



DELTA IN TIMES OF CLIMATE CHANGE II

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Delta Sessions	
DS 1. Mozambique: Integrated approach: the city of Beira	
Chair	David Schaub-Jones, SeeSaw Group, South Africa, Paul van Koppen, NWP, the Netherlands
Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mario Guina, Beira Master Plan, Mozambique• Maria Alice Mangore and João Mabote, Mozambique Port and Railway Company CFM, Mozambique• Maarten Gischler, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands

“The Mayor of Beira, the city council and the staff are committed to have the Master Plan Beira 2035 in full implementation by 2018 in order to make Beira a resilient, prosperous and beautiful city”

In a completely packed room, with a good mix of participants from different nationalities, the discussion about the Beira Master Plan took place.

Beira is a fast growing city, both in terms of economy and population. But the city suffers from flooding and coastal erosion. The situation was the inspiration for the Beira Master Plan, a partnership between the Netherlands and the city of Beira.

First, the mayor of Beira outlined the most important points of the Beira Master Plan in a video message. He stressed the importance of stakeholder management and expressed his enthusiasm about the Master Plan. After this, Mario Guina outlined the Master Plan for Beira. A new lagune, coastal protection and a land development company are important parts of the plan. Asked how he would ensure the continuity of the plan with elections coming, he stated that the multistakeholder approach, involving the whole community, was a guarantee for continuity in any political climate. Maarten Gischler, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands, outlined the Dutch cooperation in Deltas worldwide, and zoomed in on the partnership between Mozambique and the Netherlands.

‘We are the only port and railway company in the world’ Joao Mabote of the Mozambique Port and Railway Company CFM, Mozambique stated. He explained how the volumes of transport in and out of Beira are growing and how the infrastructure suffers from flooding. The numbers are impressive, but the port is also vulnerable to climate change; Beira has suffered a far larger number of cyclones in the last decades. A huge investment is necessary to counter the effects of climate change.

This is also where the difficulty in Beira lies: the plan is there, the support is there, but the finances are not. This is why an international donor conference is planned at the end of this year.

Building Blocks for a delta approach

This session is part of nine sessions, where the ‘Delta Approach’ in nine deltas was discussed. Also, the twelve ‘Building Blocks’ for a delta approach were introduced; preconditions for sustainable delta management. The building blocks are essential for a delta approach and can be applied in all deltas.





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For the twelve building blocks and the online magazine and video 'The Delta Approach' see:
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The building blocks most discussed in this session were:

1. Governance
2. Finance

