Mozambique
Combined Agenda 2063 scenario

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The Combined Agenda 2063 scenario consists of the combination of all 11 sectoral scenarios presented above, namely the Stability, Demographic, Health/WaSH, Agriculture, Education, Manufacturing/Transfers, Leapfrogging, Free Trade, Financial Flows, Infrastructure and Governance scenarios. The cumulative impact of better education, health, infrastructure, etc. means that countries get an additional benefit in the integrated IFs forecasting platform that we refer to as the synergistic effect. Chart 55 presents the contribution of each of these 12 components to GDP per capita in the Combined Agenda 2063 scenario as a stacked area graph.

Although Mozambique faces stark challenges as outlined in the previous sections, there are plenty of opportunities to improve the future of the country. Improving agricultural production and increasing yields will raise GDP per capita most by 2043 with an additional US$383 above the Current Path forecast. Increasing economic freedom through the full implementation of the AfCFTA will increase per capita income by US$278 while formalising the informal sector, increasing government efficiency and providing greater electricity access through leapfrogging could increase per capita income by US$273.

A more stable country can raise per capita income in 2043 by US$217 (Chart 55). The synergistic effect of the Combined Agenda 2063 scenario that assumes improvements are made in all 11 broad intervention areas, could add an additional US$146 in 2043 on top of the combined US$4,588 per capita.
Chart 55 presented a stacked area graph on the contribution of each scenario to GDP per capita as well as the additional benefit or synergistic effect, whereas Chart 56 presents cumulative GDP per capita in the Current Path forecast and the Combined Agenda 2063 scenario.

The Combined Agenda 2063 scenario has the potential to raise GDP per capita to US$4,734 by 2043, US$1,837 above the Current Path forecast for the same year. The gap between Mozambique and the average for low-income countries in Africa is however expected to grow. In 2019 Mozambique’s per capita income was US$258 lower than its income peers; this gap is expected to grow to US$2,000 by 2043.
Mozambique's natural resource potential and large gas reserves could significantly benefit the economic growth of the country. This however will require an improvement in stability, significant improvements in budget management and transparency, and rapid roll-out of basic service delivery. Without these measures and the interventions outlined above, Mozambique's projected economic growth will do little to improve human development for the poorest and most vulnerable in the country. [1] If Mozambique can effectively implement measures as outlined in the Combined Agenda 2063, 12.2 million fewer people could be living in extreme poverty by 2043. Even in this optimistic scenario, 9.6 million people (18.7% of the population) will still live in extreme poverty in 2043 (Chart 57).
See Chart 8 to view the Current Path forecast of the sectoral composition of the economy.

Chart 58 displays the percentage-point difference and the value difference between the Current Path forecast and the Combined Agenda 2063 scenario for the six sectors of the economy modelled in IFs. The service sector will contribute 5.8 percentage points more to GDP in the Agenda 2063 scenario compared to the Current Path forecast, equivalent to a difference of US$51.5 billion by 2043. Agriculture will contribute 1.1 percentage points more, which will translate to a value of US$11.9 billion by 2043. ICT and manufacturing will respectively contribute 0.7 and 0.4 percentage points more to GDP in the Combined Agenda 2063 scenario.
Chart 59 displays the projected GDP from 2019 to 2043 for both the Agenda 2063 scenario and the Current Path forecast. Mozambique’s GDP is forecast to grow substantially to US$170.2 billion by 2043, compared to US$89.6 in the Current Path forecast, an increase of 90%. This shows the value that the interventions in the 11 sectoral scenarios could have on economic growth. This economic growth will have to be invested in human development and basic infrastructure to ensure poverty is addressed and that quality of living is raised for citizens.
Chart 60 displays projected tons of carbon emission for Mozambique in the Agenda 2063 scenario and the Current Path forecast. In 2019, Mozambique’s carbon emissions were 3 million tons and are projected to increase to 17.7 million tons of carbon by 2043 in the Combined Agenda 2063 scenario, 5 million tons above the Current Path forecast for 2043. This is the result of aggressive economic growth and a substantial increase in agricultural production.
Endnotes

1. ISS Africa, Prospects and Challenges: Mozambique’s Growth and Human Development Outlook to 2040, 2017

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