



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE
MINISTRY OF ECONOMY



IORA ANNUAL TRADE DIALOGUE AGENDA

01- 02 DECEMBER 2025

DAY 1

Maputo Time (GMT+2)	UTC	PROCEEDINGS
08:30 - 09:00	06:00 - 07:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:10	07:00 - 07:10	Opening by Mrs Ema Soraya Mbumba, Deputy National Director for External Trade– Mozambique
09:10 - 09:20	07:10 - 07:20	Speech by H.E. Mr Basilio Zefanias Muhate, Minister of Economy,
09:20 - 09:30	07:20 - 07:30	Opening remarks by H.E. Mr Sanjiv Ranjan, Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (video)
09:30 - 09:40	07:30 - 07:40	Overview of the Conference (Day 1 and Day 2)
09:40 - 10:00	07:40 - 08:00	Cultural moment
10:00 - 10:30	08:00 - 08:30	Tea/Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00	08:30 - 10:00	Panel Discussion: Discuss regional and global trade developments to increase awareness of shifting trade dynamics and support evidence-based policy discussions. Moderator: Jorge Jairoce, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Mozambique • Willie Chatsika, <i>Counsellor, Head of English-speaking Africa Regional Desk, Institute for Training & Technical Cooperation, World Trade Organization</i> • Ashraf Abdelaal, Economic Affairs Officer, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UN Trade and Development • Elena Acebes, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations on Economic Commission on Africa • Dr Sheereen Fauzel, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Management, University of Mauritius



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12:00 - 13:30	10:00 - 11:30	Expert Session 1 and Q&A: Commercial Relations - Analysis of trade flows, agreements and barriers to market access Moderator: Ascensão Machel – Trade Consultant Speaker 1: Ashraf Abdelaal, Economic Affairs Officer, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UN Trade and Development This session will highlight: • Global Policy developments in investment facilitation • International best practices • UNCTAD tools and online platforms that support transparency, administrative streamlining and improves ease of doing business. Speaker 2: Willie Chatsika, Counsellor, Head of English-speaking Africa Regional Desk, World Trade Organization This session will highlight: Changing flows of global trade and the increasing importance of trade in services, including digitally traded goods and services.
13:30 - 14:30	11:30 - 12:30	Lunch
14:30 - 16:00	12:30 - 14:00	Expert Session 2 and Q&A: Green transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient global economy Moderator: IORA Secretariat Speaker 1: Dr Ashraf Abdelaal This session will highlight: • Investment needs and gaps for the energy transition • Opportunities in the blue and green economies • Approaches to mobilising private capital and strengthening the enabling environment for climate-aligned investment. Speaker 2: Daniel Ramos, Trade and Environment Division, World Trade Organization This session will highlight: • ongoing green economy discussions at the WTO • how WTO rules can support green trade



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16:00 - 17:00	14:00 - 15:00	Expert Session 3 and Q&A: The opportunities of the Blue Economy for sustainable ocean-based industries and attracting financing Moderator: PROAZUL, Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Fishes- Mozambique Speaker: 1. Elena Acebes, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations on Economic Commission on Africa This session will highlight: • Opportunities in key Blue Economy sectors. • Policy and regulatory measures that strengthen sustainable ocean-based industries. • Pathways to attract financing through blended models and innovative instruments. • How regional trade integration can expand market access for Blue Economy value chains. • Priority actions to unlock Blue Economy opportunities and attract investments. Commentor: Sajal Mathur, Trade and Environment Division, World Trade Organisation

End of Day 1



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DAY 2		
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08:30 - 09:00	06:30 - 07:00	Arrival of participants
09:00 - 09:10	07:00 - 07:10	Overview of Day 2
09:10 - 09:20	07:10 - 07:20	Demonstration video of Mozambique's potential
09:20 - 10:00	07:20 - 08:00	Working Session: Recommendations for regional cooperation opportunities and activities on the WGTI workplan. Moderator: Vera Godinho, National Director for External Trade, Ministry of Economy – Mozambique Expected outcomes: To encourage participants to share their views on the future of the Working Group on Trade and Investment and the Indian Ocean Rim Business Forum
10:00 - 10:30	08:00 - 08:30	Tea/Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00	08:30 - 10:00	Working Session: Government to Business - How to promote Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) through the existing IORA SME MOU. [Business Environment and Priority Projects in Mozambique/IOA] Moderator: Agency for the Promotion of Investments and Exports (APIEX)– Mozambique/IOA Secretariat Expected outcome: Deeper government cooperation with the private sector for the boosting of SMEs
12:30 - 13:30	10:30 - 12:30	Lunch
13:00 - 17:00	12:30 - 15:00	Port Visit
End of Day 2		