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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the second issue of **Mbeu**, the FAO Mozambique newsletter. This issue coincides with a globally historic moment, namely the official launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs, which replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), are part of an ambitious global sustainable development agenda focusing on economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection. Having succeeded in reaching the MDG1c target of halving the proportion of people who suffer from hunger in Mozambique, the eradication of hunger and malnutrition under SDG2 is the new horizon for the country. Our work in FAOMZ also relates to various emerging themes and priorities of the post-2015 agenda. To mark the launch of the new goals, we dedicate our final section, ‘The Fun Bit’, to the SDGs (p. 6), where we invite you to join the quest to attain all 17 of them!

Another important moment for FAO Mozambique is the transfer of the Secretariat of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC) from Zimbabwe to Mozambique. We talk about the changes this move will bring – both for the Commission itself and for Mozambique – with its Secretary, Aubrey Harris (p. 3), whom we also take the opportunity to say hello to (p. 5). We also say hello to Noémie Huybrechts and goodbye to our colleague Samuel Tumwesigye (p. 5).

You will also find information on the project we are now supporting (“Strengthening capacities of the private sector in Mozambique’s timber industry for implementation of the FLEGT Action Plan”) and the launch of the book “Family Farming Sector and Development in Mozambique” to which we contributed the first chapter (p.4).

Finally, we look back at FAO Mozambique’s activities during the last quarter, such as our attendance at the first National Workshop on Farmer Field Schools (FFSs) as well as an agricultural fair in Manica Province, among others (p. 2).

I hope you find this second issue informative and interesting. Keep in touch with comments and feedback to fao-mozambique@fao.org.

Castro Camarada

CHECK IT OUT

Some highlights from FAO Mozambique this quarter

Sofala

The first "National Workshop on the Farmer Field School Methodology" was held for two days in the city of Beira, Sofala Province, in July

The event was organized by the National Directorate of Agrarian Extension (DNEA) in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Its objectives were to: 1) evaluate the common positive aspects of the implementation of the Farmer Field Schools (FFS) in Mozambique, 2) share the experiences around this methodology at national and international level through the testimonies of the guests from FAO Rome and Malawi and 3) harmonize and standardize the criteria and strategies of the FFS implementation by the different actors in Mozambique. [Click here to read more](#)



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At the national workshop

Maputo

Mozambican National Director of Agrarian Services visits FAO-run warehouse storing obsolete pesticides

The Mozambican National Director of Agrarian Services, Mohamed Rafik Valá, at the end of June, visited the warehouse of obsolete pesticides in Boane, Maputo Province. This warehouse is being managed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) within a project on the "Prevention and disposal of obsolete pesticides and associated wastes in Mozambique". The warehouse contains contaminated empty packaging and collected pesticides from the provinces of Inhambane, Gaza and Maputo. [Click here to read more](#)



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Workers re-packing pesticides at the Boane warehouse

Manica

FAO represented by MDG1c sub-programme at agriculture fair in Manica Province

FAO took part in an agriculture fair in Sussundenga District of Manica Province, which was organized by the Provincial Directorate of Agriculture in Manica. The President of Mozambique, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, attended the fair, along with other senior members of the government and Parliament. The event saw the gathering of local producers, farmers and families and the display of agricultural produce, livestock and crafts in the tents and stalls of the fair. [Click here to read more](#)



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Beneficiaries at the joint stall of FAO, IFAD and WFP

INTERACTING

FAO participates in the launch of UNESCO National Commission's school garden project in Gaza Province

Horticulture is part of the country programming framework of FAO Mozambique, and school gardens in particular are expected to play a central role in contributing to the improvement of the food security of vulnerable households in terms of an increase in food availability, access and consumption. In this context, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) attended the launching workshop of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) National Commission's 'School Vegetable Garden Project' in the city of Xai-Xai, Gaza Province. [Click here to read more](#)



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Some of the students who will take part in the project

FACE TO FACE



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SWIOFC has moved its Secretariat to Mozambique

FAO Mozambique is happy to announce the relocation of the Secretariat of the Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC) from Zimbabwe to Mozambique. Established in 2004, the main objectives of the Commission are to promote the sustainable utilization of the living marine resources of the South West Indian Ocean region by their proper management and development of living marine resources without prejudice to the sovereign rights of coastal states, as well as to address common problems of fisheries management and development faced by the Members of the Commission.

We chatted to SWIOFC Secretary Aubrey Harris to find out more about what this move means for SWIOFC and for Mozambique as its new host and one of its twelve member states.

FAO Mozambique (FAOMZ): You have been the Secretary of SWIOFC since its establishment in 2004. What major challenges have you experienced during this time?

