



SESSION DESCRIPTION

C1 Building resilience in the face of limited resources: The case of Mozambican coastal cities

Cities in Focus

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OBJECTIVE

This session explored the tools and approaches of coastal cities in Mozambique to enhance resilience in a context of limited resources and funding. The Mayors of Pemba and Quelimane and senior municipal managers examined the context and realities of their cities and how they address the underlying risk factors and stresses posed by informal settlements, changes in urban land use, ecosystem degradation to build urban resilience, which is relevant to other low-income coastal cities. The session highlighted the tools that have provided the most benefit at the least cost and can be applied for use in similar contexts globally. The session also explored how the tools developed at local level are being taken up and scaled for use at the national level. The session continued with the relationships with donor-funded programming – specifically with USAID Coastal Cities Adaptation Program (CCAP) – and how partnerships can be made to support municipal-driven resilience agendas. This session was complemented by an EXPO event to further explore the resilience building tools and have an interactive dialogue with interested stakeholders.

OUTCOMES

Participants did:

- Understand how resource constrained coastal cities perceive the impacts of climate change and which tools, approaches, and methodologies they use to address risks and build resilience;
- Understand how these tools, approaches, and methodologies are tested, refined, and implemented at the city level and how they are being taken up at scale to national level implementation via cities;
- Identify existing opportunities to leverage adaptation and resilience building resources for cities in similar contexts to Pemba and Quelimane.

METHODOLOGY

- Intro: The facilitator opened the session, present the panellists and introduce the project, as well as the climate change risks and challenges faced in Mozambique (**10 min**).
- Panel of cities mayors and senior managers responded to guiding questions and present on the impacts and challenges which climate change poses for their cities and how they are turning them into opportunities and results for building resilience. The session also explored and highlighted the tools and approaches the cities are using to foster adaptation, focusing on:



- Resilient housing construction – city officials will discuss how resilient housing techniques and procedures are helping enhance vulnerable groups perception of climate risk and highlight the need to invest and promoting resilience thinking in changing environment;
- Land use management – will present and discuss how risk and vulnerability maps, one of the tools developed and then embedded in municipal cadastres, is improving the management of urban areas; informing decisions regarding settlements, and guiding overall urban development;
- Ecosystem recovery – the panel will explore how active and passive restoration of mangrove is helping improve resilience by mitigating floods caused by tide and rainfall and protecting the natural ecosystem; **(3 x 10 min)**
- Externalities and response. Panelists highlighted the adaptive management, stepwise approach, and developing bottom-up and responsive adaptation and resilience building tools to help municipalities improve land management, strengthen cities' capacity to build resilience, and inform the national policy development **(15 min)**.
- Q&A and conclusion **(35 min)**.

Guiding questions:

1. What are the underlying risk factors threatening your resilience building efforts? What is the response of your city to address them?
2. What lessons would you share for resilience building in resource limited cities?
3. What are the challenges and opportunities that emerged when your city embarked on adaptation and resilience building? What will you continue to do to build resilience in your city?

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Further recommended reading:

USAID: <https://www.usaid.gov/>
