



Assessing Policy Options for Strengthening Local Content in Mozambique: Presentation of Findings

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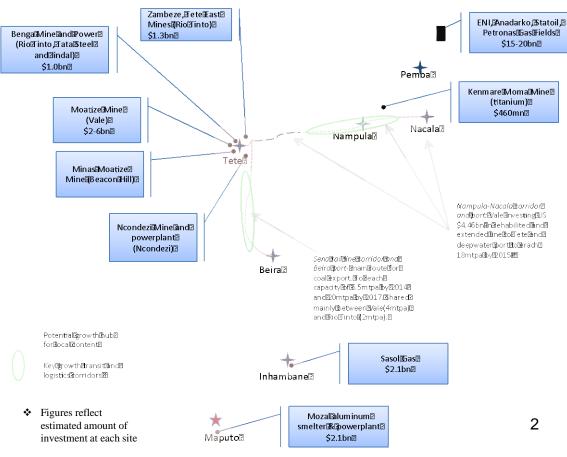
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Large investments in infrastructure and services in the extractive sector is opening up new markets for local SMEs

 Potential size of new end market generated from these investments is around US\$20-35bn in next 5-10 years

 Already at least US\$5-6bn has been spent in Mozambique





Any local content initiative must first identify the key market failures

Non-competitive markets:

Mozambican business environment don't facilitate equal market access to allow local SME's

Information Asymmetry:

information needed on market trends, standards, best practices and technology

These market failures weaken the business environment and "push more competitive"

Absorptive

Market structure: not enough sellers

and few buyers

Capacity:

SMEs cant
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Timing: local market not synchronized with new demands



Results in inability to reach multiplier effect in economy from new FDI and earnings; insufficient spillover into local markets; local markets not able to leverage new opportunity to increase competitiveness

Other country experience with local content can inform Mozambique's action

Brazil, South Africa, Nigeria, Angola, Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago have all wrestled with local content with different results. Table shows some key aspects of a few (circles indicate some key features):

	Nigeria	Ghana	South Africa	Trinidad and Tobago
Policy Instrument	Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Bill, 2010	Local Content and Local Participation in Petroleum Activities Policy, 2010; legislation pending, 2013	Broad based socio- economic Charter for the South African Mining and Minerals industry, amended 2011	National Policy Guidelines for the Utilization of Local Goods and Services for Government and Government related projects, 2004
Local price margin	Yes, within 10%	Yes, within 10%	BEE specific targets	No
Tender requirements	Nigerian content plan Employment plan	Employment and training plan within 12 months of license	Employment and training plan 4 year period	Encourages J/Vs; creation of Local Content Chamber;
Distinguishing features	Highly prescriptive by sector and good; requires significant growth of institutions; development Fund	Process started with a Policy before law; sets vision; designs development Fund	Guidelines on how to calculate local content; highly complex system of procurement and enforcement;	Limited to Policy; establishment of Local Content Chamber; use of J/Vs to transfer skills and technology

Status of Ghana's LC activity now

- Since passage of the Policy....
 - Private oil and gas companies have stepped forward to start responding to the local content demands
 - Tullow Oil has been a leader, creating and Enterprise Development Center (in progress)
 - Invest in Africa initiative complements local content activities to bring attention internationally and facilitate partnerships (with EDC)
- Update on Local Content Bill
 - Working its way through parliament
 - Focused currently on specifications of employment, less so on goods and services (could change)
 - 10-year horizon to meet goals (long-term process)
 - Emphasizes making Ghana a preferred Investment Destination in Africa



Need to have a common definitions of policy instruments in Mozambique to assess options

- Policy- set of principles, vision and strategy explaining government's approach. Approved at either Ministerial level (for sector-specific policy) or Council of Ministers (for cross-sector policy like local content)
- Law- set of rules enforceable by courts. Requires Parliamentary approval
- Regulation- empowered by law, full enforceability, provides details into how law will be enforced and carried out. Approved by the Council of Ministers



Definitions of LC explained in greater detail

- LC narrowly defined refers to the percentage of a product whose added value originates domestically (within the country) while a more common definition of LC, sometimes referred to as Local Procurement (LP), is the purchasing of goods or services from a local supplier.
- There is no clear and unified definition of LC in Mozambique. Generally, most dialogue on LC focuses on defining LC as the purchasing of goods or services from local suppliers.
- What will be important in Mozambique moving forward will be to adopt an agreed upon definition of "local" which will then help determine how to measure LC.
- FOCUS on the results of local content support such as job creation, inclusive economic growth within a particular production area, and wealth creation is more important and should drive decision-making.



Three main local content policy options

Option 1- "Do nothing" option *Advantages:*

- ✓ Prevents market interference
- ✓ Does not introduce new institutions or enforcement mechanisms

Disadvantages:

- ◆ Does not address market failures
- Does not respond to politicaleconomy
- ◆Does not help to take advantage of new opportunities *Risks:*
- Lost opportunity to leverage new sources of growth to strengthen overall business environment

Option 2- New Law/ regulations or regulations tied to new Mining/O&G bills

Advantages:

- Clear and enforceable mechanism
- Strong response to political economy

Disadvantages:

Not a centralized & coordinated approach

Risks:

- Codify targets too soon and drive costs up to local businesses
- Protects inefficient and non-competitive businesses
- Drives critical investment out of country

Option 3- Establish a Local Content Policy framework

Advantages:

- ✓ Send strong market signal
- Opportunity to develop vision, strategy and set priorities
- ✓ Build consensus between public and private
- ✓ Link to business environment strengthening

Disadvantages:

- Does not carry weight of law
- ◆ Requires follow up legislation
- Process may cost some lost local procurement opportunities

Risks:

- Process does not result in strong cross-ministerial participation
- Process stalls quick action



Recommended Option



Principles of the Policy for Local Content

- Set clear vision, strategy and approach for local content
- Transparency and information sharing, public and private
- Focus on jobs not definitions of business ownership
- Partnership between public and private sectors
- Alignment- target sectors that have greatest <u>commercial appeal</u> to extractive sector consumption to maximize sustainability
- Require local content procurement and employment plans
- Incentive-based rather than regulatory based
- Strengthen entire business environment

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Key Content

- ✓ Local Content Procurement Plans
- ✓ Local employment plans and targets
- ✓ Full disclosure and open bidding
- ✓ 3rd Party Local Content Center of Excellent (funded by special development fund)
- M&E strategy based on strong quantitative information to track progress
- ✓ Incentives for investors (i.e. tax)



Recommendations continued

- LC Framework should be used to clarify definition, vision, objective and strategy; roles and responsibilities
- Strong tie to GOM's fiscal management of revenues from extractive sector
- Focus on LC outcomes rather than requirements
- Incentive-based approach such as procurement incentives
- Disclose procurement information
- Commitment to enforcement (current and future laws and policies)
- Strong connection to sector plans and strategies
- Partnership with private sector- EDC
- Improve financial sector concurrently
- Continue BEE reforms
- Support CSO dialogue and platform



Next steps

- Incorporate comments and feedback from workshops
- Establish a senior-level Local Content Task Force
- Design an action plan for drafting and implementing Local Content Policy Framework
- Establish drafting/advisory team



Thank you

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