

Palma Planning Working Group Meeting Minutes

Attendee list:

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Conference agenda:

- Establish government points of contact at all necessary levels
- Understanding the state of play of the different plans for urbanization and development in Palma
- Discuss the role of MSP in coordinating planning efforts

Discussion:

- A need for a consolidated and integrated plan for the north was discussed. Currently the development plans exist in silos, but need to be integrated and made publicly available. Current plans for development have been made piecemeal.
- The Master plan for the 18,000 hectares was approved in 2014/15 by the District but never implemented. It is not clear the level of stakeholder engagement this plan had in its inception and development, in particular with local communities. The Resettlement Plan being implemented by A1 and A4 partners is occupying land within the 18.000ha for replacement agriculture land and livelihood development activities. If no clear alignment and understanding with ENH is arrived at regarding this situation, there is a risk of resettling these communities a second time.
- Plans mentioned on the call included:
 - 18,000 hectares - ENH
 - 7,000 hectares – A1 and A4 DUAT
 - Palma land use planning – although some seemed unsure as to whether this exists
 - Plano de desenvolvimento nacional that was concluded in 2018/19 – to provide strategic national guidance
 - Special plans
- Was suggested that the instrument to respond to the northern region's planning needs, in particular the LNG project area, is a "Special Plan", which would focus on the topic of planning and development rather than on a specific area of jurisdiction. Once all assessments are conducted and agreed, a special plan can be proposed for elaboration and approval by the Council of Ministers
- Suggested that a larger session of key actors be convened by ADIN to include ENH, Provincial government, Palma district authorities, MTA and others (TBD) to build:
 - common understanding of the context of the region
 - roadmap for integration of the plans and create more localized / centralized ownership
- Further suggested that the Total initiated concept note now being developed by the MSP should be leveraged to synthesize the need for an integrated development plan. This should also be shared when appropriate for general comments.

- Total's presentation debriefed the group on current situation in Palma, as well as possible future challenges and opportunities for the development of the region. A desire was expressed by attendees that this should be explored with more detail in a future technical workshop .

Next Steps:

- MSP to share draft version of the concept note with ADIN and members on the call
- ADIN to convene a technical meeting to discuss a roadmap for integrated plans