Aubrey Harris (AH): Numerous, of course, because it has been ten years since its first session in 2005. The overall challenge has been to keep the Commission functioning as a high level fisheries management and development forum, relevant to the members on a limited budget and with a part-time Secretariat. Click [here](#) to read the full interview and [here](#) for more details about the Commission

PROJECTS UPDATE

Read about the latest project supported by FAOMZ



The new project will continue for 11 months

The project will be implemented by the Mozambican Association of Timber Operators (AMOMA) in partnership with the Faculty of Agronomy and Forestry Engineering at Eduardo Mondlane University (FAEF-UEM) and the non-governmental organization "Bosque y Comunidad" (ByC) within the European Union/FAO FLEGT programme. The general objective of the FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade) Action Plan, which was approved by the European Commission in 2003, is to boost trade of legal timber from sustainably managed forests. Its main focus is on governance reforms and capacity building to assure that the timber that is exported to the European Union comes exclusively from legal sources. [Click here to read more](#)

PUBLICATION



The cover of the publication

The Representative of FAOMZ, Castro Camarada, contributed to the book "Family Farming Sector and Development in Mozambique", as author of the first chapter. This book brings together articles from the participating speakers of the conference "Family Farming and Development in Mozambique", which took place in December 2014 in the Mozambican capital, Maputo. The book was recently released by the Director of the Rural Observatory (OMR), João Mosca. [Click here to read more](#)

GOODBYE TO...

After three years of working with us as Associate Professional Officer, we bid a fond farewell to **Samuel Tumwesigye**. We wish him, and his family, all the very best for the future!

Sam was a very dedicated and objective worker. He was a great colleague!

It is hard and sad to say goodbye after all this time. I wish him all the best and hope to meet him again some day.

He conquered a place in our hearts and we will miss him! Have a safe journey back home, Sam.



He arrived shy, we received him warmly and saw him becoming a lovely colleague, always ready to help, to work hard, to collaborate, but also to tell a joke and to laugh loud.

It never gets better than being welcomed and oriented in a new country and office by one who values the concept of work and life balances. I am glad I benefitted from both as a colleague of Sam's.

HELLO TO...

This quarter we are happy to welcome two new staff members to the office!



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Aubrey Harris, Secretary of the Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC), joined us in July. Check out our interview with Aubrey (p. 3) to learn more about the work of SWIOFC and about the recent move of its Secretariat to Mozambique.

Noémie Huybrechts arrived in August for a six month internship. She will be working as an assistant to Carla Cuambe and be focusing on land and forestry issues.

QUEST FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Enjoy our word search, created in honour of a momentous event within the United Nations — and world-wide. In late September, the UN General Assembly agreed to a set of Sustainable Development Goals (see [here](#) for more info), which will replace the Millennium Development Goals. Will you accept the challenge to attain all 17 goals?

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HUNGER	PEACE	CONSUMPTION
HEALTH	INNOVATION	COMMUNITIES
EDUCATION	EQUALITY	EMPLOYMENT
ENERGY	WATER	CLIMATE CHANGE
GENDER	PARTNERSHIPS	

2015
International
Year of Soils

Solutions to 'All About Soils' crossword
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In the first issue of this newsletter, we honoured the UN International Year of Soils with a crossword highlighting all the ways soil is awesome. If you accepted this fun challenge, see the below key for the answers.

Across

1. **UNDERNUTRITION**—Food grown on nutrient-impovertised soil contributes to this, because of the resulting lack of important micronutrients in the human diet
4. **NONRENEWABLE**—Soil is not an inexhaustible or limitless resource. It is...
5. **THOUSAND**—How many years (in letters) can it take to produce just 1cm of soil?
6. **CLIMATECHANGE**—Temperatures rising and a damaged agricultural sector? Healthy soil can help mitigate the negative impacts of this global threat
8. **MINERALS**—What is soil made of? This "m" accounts for up to 45 percent of soil
9. **FOOD**—Roughly 95 percent of this comes from soil
11. **POPULATION**—Globally, this is expected to exceed nine billion by the year 2050
12. **WATER**—High quality soil retains this, and in doing so improves our resilience to flood and drought
15. **TABLESPOON**—A scoop of soil in this piece of cutlery has a higher number of micro-organisms than there are people on the planet.
16. **DOUBLE**—Just to meet food demand alone, food production will need to ____ in developing countries by the year 2050
17. **DEFORESTATION**—When the woodcutters go too far, this can cause massive soil degradation

Down

1. **UNDERESTIMATED**—Soil is a VIP in the world of agriculture; it's value and importance should not be ...
2. **SUSTAINABLE**—Production would increase and damage would be limited if we ensured soil management was this
3. **MANURE**—This boosts soil health and can also reduce soil erosion. *Warning* Does not smell like roses
7. **GROWTH**—In relation to plants, 15 nutrients are required for this.
10. **INFINITE**—How many soil types are there. Hint: It exceeds any number you can think of!
12. **WASTED**—28 percent of the worlds agricultural land grows crops that are this.
13. **THIRD**—This whopping fraction of the soil on our planet is degraded.
14. **COMPOST**—Turning food into this could REALLY help nurture our soil

