



INVITATION

CALL FOR PAPERS 18TH SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR OF THE BANCO DE MOÇAMBIQUE

Theme: "The Dilemma of Non-Renewable Natural Resource Concentration: Strategies for Mitigating the Risk of the Resource Curse in Mozambique"

The Banco de Moçambique announces that its 18th Scientific Seminar will be held on 16 June 2027, under the theme: "The Dilemma of Non-Renewable Natural Resource Concentration: Strategies for Mitigating the Risk of the Resource Curse in Mozambique". In this light, all interested parties are invited to submit research proposals on this topic.

About the 18th Scientific Seminar Theme

The exploitation of mineral resources in Mozambique, particularly natural gas, coal, and other non-renewable resources, offers a historic opportunity for wealth creation and national development, through its contribution to stronger economic growth, higher export revenues, strengthened fiscal and external positions, and the creation of employment and income opportunities. However, international experience shows that natural resource abundance can also become a source of vulnerability and conflict, as well as rising inequality and poverty, when not accompanied by strong and transparent institutions, prudent investment and revenue management rules, and effective macroeconomic stabilization mechanisms. In such circumstances, natural resource abundance may culminate in the so-called resource curse, or paradox of abundance.

Against this backdrop, the Banco de Moçambique invites all interested parties to submit research paper proposals on the above-mentioned theme, with a particular focus on strategies for mitigating the risk of the resource curse in Mozambique.

Indicatively, research papers may explore, inter alia, the following areas of analysis:

- The role of the Mozambique Sovereign Wealth Fund in promoting intergenerational savings, mitigating Dutch disease risks, and supporting macroeconomic stabilization;
- Strategies to maximize the economic benefits of non-renewable natural resources in Mozambique in order to foster inclusive, diversified development that is less dependent on the extractive sector;
- The role of domestic savings as a driver of sustainable development in Mozambique;
- The importance of transparency throughout the natural resource value chain, including revenue management;
- The importance of intergenerational wealth transfer and optimal allocation of revenues from natural resource exploitation, given their non-renewable nature;
- The effects of natural resource exploitation on the exchange rate, inflation, the balance of payments, fiscal revenues, and macroeconomic stability in Mozambique; and
- The importance of export diversification in reducing the vulnerability of the Mozambican economy to shocks in international commodity prices.

Procedures for Submission of Research Project Proposals

Interested parties are hereby invited to submit their research proposals on the above theme, in PDF format, by no later than 8 September 2026, to the following email address: jocibam_2027@bancomoc.mz

Proposals should not exceed 1,500 words (approximately 5 pages in Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5-line spacing), and must include the following elements:

- i) Title of the paper, clear and concise;
- ii) Full name(s) of author(s) and contact details (telephone and email address);
- iii) Executive summary;
- iv) Brief introduction, including the research problem and its rationale, the relevance of the topic, and the objective of the paper;
- v) Brief literature review, covering both theoretical and empirical strands;
- vi) Brief description of the methodology to be employed; and
- vii) Bibliographic References.

Procedures for the Assessment of Research Project Proposals and Final Papers

Proposals will be reviewed by an external and independent panel of reviewers, not affiliated with the Banco de Moçambique following a double-blind evaluation process.

All authors will be notified by the Banco de Moçambique, by email, no later than **7 October 2026**, of the results of the panel's assessment of research proposals. Authors whose proposals are selected will also receive comments and recommendations from the panel to support the further development of their research.

The final version of the research paper, not exceeding 15,000 words, must be submitted to the Organizing Committee by no later than **1 March 2027**, in PDF format, through the same email address, together with a brief curriculum vitae of the author(s), not exceeding one page. Please note that the author(s) must ensure that submitted papers constitute original work and have not been published previously.

Authors will be notified of the outcome of the final assessment no later than **29 April 2027**. Up to three papers demonstrating the highest technical and scientific standards will be selected by the external panel for presentation in a public session during the 18th Scientific Seminar.

In assessing submissions, the external panel will consider, among other aspects, the framing and clarity of the topic; the identification of the research problem; the clarity of the research objectives; the appropriateness and clear description of the methodology employed; the depth of the literature review; the relevance and consistency of the research findings; the analytical rigour and clarity of the argumentation; the pertinence of the conclusions and recommendations; the overall scientific quality and contribution of the paper; and the relevance of citations and bibliographic references. The panel reserves the right not to approve any paper for final presentation if the minimum required technical and scientific standards are not met.

Incentives for Authors

The main incentives to be awarded by the Banco de Moçambique are as follows:

- Monetary awards for authors of papers selected for public presentation during the main session of the 18th Scientific Seminar;
- Non-monetary incentives, such as certificates of participation, for the authors of papers selected for public presentation;
- Publication, in the Scientific Seminar Proceedings of Banco de Moçambique of the papers selected for public presentation, as well as other papers deemed by the panel to meet the required technical and scientific quality standards.
- Invitation to all participants who submit the final version of their paper to attend the public session of the 18th Scientific Seminar.

Eligibility Requirements for Submission of Research Proposals

Interested applicants, including employees of the Banco de Moçambique, must hold at least a Bachelor's Degree and be available to present their research findings in person at the 18th Scientific Seminar. Participation from the academic community is strongly encouraged, including senior researchers, lecturers, Master's and doctoral students in fields related to the theme in question.

Contacts and Correspondence

All enquiries and requests for clarification should be submitted to the Scientific Coordination Team of the event at jocibam_2027@bancomoc.mz.

Participants are further encouraged to visit the Banco de Moçambique's official website at <https://www.bancomoc.mz/pt/media/scientific-seminar> or navigate to Media » Scientific Seminar, for additional information.

Important Dates:

- **8 September 2026:** Deadline for submission of research project proposals;
- **7 October 2026:** Notification by the Banco de Moçambique regarding the acceptance or rejection of proposals;
- **1 March 2027:** Deadline for the submission of the final version of research papers to the Banco de Moçambique;
- **29 April 2027:** Notification by the Banco de Moçambique to the authors regarding the qualification of their papers for public presentation; and
- **16 June 2027:** 18th Scientific Seminar of the Banco de Moçambique.

Maputo, 1 July 2026