



LOGISTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

2023 Western Indian Ocean Science Policy Platform (WIO-SPP)

Theme: Addressing Global Targets in the WIO in support of a Sustainable Blue Economy
5 – 7 December 2023

Maputo, Mozambique

Welcome Note

The Government of Mozambique and the United Nations Environment Programme-Nairobi Convention Secretariat welcome you to Maputo to participate in the 2023 Western Indian Ocean-Science Policy Platform (WIO-SPP) meeting for strengthening dialogues on the linkages between science and policy for evidence-based decision-making so as to provide timely technical advice and policy recommendations for enhanced ocean governance in the WIO region. The dialogue is expected to facilitate access to appropriate data and information for policy formulation and implementation. Taking advantage of the WIO-SPP, other key meetings have been convened by the Convention and Partners as below:

1. The Regional Economic Commissions and Communities session on 4 December 2023
2. WIO Science to Policy Platform (SPP) meeting on 5-7 December 2023
3. Northern Mozambique Channel Project Steering Committee meeting on 6 December 2023
4. SAPPHIRE Project Steering Committee meeting on 8 December 2023

Venue for the Meeting

The meetings will be held at. **Afrin Prestige Hotel**, Maputo

Afrin Prestige Hotel.

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Accommodation

Participants are encouraged to book their accommodation at or near the meeting venue. Some hotels next to the venue have been proposed by the Local Planning Committee as below:

Hotel	Rooms	Price/Day	Link	Extra Charge
Afrin Prestige Hotel	Standard	USD 100.00	www.aftrin-hotels.com	
	Deluxe	USD 120.00		
	Executive	USD 145.00		
	Executive suit	USD 315.00		



Cardoso	Standard city view	USD 130.00	www.CARDOSO-HOTEL.com	USD 30 for Double share USD 20 Shuttle service/trip
	Standard sea view	USD 140.00		
	Executive sea view	USD 170.00		
Tivoli	Standard Single	USD 80.60 (5200.00 MTN)	www.tdhotels.com	
	Standard Double	USD 105.78 (6825.00 MTN)		
Vila das Mangas	Standard Room	5550.00 MTN	www.vilasdasmangas.com	
	Premium Cabana	7450.00 MTN		
	Superior Room	7450.00 MTN		
	Luxury Room	8950.00 MTN		

Visa Arrangements

For nationals from countries requiring visas, an application of the visa must be made ahead of your departure. UNEP will provide invitation letters to assist delegates with the application of their visas. The visa fee is about US\$100 if applicable (refer to the [list](#) of countries exempt from visa fees).

All participants are advised to carry their invitation letters, recent passport (valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry of your intended visit), yellow fever card, return or onward ticket.

Yellow fever certificates are required if your journey starts or passes through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America.

Flight Arrangements

The Nairobi Convention Secretariat will provide the most direct economy class flight ticket for delegates supported by UNEP- Nairobi Convention. Please note that if you decide to upgrade your flight or extend your stay in Mozambique, any costs related to the change of your return date (tickets), including meals, accommodation will be regarded as personal deviation and thus borne by the participant.

Transport

Participants should make their own transport arrangements from the airport to the hotel. Participants can easily catch taxis from the airport. Participants on air flights will receive terminal expenses of US\$252 to cover the airport transfers and local travel.

Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The UNEP-Nairobi Convention Secretariat sponsored participants will be paid daily subsistence allowance (DSA) while in Maputo. The DSA will be provided in the form of cash card to participants. Participants who have been issued with Swiss Cards are advised to carry them.



Please Note: It is a UN requirement that the participants produce their boarding passes as proof of travel. The DSA rate for Maputo, Mozambique is US\$237 per night. Any participant who is unable to stay for the duration of the workshop is requested to inform the Nairobi Convention Secretariat as soon as possible, so that their daily subsistence allowance can be adjusted accordingly.

Communication

Personal phone calls will be at the participants expense, however, wireless internet will be provided in the meeting venue thus participants will have access to the internet during the meeting. To call Mozambique from abroad, the country code is +258.

Currency

In Mozambique, the local currency is the Mozambican metical (MZN). As of 20 November 2023, the exchange rate was US\$1 equal to approximately MZN 63.25. US Dollars are widely accepted in tourist areas in Mozambique, and you can exchange money at many authorized banks and bureaux de change if you need Mozambican metical for your transactions.

Most banks in major cities have ATMs.

Credit cards

Most major credit cards (MasterCard, American Express and VISA) are widely accepted. In addition to credit cards, it is advisable to carry easily exchangeable currency in cash.

Banking hours

Banks are open from Monday to Friday between 0800hrs to 1700hrs.

Languages

Portuguese is the country's official language. The SPP is a technical meeting and proceedings will be conducted in English

Weather and Time Zone

The average temperature in November is about 22°C – 31°C in Maputo. The average amount of rain in the month is 85 mm spread over an average of 8 days.

You can obtain the current weather forecast for Maputo can be obtained through this link:

<https://www.holiday-weather.com>

Power plugs and outlets

For Mozambique there are three associated plug types, types C, F and M. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins, plug type F is the plug which has two round pins with two earth clips on the side and plug type M has three round pins. Mozambique operates on a 220V supply voltage and 50Hz.



C



F



M

You are advised to carry a power plug adapter if your appliances do not conform to the above specifications.

Health and Insurance

UNEP-Nairobi Convention assumes that as an invited participant to a Nairobi Convention meeting, you are in good health and have no illness that might prevent you from travelling to or participating in the meeting. It is your responsibility to inform the Nairobi Convention Secretariat of any such health impediment prior to accepting the invitation to participate in the above meeting. The Nairobi Convention Secretariat accepts no responsibility for the death, illness or injury of any participant while attending the meeting.

You are advised to arrange your own travel insurance against sickness, accident and third-party risk for the period of the meeting. The Nairobi Convention will not assume responsibility for any expenditure on insurance, including the following:

- Cost incurred by the participants in respect of travel insurance, accident insurance, medical bills or hospitalization fees in connection with attending the meeting.
- Any loss or damage to personal property of participants while attending the meeting or losses or damages claimed by third parties as a result of any negligence on the part of the participants.
- Compensation in the event of death or disability of participants in connection with attending the meeting.



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