

Side Event “Public Private Partnership in support of early stage project development in the waste sector in Mozambique”

Closing Remarks by Minister Marie Christine Marghem

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honour to give my closing remarks at this side event which testified how climate finance can contribute to the implementation of Mozambique’s Integrated Urban Solid Waste Management Strategy.

The international community is urged to mobilize yearly USD 100 billion by 2020 to assist developing countries with the implementation of their climate policy. Developing countries having concrete and well prepared proposals as well as the required national systems in place, are in my view likely to benefit first from this financing as provided for instance by the Green Climate Fund and several other multi- and bilateral climate funds and initiatives.

I am therefore happy that the initial financial contribution provided by the Belgian Federal Government could leverage additional financial sources for the implementation of the priority activities, identified by the task force. The commitment shown by the task force contributes to creating the conditions for Mozambique to access additional climate finance for activities in the municipal waste sector and these pilot activities prepare the ground for further investments. I truly hope these activities will be implemented in the near future.

The Belgian Federal Government is indeed committed to supporting developing countries for the implementation of their climate policy. It will continue to contribute to different climate funds and international initiatives.

Besides these contributions, the Belgian Federal Government will also investigate how it can use the lessons learned from this successful pilot case to develop a strategy for early phase project support, preferably through multi-stakeholder partnerships. Indeed, we believe that such early phase project support is key to kick-start promising activities in the field, which is exactly what is needed right now for the transition to a climate resilient and low-carbon future. As shown in this side event, involving the different stakeholders from Day 1 in project development reduces some of the risks which are inherent in the early phase.