

COP26: Mozambique commits to achieving 62% of energy from renewable sources by 2030



Mozambique joined other world governments at the 2021 United Nations 26th Climate Change Conference, more commonly referred to as COP26, held at the SEC Centre in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom, from 31 October to 13 November 2021. Speaking at the United Nations Conference, the Prime Minister of Mozambique Carlos Agostinho do Rosário committed the country to achieving 62% of energy from renewable resources by 2030.

One of the matters under discussion is the transition away from fossil fuels. Under the Paris Agreement coal should cease to be used as a fuel by 2050. Mozambique possesses major coal deposits, and just two decades ago, it was expected that coal would be a major driver of Mozambican development. “It is a priority for Mozambique to implement an energy transition program based on a diversified matrix, with cleaner and more environmentally friendly sources, in line with our country’s development programs,” the prime minister said, indicating investment in hydroelectric, solar and wind power.

However, transitioning away from energy based on fossil sources entails costs, and must be a phased process. “Mozambique prefers an energy transition to cleaner and more environmentally friendly energies that is gradual and phased, in order to minimize the impact on the process of economic development in our country,” explained the Prime Minister. In this sense, the country intends to make the energy transition process via natural gas, even though it is considered non-environmentally friendly, a decision influenced by the discoveries of great quantities of this resource in the national territory.

“Mozambique proposes to use natural gas as a transition to cleaner energy sources,” and with that, Carlos Agostinho do Rosário guaranteed that the country will do everything to “reach, by the year 2030, the levels of 62% of the contribution of renewable energies in the national energy matrix within the scope of the Sustainable Development Goals”.

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