

MOZAMBIQUE:

Sustainable investment in agro-processing and light manufacturing



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ABOUT THE REPORT

Set within the context of increasing Chinese investment in Africa, this guide for Chinese investors shows how to embrace sustainability along their investment journey in Mozambique.

The guide contains mandatory requirements and additional sustainability practices for agroprocessing and light manufacturing for the country. It shows investors how to benefit from caring for the environment and local communities. It also helps them to embed sustainability in all steps of their business operations, thus contributing to sustainable development.

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Foreword

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The Partnership for Investment and Growth in Africa (PIGA) is supporting Mozambique to attract foreign direct investment, with a high potential developmental impact in the agroprocessing and light manufacturing sectors, to contribute to job and growth creation and spillover benefits for the local economy.

Foreign investment in these two productive sectors can unlock opportunities to increase exports to regional and global markets, and better serve the local market, while contributing to the country's development agenda. To do so, investors need to implement more inclusive and sustainable social, environmental and labour practices, aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

With the aim to promote sustainable investment practices in Mozambique, this handbook provides investors guidance on how to comply with legal requirements and presents additional practices concerning environmental and social sustainability to be considered throughout business operations in the country. It also provides information on the business case of sustainable investment.

The findings stem from extensive research within the country and in China, joining the insights of various ministries, investors, and other stakeholders with the trade expertise and support of the International Trade Centre. I hope that this investment guide proves a useful tool for companies and policymakers in Mozambique.

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Foreword

APIEX

Mozambique's trade and economy has been growing steadily in the last 40 years as a result of a range of several macroeconomic reforms led by the government, which has been working in partnership with the private sector and international development agencies. However, for the country to reach the next level of economic growth and continue to reduce its poverty levels, foreign direct investment needs to be done in a sustainable manner, covering three main pillars, namely social, economic and environment.

This guide was developed with the purpose of providing a clear path for foreign investors to invest responsibly in the country. The intention is to provide the necessary policies, rules and procedures related to the environment and labour aspects, as well as a list of the most relevant government institutions in the country that will facilitate foreign investors in their decision-making process, encouraging them to make sustainable responsible investment.

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This initiative will benefit Mozambique's Investment and Export Promotion Agency (APIEX) tremendously in the promotion of export and foreign direct investment.

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Under Invest Africa, PIGA aims to contribute to job creation and sustainable growth in Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique and Zambia by supporting these countries to attract foreign direct investment, specifically Chinese investment, in the agroprocessing and light manufacturing sectors. PIGA is also designed to enhance the capacity of these countries for effective investment promotion.

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