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<p>My main concern given low capacity – is who is going to be on the NSC committee and how are they going to be selected? At the moment, the interim NSC is very much dominated by NGOs, and it isn't very clear to me how representative these are of local communities (e.g. working in their interest v representing their interest – different!)</p> <p>The issue of low capacity is generally well understood throughout the document – I just wasn't too clear on what type of composition we are going to end up with on the NSC – and since the NSC is expected to be set up by October 2016, it would be helpful to have a bit more information on how they are going to ensure they have something representative and/or not overly dominated by NGOs – however well meaning. [GA]</p>	<p>The concern is valid and extremely important. A subsequent version of the project document will include more information on the selection processes related to the National Steering Committee.</p> <p>It has been agreed that the final National Steering Committee's (NSC) will include 17 members, involving: 6 representatives from Community-Based Natural Resources Management Committees (CGRNs); 5 representatives from civil society organizations; 2 representatives from Mozambique's academia; 1 Mozambique FIP coordinator; 2 representatives from the Government of Mozambique; and 1 representative from the World Bank. It should be noted that representatives from the Government of Mozambique and the World Bank will participate only as observers. It was agreed that the final NSC should include at least 5 women.</p> <p>The described composition was defined so as to guarantee wider representation from communities, and to ensure the institution is not dominated by NGOs or other non-community stakeholders, while also contributing to better alignment with Mozambique's Forest Investment Plan and Project. As mentioned, communities will be represented in the final NSC through members of Community-Based Natural Resources Management Committees (<i>Comités de Gestão de Recursos Naturais – CGRNs</i>). CGRNs in Mozambique are community-level associations legally empowered to function as decision making institutions for aspects related to the local management of natural resources. They also act as community-level counterparts for the Government in natural resources-related aspects, and as the recipients and managers of the 20% of the value of fees related to the access and use forest and wildlife resources, as well as to the undertaking of contemplative tourism in parks and national reserves, to which communities are legally entitled (on the basis of principles advanced in the Forest and</p>

Wildlife Policy and Strategy, the Law no 10/99's regulation, approved by the Decree no 12/2002). Given their community basis and legal mandate, it was agreed that CGRN members would be the most meaningful representatives of communities in the context of the MozDGM

The Interim National Steering Committee, in coordination with the Government of Mozambique, through MITADER's International Funds Management Unit (UGFI), has developed a plan to select CGNR members to integrated the final NSC. These members will be selected on the basis of elections, which will be undertaken in workshops held at the level of the districts that comprise MozFIP's implementation area. These workshops, which are already under preparation, will be undertaken with support from AESA, an organization that was hired to support the Interim National Steering Committee up through the definition of the final NSC and selection of the National Executing Agency. It was agreed that each province should elect 3 CGRN representatives, and that at least 2 CGRN representatives in the final NSC should be women.

Representatives from civil society organizations will also be selected through elections, while those from the Government, Mozambican academia and the World Bank will be invited to join the NSC by way of an invitation letter. It was agreed that civil society organizations involved in the final NSC should have representation offices in, at least, one of the two landscapes comprising MozFIP's intervention areas in Zambezia and Cabo Delgado.