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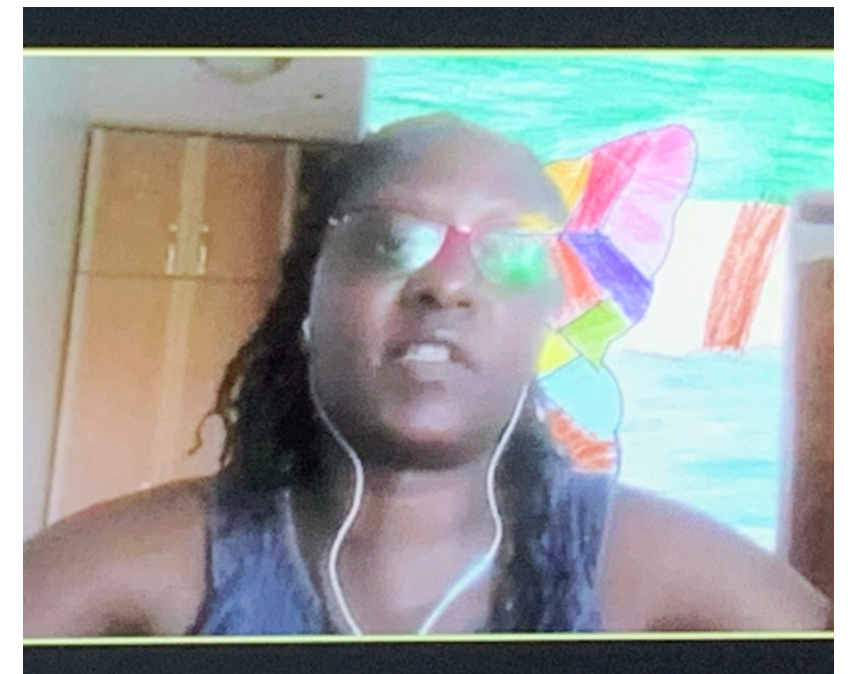
CAFE – DAY 3

highlights

Maputo was the stage of the 11th General Assembly of **CAFE** that has joint the **18 CAFE members** to an enthusiastic reunion after last CAFE Assembly in Benin. New members of CAFÉ Executive Committee were elected, and a transitional presidency process was discussed to take place in the next year to strengthen CAFÉ governance and leadership in Africa. This event is being financially supported by German Cooperation via KfW and by AFD/FFEM.

As the third and last day of the event, interesting perspectives, stories, and strategies continue to be shared along the afternoon, inspiring participants and CTFs to take new pathways, risks, and opportunities for an impactful work in Africa. The event was on the third and last day attended by around 50 people remotely and in person.

Under the conservation historical experiences Session, *Mr. Miguel Langa* - Chairman of **PROAZUL** and *Pauline Nantongo* from **ECOTRUST Uganda** have both emphasized the role of CTFs in biodiversity conservation worldwide. Langa has shared PROAZUL role as a public fund leading coastal and marine conservation work in Mozambique aligned with Blue-economy principles and procedures.



Ms. Pauline, shared Uganda's experience in payments for environmental services based on water and forest restoration, which has served as a major source of livelihood for local communities in Uganda. Implementing climate change adaptation and mitigation measures (reforestation), monitoring, and assisting local communities in collecting and managing funds resulting from payments for environmental services.



Jorge Ferrão, Rector of **Pedagogical University** has emphasized the role of academia in biodiversity conservation in Mozambique and worldwide. An ocean decade (2021-2030) is approaching and its critical to have clean, productive, and accessible ocean waters for all. This decade is critical to define all the research we need, to promote sustainable development and put marine ecosystems at the center of decision-making regarding oceans and biodiversity conservation. Academia must accompany this development by training new conservation leaders and conduct research to save our oceans.

Katy Mathias representing **CFA** has pointed the key take-aways from **Conservation Trust Funds 2020: Global Vision and Local Action** study commissioned by CFA in 2020. Joining CTFs to reflect on the 10th years review of CTF investment, past performance, and future opportunities. This study provides a worldwide picture of CTFs endowment investment in the last 13 years, resuming that CTFs have managed to mobilize more sinking funds to over 170 million in the past decade and real returns from endowments funds of 67 CTFs referred in the study, only 20 CTFs over the 13 years had real endowment value, most lost their investment and only 3 endowments had a top CTF revenue. Key secrets for success of future endowment investments are highly related to investment in equities, fixed income funds, investment held in hard currencies, strong external advisors, and globalized portfolios. CTFs can turn the tide, pooling models provide opportunities for smaller CTFs to lower costs and gain access to better investment.



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Carlos Manuel Rodriguez the CEO of **GEF** has shared a realistic perspective on CTFs role supporting biodiversity conservation and global agenda for environment. "In 25 years of conservation work he never saw a powerful tool as CTFs as actual complementary partners for effective biodiversity conservation." - Carlos Manuel Rodriguez.

GEF engages with several organizations and look forward for the promising future to continue engaging with CTFs build a historical process with CAFÉ, as well as support a new framework for land and oceans conservation. In practical terms, CTFs can support countries building up political consistency and coherence in decision-making process and align economic development and biodiversity conservation including.



In closing remarks, Ms. Karen Price, CAFÉ President congratulated BIOFUND and all CAFE members for the event and welcomed new members that will support CAFÉ strengthening its role in biodiversity financing in Africa.

Mr. Luís Bernardo Honwana, **BIOFUND** Executive Director has closed the session, thanking all participants, CTF members, moderators, partners, donors and technical supporters for these 3 days event, Luis mentioned that Carlos Rodriguez speech calls CTFs to take a position and become relevant in its areas of interest. We are vital interlocutors when comes to economic development and biodiversity conservation. Rich interventions were made along the event, and we all feel that this event has made a difference in our lives.

The panelists' presentations are available [here](#).

For those participants who missed any sessions, recordings will be provided soon.

For more information about 11th General Assembly of CAFE keep following our [website](#).

See the brilliant Virtual Exhibition: Mozambique Biodiversity through our lenses that takes participants to travel from mountains to the ocean in Mozambique still available for visit. All photos were curated by BIOFUND, and provided by its staff members, partners, and friends. Link: <https://tinyurl.com/BIOFUNDvirtualexhibition>