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Mozambican Network of Human Rights Defenders strengthens relations with OHCHR

The Mozambican Network of Human Rights Defenders (RMDDH) carried out a working visit in South Africa, in response to the invitation made by the Southern Africa Human Rights Defenders Network (Southern Defenders) to participate in a meeting with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The meeting took place on March 11, 2022, at the University of Pretoria, and discussed possible areas of collaboration to strengthen the capacity and resilience of Human Rights Defenders in Mozambique.



In addition to the RMDDH coordinator, Sheila Nhancale, and the head of the OHCHR Regional Human Rights Office for Southern Africa, Joseph Bonsu, there were representatives from

the Angolan Network of Rights Defenders Humanos (KUTAKESA), highlighting the Executive Director, Lúcia da Silveira, and the Southern Defenders board member, Lipeli Moekesi.



During the meeting, RMDDH presented the situation of Human Rights Defenders in Mozambique and defended the need for Human Rights Defenders in the region to work in solidarity to ensure their safety and to protect their rights.

In this context, RMDDH and OHCHR assessed and identified areas of cooperation, with an emphasis on training on international me-

chanisms for the protection of Human Rights Defenders.

Also in South Africa, on March 9, RMDDH participated in a dialogue and exchange of experiences meeting with Lawyers for Human Rights and Legal Resources Centre, organizations that through strategic litigation work to defend Human Rights and their defenders.





RMDDH and Southern Defenders discuss the setting up of a regional coalition for Women Human Rights Defenders in Southern Africa

In order to strengthen the capacity and resilience of Women Rights Defenders in Mozambique, RMDDH participated in a meeting

organized by Southern Defenders, on March 7th, in Johannesburg, South Africa.



One of the points discussed is the need to build a regional coalition for Women Human Rights Defenders in Southern Africa and

strengthen its capacity through a strategic planning.



During the meeting, the Coordinator of RMDDH, Sheila Nhancale, presented the situation of Women Human Rights Defenders in Mozambique.

Southern Defenders is the highest level

body of the Civil Society Organizations in the Southern African Region that advocates for the protection of Human Rights and their Defenders, in which Professor Adriano Nuvunga is currently the Vice President.

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