



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF GEOGRAPHY AND CADASTRE

REPORT TO THE 22^a SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GROUP OF EXPERTS ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

One of the main objectives of the National Directorate of Geography and Cadastre (DINAGECA), is to complete the coverage of the country by 1: 50 000 topographic maps and, obviously, to collect new geographical names not only for these maps and for the geographical dictionary of Mozambique, but also for the database. The country is covered by 1207 sheets at 1:50 000 scale but only 90% is covered.

Other task of the National Directorate of Geography and Cadastre, concerning the geographical names, is the field collection of toponyms referring to inhabited places as well as natural features not only for cartographic purposes but also for general use. So, as soon as possible, we will start to do this task.

Regarding the geographical names activities at the Office, as we already have mentioned during the last Session, the National Directorate of Geography and Cadastre, has been involved in continuing to collect and to describe the geographical names based in topographic maps for the database which was created in 2002 under the Project sponsored by Government of Canada. On this database at the moment was introduced over 49.232 features of geographical names, 23.765 already scanned and 4.741 introduced geographic coordinates.

Administrative Division

Mozambique is divided by 10 provinces, 128 districts, 393 administrative posts and 1042 localities ; the names of this localities will be approved by the Ministry of the State Administration.

Geographical Names Authority

Taking in account the efforts undertaken on this regards, it is our conviction that the Geographical Names Authority of Mozambique will be created during this year because the documentation on this matter was already sent to the Council of the Ministers.

UN Training Course in Toponymy (Maputo – Mozambique)

13 to 24 September 2004

An United Nations Training Course in Toponymy will take place from 13 to 24 September 2004 at the National Directorate of Geography and Cadastre in Maputo – Mozambique. The Course, concerned with the standardization and administration of Geographical Names, will be offered in English. The document about this course was submitted to the Working Group on Training Course in Toponymy.