



**NATIONAL REPORT OF PORTUGAL ON MEASURES TAKEN TO SUPPORT THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN
AFFECTED COUNTRY PARTIES**

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Measures taken to support the country parties affected

Bilateral Cooperation

During the meeting of the ad-hoc working group (AHWG), 19/03 to 06/04/01, Portugal announced his disponibility to support Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique in the elaboration of their NAP within its capacities.

With Guinea-Bissau it was not possible to pull out with this process.

With Mozambique, we integrate a joint mission with the Secretariat of the CCD to this country, in June 2001.

The result of this mission was:

The technical support of Portugal in the elaboration of the NAP with the detachment of one technician of Portuguese cooperation.

The designation of Portugal as "chef de file" of the process.

The identification of the Funhalouro District, for the implementation of a development project, as well as the definition of its general objectives.

Related to the elaboration of the NAP a preliminary document is in appreciation for different entities regarding to hold a National Forum.

The expenses with the mission were around 2500\$US.

Multilateral cooperation.

Training PALOP technicians.

A Seminar of formation in Fight against the degradation of soil, for 11 technicians took place in Portugal from 28/08 to 15/09.

The training program was based on hydric and aeolian erosion, experimental studies and techniques of soil conservation, forest fires and recovery of burned areas, strategies of combat to the desertification and mitigation of the effect of drought and evaluation of the hydric resources, monitoring and watershed plans.

Many public entities, universities and centre of research were involved.

The costs of the training were about 30000\$US.

African Regional Conference in preparation of COP 5 Maputo, 27-29/08/2001.

Financial participation of Portugal: 10000\$US