



OPENING REMARKS

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**On the
OPENNING CEREMONY OF THE 2025 INTER-CENTRAL
BANK GAMES**

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**Distinguished Heads of Delegation from SADC Central Banks,
Esteemed Board Members of Banco de Moçambique,
Respected guests,
Ladies and
Gentlemen,**

Good morning!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Banco de Moçambique and on my behalf, I would like to welcome you all to this opening ceremony of the **2025 Edition of the Inter-Central Bank Games**.

I hope that you had an excellent and safe travels and are comfortably accommodated in our beautiful city.

Let me start by thanking all the delegations for the effort you have put on to make it here, amid all the uncertainties.

We understand that it was never an easy decision, but we believe that the spirit of brotherhood spoke louder, and we salute you for that.

This fact, indeed, demonstrates the fraternity and collaboration that the SADC central bank's games foster in our staff and institutions, making us a big and united family!

**Ladies and
Gentlemen,**

The SADC Inter-Central Bank Games are a well established tradition among central bankers in the region, with the purpose of promoting the wellbeing and the exchange of experiences between our staff.

As you know, the 2025 edition of the games is of utmost importance for Banco de Moçambique, as it is part of the festivities of the 50th Anniversary of the Bank and 45th Anniversary of the Metical, our currency.

That's why it is with great emotion that, after more than 20 years, we are pleased to host, **for the second time, the Inter-Central Banks Games.**

This time, the sports tournament will take place in our newly built **Sports Complex**, here in Matutuine District, Maputo province.

Allow me to share that this sports facility is equipped to host more than 2,500 participants with an integrated set of sports arenas.

For this tournament, we arranged to have 10 sports modalities, namely:

- a. Male and Female Football,
- b. Mixed Volleyball,
- c. Mixed Basketball,
- d. Table Tennis,
- e. Tennis,
- f. Netball,
- g. Swimming,
- h. Darts,
- i. Pool, and
- j. Chess.

I would like to request all players to be guided by the principles of fair play during the games, while maintaining the winning spirit, and letting the magic of sports and our cultural heritage touch our hearts with moments of happiness and harmony.

Because we are in a festive mood, we have arranged cultural and recreative activities with local artists and DJs, so please enjoy and give us a great party, but please keep some energy for the next two days, as we have prepared an interactive and joyful program!

You are also invited to enjoy our hospitality and the amazing Mozambican cuisine, especially the prawns and the Matapa, *and in return, you can allow the Mozambique team to be the tournament champion!! (smiles).*

**Ladies and
Gentlemen,**

Let me conclude by wishing you an open and pleasant sports tournament, with the expectation that this edition becomes an excellent opportunity to exchange experiences and cultural moments, and to promote networking among central bankers in the region.

I hereby declare open the 2025 Inter-Central Bank Games.

Thank you for your kind attention.