



WIPO-ARIPO REGIONAL MEETING ON DEVELOPING THE REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION SUPPORT CENTER (TISC) NETWORK

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Introduction

- The Government of Mozambique recognizes that in today's knowledge society, scientific and technological development is based not only on the ability to create but, above all, on the ability to identify and use technological information to promote innovation.
- In this context, the Government of Mozambique and the World Intellectual Property Organization signed in September 2010 an agreement for the establishment of Innovation and Technology Support Centers (TISCs) in Mozambique.
- To operationalize the agreement, two Workshops on Patent Information, Patent Research Techniques and Strategies were held in 2011, with the participation of 50 people (teachers, researchers, innovators and technicians from the Ministry of Science and Technology and IPI.



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- On 22 September 2011 the three TISCs were launched by His Excellency Minister of Science and Technology of Mozambique





List of TISC - Mozambique

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Ongoing activities

Awareness of use of TISCs

- Holding workshops on the importance of using patent information at national level;
- Holding workshops on Intellectual Property Rights and Intellectual Property Rights protection mechanisms;
- Training teachers and student in search of patent information;
- Conducting media interviews on the importance of using of patent information to promote innovation.

Capacity Development

- Participation of Mozambican technicians in training on patent research organized by WIPO in partnership with SIDA and PRV



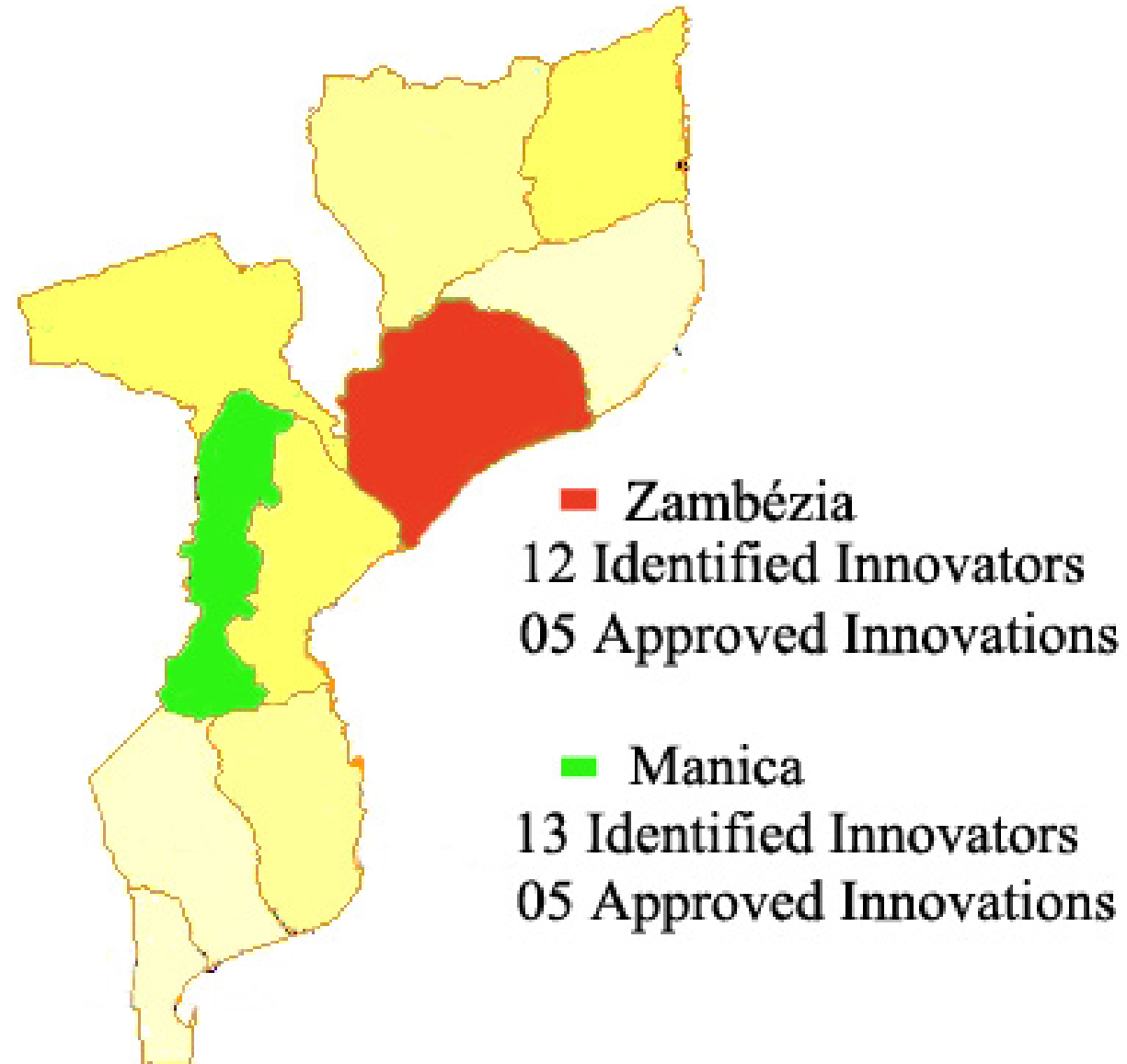
Ongoing activities

Direct Support to Innovators

- Patent drafting support;
- Fee exemption under the innovator support program;
- Annual innovation competition, sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology.



The Innovator Support Program – 2019





Strategic Priority Activities

- Mainstream IP & STI Strategic Plans in HEIs and Private Sector / SMEs;
- Support the establishment of TISCs in all Universities/HEIs nationally;
- Hold more workshops involving academics, students, researchers, innovators and productive sector to promote the use of patent information;
- Conduct patent information training courses for teachers, researchers, students and innovators.



Proposed Activities According to Actionable Points

- Capitalise the National Science Fair promoted by the Ministry of Science and Technology to raise awareness on IP and use of TISCs;
- Conduct training of trainers workshops for the Center and North of the country;



Challenges for TISCs in Mozambique

- Poor use and search for patent information by Industry Institutions;
- Poor use of patent information by innovators and inventors;
- Lack of IP policies in Universities and Research Institutions;
- Lack of access to incubation services and support for technological development;
- Lack of basic computing skills by most innovators;
- Limited number of TISCs available for use.



Thank you for your attention!

Merci!

Obrigado!

Asante Sana!