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Camilo Nhancale is the chair of the Board of KUWUKA JDA Juventude Desenvolvimento e Advocacia Ambiental (Youth Development and Environmental Advocacy), and a Civil Society observer on the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) Sub-Committee.

The organization

KUWUKA JDA is a Maputo, Mozambique based Civil Society organization, aiming at promoting integrated sustainable development with social, economic and environmental justice, good governance and sustainable management of natural resources and environmental protection. Its focus areas are: sustainable development, participatory approach to resources governance, biodiversity conservation, land and natural resources, environmental awareness, research and policy dialogue advocacy. Its work related to climate change include advocacy for climate justice, climate finance effectiveness, community mitigation, adaptation and resilience to climate change. This is done through community capacity building and environmental awareness through school youth environmental clubs. KUWUKA JDA is member of CSO networks and coalitions at national and international levels, which allows the organization’s work to covers nationwide and the region, the networks include but not limited to the CSO platform for natural resources and extractive industry, the CSO platform for Climate Change in Mozambique, at regional level through SADC Climate Justice Network, the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance, the SADC GEF NGO Network and others. The organization liaise with different partners members of the above mentioned networks but not limited to as it work with single organizations, including SARW/OSISA, CTV, among others. KUWUKA JDA mission is to “contribute for sustainable development, promoting capacity building, research and advocacy for participatory governance, management of natural resources and environment.
KUWUKA JDA has experience on building capacity for sustainable development and environmental advocacy to civil society groups, parliamentarians, local government officials, community based organizations, community leaderships, advocacy for policy formulation, monitoring, rule of law and research.

Camilo Nhancale participated in youth movements since his early student times. He has more than 14 years’ experience as civil society activist, advocating for sustainable development and environmental conservation, community climate resilience, mitigation and adaptation. He is a researcher and heads the environment and land research unit at Cruzeiro do Sul Research Institute for development. Nhancale is experienced civil society activist advocating for the rights of the rural poor communities, with CSO coalitions. He served as executive coordinator of land campaign in Mozambique and country coordinator for Southern Africa Resource Watch (SARW). He is an active advocacy activist for extractive industries revenue transparency, good governance, economic and environmental justice. He seats on the board of the CSO platform for natural resource and extractive industries steering committee and on the Multi-Stakeholders Group (MSG) of the Mozambican EITI
(Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative) national committee. He is a fellow of the Leadership for Change program of the Southern Africa Trust and of the Kellogg Southern Africa Leadership program. He is the current African Region Observer for the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) subcommittee, representing his constituency. As observer he brings experience of the need for meaningful and effective participation of civil society in participatory governance. "There is an understanding that civil society participates by being consulted, the reason why we are observers. My view is that we need urgent shift on our participation approach, civil groups must be fully participants who do not only influence decision making process but are part of the decision making process. We are the people who bear the costs of climate change effects in our everyday livelihoods. Decision making must be centered on people, CSO represent the interest of the people. We must effectively be part of decision-making and not consulted for decision-making. Therefore, CSOs shouldn't be observers, they should be members of the committees and subcommittees in equal manner as government and MDBs to be part of the decision making process. This approach must be applied at global and home levels."