved amicably through consultations between both sides.

PARAGRAPH 7

Commencement, duration and termination

1. Cooperation under this MOC will commence on the date of signature by both sides.
2. Cooperation under this MOC can be modified with the consent of both sides.
3. Cooperation under this MOC will continue for a period of 5 (five) years and may be renewed, unless either side expresses its desire to terminate cooperation under this MOC by written notification by at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the termination or expiration of the original term.
4. The termination of cooperation under this MOC will not affect any on-going projects and activities implemented under this MOC until such projects and activities have been completed, unless each side jointly decides otherwise.

Signed in Tokyo, at 27 February 2019 in two original copies, in the English and Portuguese languages. Both texts have equal values. In case of discrepancy in interpretation, the English text will be referred to.

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