

Expert Consultation and Meeting on Enhancing Geospatial Information
Management Arrangements and Accelerating the Implementation of the
Sustainable Development Goals together with the Sub-regional Workshop on
United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)
for South Africa

'Implementing geospatial strategies: challenges and opportunities'

Hotel Meliã Maputo Sky
Maputo, Mozambique, 24 – 28 March 2025

Logistical and Information Note

Preamble

In this logistical and information note, you will find relevant information about the logistics and arrangements for the Expert Consultation and Meeting on Enhancing Geospatial Information Management Arrangements and Accelerating the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals together with the Sub-regional Workshop on United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework for Southern Africa, including information on the venue, visa, accommodation, and general information about Maputo, Mozambique.

Logistical arrangements for the event

The in-person expert consultation and meeting and sub-regional workshop is organized jointly by the Agência Nacional de Desenvolvimento Geo-Espacial of Mozambique, the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC), the SDG Data Alliance and the Secretariat of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) in the Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The event will generally be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Venue

The event will be held at a Conference Room, Hotel Meliã Sky in Maputo, Mozambique. Adress: Rua dos Desportistas 755, Jat 6.4, Maputo

Language

This expert consultation and meeting and sub-regional workshop will be conducted in English. However, the meeting will have a simultaneous translation to portugues(PT-ENG and ENG-PT) as Mozambique official language.

Participants

This event is an in-person closed event, and participation is by invitation only. Participants are expected to be designated geospatial information management representatives, leaders or focal persons, and subject matter experts from Southern Africa.

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Accommodation

Participants are responsible for arranging their accommodation and can make the necessary reservations through all major booking websites. The Agência Nacional de Desenvolvimento Geo-Espacial of Mozambique can assist in booking if needed <u>but won't be able in bearing any related costs and expenses</u>. Many hotels offer free Wi-Fi, airport transfers and breakfast. A few recommendations are as follows:

Iten	Hotel	Contact	Email	Prices	Adress	Link
1.	Hotel Melia	+ 258 20 600 397	melia.maputo@meliamoz.com	MZN4,450.00	Rua dos Desportistas 755, Jat 6.4, Maputo	https://www.meliamaputo.co m/
2.	Avenida Hotel	+258 21 484 400 or +258 840 755 900	sales.ave@tdhotels.com avenida@tdhotels.com	MZN7,744.80	Julius Nyerere Avenue, № 627 3236, Maputo	https://www.tdhotels.com/mo cambique/hoteis- maputo/hotel-avenida/
3.	Hotel Girassol	+258 21 360 360	montebelogirassol@montebelohotels.co m	MZN6,391.00	Patrice Lumumba Avenue, Maputo	https://montebelohotels.com/ pt/home
4.	Hotel Cardoso	+258 21 491 071/5 or +258 84 491 0721	reservas@hotelcardoso.co.mz	MZN6,000.00	Mártires de Mueda Avenue, № 707, Maputo	https://www.cardoso- hotel.com/
5.	Radisson Blu Hotel	+258 21 24 24 00 or +258 84 310 84 96	reservations.maputo@radissonblu.com info.maputo@radissonblu.com	MZN9,000.00	Marginal Avenue, № 141 Maputo	www.radissonblu.com/hotel- maputo
6.	Polana Hotel	+258 82 320 14 50 or +258 84 2417000	reservations.polana@serenahotels.com	MZN15,172.69	Julius Nyerere Avenue, № 1380, Maputo	www.serenahotels.com/serena polana
7.	Southern Sun Hotel	+258 21 49 7700 or +258 84 42 44279	ssmaputo.reservations@southernsun.co m	MZN7,666.23	Marginal Avenue, № 4016, Maputo	www.southernsun.com/southe rn-sun-maputo

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Travel information

Participants are responsible for their travel to and from Mozambique and for acquiring entry visas into Mozambique and any necessary transit visas, including necessary travel and health insurance as applicable. The National Geospatial Development Agency of Mozambique will not be able to cover any related costs.

Visa

Foreign participants may need a visa to enter Mozambique. Applications can be made at Mozambican embassies or via the electronic visa portal: https://evisa.gov.mz or submit at Mozambique Embassy in your country.

Visa Requirements

Tourist Visa

Select this Visa if you are entering Mozambique for the purpose of tourism, holiday or vacation, including to visit our beautiful beaches or tasting our amazing prawns.

Documents

All submitted documents must be scanned, clear, legible and in one of supported formats: JPEG, PDF or PNG.

- Recent Passport size Photograph
- Passport copy, not less than 6 months validity
- Proof of financial means
- Proof of paid hotel reservation
- Return ticket

If you need an invitation letter to support your Visa request, please let us know.

Transportation

Maputo International Airport is located about 7 km from the city center. Many hotels offer transfer services. Alternatively, accredited taxis and app-based transportation services are available. The use of safe and accredited transportation is recommended.

Health and Safety

Health:

It is advisable to be vaccinated against yellow fever, especially for travelers coming from countries where the disease is endemic.

Mozambique is a risk zone for malaria. The use of mosquito repellent, long-sleeved clothing at dusk and, if necessary.

Prefer bottled or filtered water.

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Safety:

It is recommended that visitors adopt common precautionary measures, such as avoiding displaying valuables and using safe, accredited transportation.

Keep documents and personal belongings in safe places.

For more information, participants can contact the event's organizing team.

Mozambique is currently going through a period of post-election tension, but this does not affect security or the execution of the activities.

Weather

Maputo has a tropical climate. Average temperature in March is usually around 26°C and 30°C.

Currency and banking

The local currency is Metical (MZN). Most facilities accept debit or credit cards and there are ATMs in various parts of the city. Bank branches are open Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 15:00.

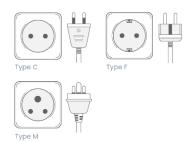
Telephone communications, mobile telephones and Internet

Mozambique's telephone code is +258. SIM cards can be purchased from local operators such as Vodacom, Movitel and Tmcel. However, hotels generally provide Wi-Fi.

Electricity

In Mozambique, the types of plugs and voltage are as follows:

Plug type: C, F and M



Voltage: 220V

Recommendations:

Participants should check that their devices are compatible with 220V to avoid damage.

If your devices use a different socket standard, it is recommended that you bring a universal adapter.

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Laptops and Printing

We are for the preservation of nature. We print in cases of extreme need.

As co-organizers we will facilitate printing in small quantities.

Time Zone

Mozambique is in the UTC+2 zone.

Attire

During the meetings, participants are encouraged to wear formal or business casual attire.

Considering the hot climate in Maputo, it is advisable to bring light, airy clothes for the moments outside the meetings or sessions.

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