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Dear friends from CDM for Sustainable Africa  
Dear Participants  
Ladies and gentleman,

I would like to start by thanking, in my name and on behalf of all the CDM for Sustainable Africa project partners, Mr. Francisco Nabajaia, Deputy Minister of Environmental Coordinator of Mozambique for having accepted our invitation and honor us with his presence in this opening session of our Seminar. I also would like to take the advantage to say how happy we are to be in this charming and warming city of Maputo and to thank the hospitality of its people and our hosts, the University of Eduardo Mondlane.

It was not an easy task when 3 years ago, the Members of the Consortium joint efforts to set together this project to be funded by the European Commission. At that time, in the Climate Change business, attention was mainly given to bigger and most prepared markets, and so, very few resources were left for Africa. Indeed, Africa lacked and still lacks in a certain way, the capacity to get all the benefits from the Climate Change Convention and its Kyoto Protocol negotiation and implementation. It is the major goal of our CDM for Sustainable Africa project: Capacity Building for Clean Development Mechanism in Sub-Saharan African Countries, to contribute for strengthening this capacity and to create the adequate conditions for the identification and implementation of CDM projects.

The Kyoto Protocol and its Clean Development Mechanism is one of the most effective tools to achieve sustainable development and strengthen cooperation links between developed and developing countries in the world. The Climate Change and its Protocol implementation have been through a very long and sometimes painful negotiation process. However, with the recent positive move from the Russian Government, a clear light is seen at the end of the tunnel for the Kyoto Protocol to enter in force. That is one of the major reasons that our Seminar is very important. I hope and this is the wish of all the CDM for Sustainable Africa's Party, that our work will be a very good one and that our discussions will be very successful to achieve our objectives which are to contribute to the strengthening of African's capacity in CDM and other Climate Change related matters.

Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank again our Mozambican's Partner, especially to Ms. Dalila San and Mr. António Cumbane, for all their efforts in set the appropriate conditions for the success of our work.

Thank you.