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Resolution No. 39/2024 of 23 July, approved the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy and Implementation Strategy, henceforth referred to as the "Science and Technology Policy", and also repealed Resolution No. 23/2003 of 22 July, which approved Mozambique's first science and technology policy.

The Science and Technology Policy places greater emphasis on innovation and the need to develop the country's capacities with a view to technological innovation, combined with Mozambique's aspiration to have an economy based on scientific knowledge and innovation based on the massive use of ICT, including digital platforms and services such as artificial intelligence, robotics, the internet of things and drones.

Mozambique aspires to harness the technologies of the 4th Industrial Revolution to achieve economic transformation and sustainable development goals, and the Science and Technology Policy provides for the development of a national strategy for Artificial Intelligence (AI), however, the implementation plan for the Science and Technology Policy does not provide for any legislative scheme to give effect to the aspirations it puts forward.

One of the weaknesses that the Science and Technology Policy points out is that the private sector in general and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (PME's) in particular are not adequately involved in the National Science, Technology and Innovation System, and have weak links with universities and research and experimental development institutes.

Six pillars reflect the results brought about by the Science and Technology Policy, namely:

- i. Strengthening the National Science, Technology and Innovation System;
- ii. Strengthening the ability to utilize cutting-edge and emerging technologies;
- iii. Promoting science, technology and innovation for the digital transformation of society;
- iv. Strengthening the innovation ecosystem;
- v. Strengthening human capital; and
- vi. Promoting international partnerships in science, technology and innovation.



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