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OFICINAS DE MUHAPITI:  
AN EXPERIENCE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING IN A WORLD HERITAGE CONTEXT

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#### ABSTRACT

Trough a cooperation agreement between the project and PhD programme Patrimónios de Influência Portuguesa (Heritages of Portuguese Influence) from the University of Coimbra (Portugal) and the Faculdade de Arquitetura e Planeamento Físico (Faculty of Architecture and Planning) from the University Lúrio (Nampula, Mozambique), we are organizing a workshop entitled *Oficinas de Muhipiti: planeamento estratégico, património, desenvolvimento* (Muhipiti Workshop: strategic planning, heritage, development) that will be held on the Island of Mozambique on 19-29 July 2017. Muhapiti is the Macua's language name for the Island, a heritage site inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. For decades the island is claiming for a development model that simultaneously assures the well-being of its inhabitants and the preservation of its cultural heritage assets and values. Notwithstanding a bunch of initiatives from diverse origins, nothing really new or even promising arrived. Now, the settling in the Island of University Lúrio's new Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences could trigger that goal. The defy of the six *Oficinas* (from the overall strategic view to housing) is to produce a comprehensive and integrated brain storm on that, involving the inhabitants, local, regional and national agencies, NGOs, the Portuguese Cooperation (Camões, UCCLA), UN-Habitat and three architecture schools. The outputs will be expressed in a final exhibition (on display in Portugal, after passing trough Maputo) and a book, but also some direct and almost immediate delivering is expected. Beyond a specialist's well-known line of thought on integrated conservation planning, this cooperation action follows the most recent international outcomes regarding urban resilience, sustainability and development, as the *New Urban Agenda* and the *Sustainable Development Goals*, but also UNESCO's recommendations as the 2015's *Hangzhou Outcomes* in which formulation we have participated. We propose to present to the African Urban Planning II International Conference a first-hand report and reflection on the *Oficinas de Muhapiti...*, initiative which we expect can succeed as an example of a good-practice regarding the integration between urban planning and heritage policies in Africa.

