



República de Moçambique

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At the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

Geneva, 16 May 2019

Co-chairs,

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

All protocol observed,

This sixth Global Platform for DRR Disaster Risk Reduction comes at a time when Mozambique has just been hit by two cyclones, namely *Idai* and *Kenneth*, of magnitude 4:

- IDAI cyclone, which reached the center of the country in particular and the northern part of Inhambane Province, in mid-March;
- Thirty days later, Kenneth cyclone hit the north of the country, affecting the provinces of Cabo Delgado and Nampula.

The two cyclones had as immediate impact:

- the death of 649 people;
- around 1,872,467 people affected;
- massive destruction of social and economic infra-structures housing, health and education infrastructures were affected, as well as roads and bridges, and productive sector facilities.

With the support of international partners, the Government immediately implemented measures to search for and rescue the affected people. Given the magnitude of the impacts of the cyclones, particularly by IDAI cyclone, the Government decreed national mourning and the national emergency.

We would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of His Excellency President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, the Government and people of Mozambique, to express our gratitude to the international community for the solidarity that has been extended, through support in search and rescue massive operations, in material and food aid, medicines and vaccines, not only during the disasters but also in the context of post-disaster recovery actions.

In order to deal with the destruction caused by these two cyclones, our Government has set up a Post-Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction Office, whose mission is to evaluate the losses and damages caused by the cyclone and assess the needs for reconstruction.

To achieve the post-cyclone reconstruction objectives, the Government is preparing an International Donors Conference, to be held in Beira City on 31 May and 01 June, 2019, where the call will be made to the international community for financial support to the program.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to join us at that Conference, due in the City of Beira, on 31 May 2019.

Dear Co-Chairs,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Because of its geographical location, Mozambique is exposed to natural disaster risks. To meet this challenge, the Government has adopted, in the framework of its Five-Year Governance Program, the following measures, aligned with the Sendai framework:

- promotion of studies and research on disaster risk reduction and on adaptation to climate change;
- adoption of the Master Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction 2017-2030;

- a legal framework for disaster management, which allows coordinated action by all civil protection bodies and institutions, as well as the activation of an alert system;
- the ratification of the Paris Agreement on actions and measures to reduce emissions.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Regarding the monitoring of the Sendai Framework, we have to affirm that the data on targets A and B for the years 2015 to 2018 have been reported, but we have faced some challenges, namely:

- reach the goals C, D, F and G where we still lack data to finalize them, given the complexity in the methodology of their collection;
- strengthen institutional coordination mechanisms.

To conclude, we wish to reaffirm our commitment to accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework.

Thank you very much.