



CALL FOR PAPERS

XIV SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR OF THE BANCO DE MOÇAMBIQUE

Theme: “Opportunities and Risks of Economy Digitalization in Mozambique”

Date and Venue: June 16, 2023, Matola - Mozambique

The Banco de Moçambique (BM) hereby makes it known to all interested parties and the general public that the institution’s XIV Scientific Seminar will take place on June 16, 2023, at the Cultural Center of the Banco de Moçambique (CBM) in Matola city, under the following main theme: “Opportunities and Risks of Digitalization of the Economy for Mozambique”. The BM takes this opportunity to invite all interested parties to submit research proposals on the theme.

Background on the XIV Scientific Seminar

Breakthroughs in information and communication technologies and economy digitalization provide opportunities for improving productive processes in all sectors of activity, thus boosting economic growth and job creation. In the financial sector, for instance, digitalization promotes efficiency and financial inclusion. However, digitalization also poses some challenges, such as the need for protection against cyber threats and attacks.

As part of the process of promoting public debate on the opportunities and risks of the digitalization of the economy, the BM calls on all interested parties to submit research proposals on the theme, which can focus on the following topics:

- Opportunities/challenges/implications of digital currency issued by central banks;
- Impact of digitalization on financial inclusion in Mozambique;
- Cybersecurity and stability of the national financial system;
- Risks related to digitalization and measures to protect consumers of digital financial services in Mozambique;
- Impact of digitalization on productivity of the economy;
- Digitalization as a tool for promoting small and medium-sized enterprises;
- Other topics related to the main theme of the seminar.

Procedures for submitting research project proposals

Those interested in submitting research project proposals on the aforementioned subject may send them in PDF format (in Portuguese) by **September 9, 2022** to the email address: jocibam_2021@bancomoc.mz.

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- Title of the Paper – clear and concise;
- Full name(s) and contact information of author(s) (telephone and email address);
- Executive summary;
- Brief introduction containing the rationale of the problem, the relevance of the theme and the objective of the paper;
- Brief literature review (theoretical and empirical);
- Brief description of the methodology to be followed; and
- Bibliographic references.

Procedures for the assessment of project proposals and final papers

The jury, external and independent of the BM will adopt the double-blind principle to assess papers.

By **October 3, 2022**, all authors will be notified by the BM, by electronic means (e-mail), regarding the results of the jury’s assessment, and those whose papers are selected will also receive their comments for undertaking the research.

The final version of the paper (comprising no more than 15,000 words) must be sent to the Organizing Committee by **March 3, 2023**, in PDF format (in Portuguese), via the same email address, accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae of the author(s), which should not exceed one page. It is stressed that the author(s) must ensure that the papers are original

and not have been published by the date of their submission.

By **April 28, 2023**, the authors of the papers will be notified of the final assessment, and the three best papers, i.e. those with high standards of technical-scientific quality, will be selected by the jury for presentation in a public session, during the XIV BM Scientific Seminar.

The assessment of the external jury will consider, among other factors, the framework and clarity of the theme; problem identification; clarity of the objectives of the study; adequacy of the methodology used and clarity in its description; richness of the literature review; relevance and consistency of the study results; analytical skills and clarity in the placement of arguments; relevance of the findings and recommendations; as well as, the quality of the article's scientific contribution; relevance of citations and bibliographic references.

Incentives for the authors of the papers

The main incentives to be awarded by the BM consist of:

- Monetary incentives to the authors of the papers selected for public presentation at the main session of the XIV Scientific Seminar;
- Non-monetary incentives, such as certificates of participation to the authors of papers selected for public presentation;
- Publication of the papers selected by the jury for presentation in the public session in BM’s Scientific Journal booklet, provided technical-scientific quality requirements are met;
- Invitation to all competitors to participate in the public session of the Scientific Seminar.

Requirements for submission of research proposals

Interested parties, who may also be staff members of the BM, must at least have an undergraduate degree, and be available to present the results of their research in person during the XIV Scientific Seminar.

The participation of scholars, including teachers and students at master and doctoral levels, in areas related to the theme is encouraged.

Contacts and correspondence

Questions and requests for clarification should be submitted by e-mail to the scientific coordination team of the event (jocibam_2023@bancomoc.mz).

It is recommended to visit the website of the Banco de Moçambique, specifically, the Events, Scientific Conferences column, at the following address: <http://www.bancomoc.mz>.

Important dates:

- **September 9, 2020**: Deadline for submission of research project proposals;
- **October 3, 2022**: Notification by the BM to the authors of the acceptance or rejection of the projects;
- **March 3, 2023**: Deadline for submission the final version of the research paper to the BM;
- **April 28, 2023**: Notification by the BM to authors on the eligibility of their paper for public presentation or poster sessions;
- **June 16, 2023**: XIV Scientific Conferences of the Banco de Moçambique.