



Blue/Ocean Economy and OG in the BCC

Thandiwe Gxaba
Acting Executive Secretary

Maputo - Mozambique

04 December 2023

- The three countries are at different stages of Blue/Ocean Economy development;
- Process evolved differently in each country;
- All 3 countries developed Blue/Ocean Economy through the common BCC Ministries;
- All recognized MSP as the key tool for implementing BE and engaged practitioners;
- All consulted a very broad base of stakeholders



- Initially based BE on oil production – as one of Africa’s leading petroleum exporters;
- Through MSP awareness on importance of conserving & diversifying fisheries sector;
- In 2016 decided to plan & manage marine area in a cross-sectoral & adaptive manner;
- Focused of fisheries sector and aquaculture – to contribute to food security & employment

- National Strategy for the Sea – launched;
- National BD Strategy and Action Plan
- National Strategy & Implementation Plan for Marine & Coastal Conservation – launched 2022 at UNOC in Lisbon;
- Proposals on Identified EBSAs;
- A Marine Spatial Plan (MSP) – linked to Strategy for the Sea of Angola; and
- Namibe Marine Protected Area (MPA).

2. Namibia Process

Three countries sharing a productive ecosystem

- Developing Blue Economy Policy- started 2019 and led by MFMR –it encompasses all aquatic systems
- Two Committees established, viz, Inter-Ministerial and Technical (Ministers and officials from participating ministries);
- Consultations on draft policy undertaken with all spheres of government throughout the country (14 regions);various stakeholders in each region consulted;
- Validation workshop held with all stakeholders;
- All comments incorporated

Namibia Benchmarking

Three countries sharing a productive ecosystem

- Bench-marking trips were undertaken by the members of the technical team to the following countries:
 - Australia
 - Norway
 - Seychelles



- Implementation Action Plan being finalized;
- BE Policy to be presented to ED's Forum, then to Cabinet Committee on Trade & Economic Dev, and finally be submitted to Cabinet during the first quarter of 2024

3. South Africa: Oceans Economy

Three countries sharing a productive ecosystem

Operation Phakisa: Unlocking the Economic Potential of South Africa's Oceans

- Planned to deliver on some of the aspirations of the National Development Plan (NDP)2030 which have been championed at every level of government and society;
- Focuses on priority potential growth areas that have significant GDP growth and job creation potential, such as:

3. RSA: Operation Phakisa

Three countries sharing a productive ecosystem

- Marine Transport and Manufacturing
- Offshore Oil and Gas
- Aquaculture
- Marine Protection Services and Ocean Gov;
- Small Harbours' Development;
- Coastal and Marine Tourism;
- Skills Dev and Capacity Building

- Strategic Session held in September 2023 to review progress;
- Very detailed exercise that considered potential risks, did a SWOT analysis of the delivery Units (DUs) and made recommendations for accelerating delivery to make up for time lost during the past two years or so.



For each **Focus Area** the following have been determined:

1. Government Investment value;
2. Private Sector investment value;
3. Incentives from DTI;
4. Total Investment value; and
5. Number of jobs (to be) created.



- It is estimated that the Oceans Economy has the potential to contribute up to **R177 Billion** to Gross Domestic Product (**GDP**) by **2033**, (compared to **R54 Billion** in **2010**), and create approximately **1 million jobs** (compared to **316 000**) in 2010

MUITO OBRIGADA
THANK YOU
ASANTE SANA