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**PAULA DUARTE ROCHA**  
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## Professional Experience

Paula Duarte Rocha is a partner at MDR Advogados.

Paula Duarte Rocha is highly experienced in the Mozambican market, having intervened in all areas of practice, advising both national and foreign investors, as well as national and foreign private companies. Paula has notable experience and track record in banking & project finance transactions. Experienced on cross border transactions and regulatory issues, Paula developed know how in advising economic operators and contracting authorities in public procurement and public private partnerships.

Paula Duarte Rocha is a registered arbitrator with the Mozambican Centre for Arbitration, Conciliation and Mediation (since 2002) with relevant experience in commercial arbitration, as a nominated arbitrator by the parties and as Chairman of the Arbitral Tribunal and was the IBA Tax Reporter for Mozambique (2012 - 2014). In January 2014 Paula started her collaboration with Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados, a Portuguese law firm, as a consultant in all matters pertaining to Mozambique.

She is a member of the Mozambique Internationalization Commission of the Commercial Arbitration Center.

Paula Duarte Rocha was also president of the Training and Bar Access Examination Committee of the Mozambique Bar Association (2014) and a member of the National Council of the Mozambique Bar Association (2016).

## Awards

Client Choice Award 2021, in the category of "Projects & Procurement".

## Education

Law Degree (Polytechnic University, 2001). Arbitration Course (CACM - Center of Arbitration, Conciliation and Mediation, 2002). International Oil & Gas Law, Contracts and Negotiations course (Association of International Petroleum Negotiators - AIPN, Institute for Energy Law of the Center for American and International Law and the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation - RMMLF).

## Memberships

Mozambique Bar Association (admitted in 2004). CACM - Center of Arbitration, Conciliation and Mediation (Arbitrator since 2002, Signed since 2002, with relevant experience in commercial arbitration as a nominated arbitrator by the parties and as Chairman of the Arbitral Tribunal). Member of the Mozambique Internationalization Committee of the Portuguese Commercial Arbitration Centre (2022 to date). Member of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) for Mozambique.

## Languages

Portuguese and English.

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## News

**MDR Advogados with 3 lawyers recognised in the Legal 500**

27.03.2025

**MDR Advogados featured in Chambers Global Legal Guide 2025 rankings**

13.02.2025

**Launch of the book 'Maritime Law of Mozambique: Collection of Legislation'**

08.10.2024

**Paula Duarte Rocha appointed member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration for Mozambique**

09.07.2024

**Paula Duarte Rocha recognised as a 'Recommended Lawyer' by Who's Who Legal: Project Finance 2024**

04.06.2024

**MDR Advogados honoured by Chambers**

15.02.2024

**WWL | Project Finance 2023**

01.01.2024

**Paula Duarte Rocha speaks at webinar on investment arbitration in Lusophony**

19.09.2023

**Conference | ESG - Trends and challenges in geographical diversity**

12.09.2023

**Paula Duarte Rocha is speaker at Paris Arbitration Week event**

28.03.2023

**Paula Duarte Rocha appointed to the CAC Commission**

28.02.2023

**MDR Advogados maintains its position in Chambers Global 2023**

16.02.2023

## Publications

**ICLG | Oil & Gas Regulation 2024 - Q&A Mozambique Chapter**

21.02.2024

**Asset management and private equity in Mozambique - Part VIII**

07.06.2023

**The Middle Eastern and African Arbitration Review 2023 - Mozambique**

27.04.2023

**Asset management and private equity in Mozambique - Part I**

30.09.2022

**Energy: Oil&Gas 2021 - Mozambique**

10.11.2021

**Doing Business in... 2021 - Mozambique**

11.08.2021

## Recognitions

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## Chambers Global

Paula Duarte Rocha - **Band 1** - Mozambique - General Business Law - 2025  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Band 1** - Mozambique - General Business Law - 2024  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Band 2** - Mozambique - General Business Law - 2023  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Band 2** - Mozambique - General Business Law - 2022  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Band 2** - Mozambique - General Business Law - 2021  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Band 2** - Mozambique - General Business Law - 2020  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Band 2** - Mozambique - General Business Law - 2019  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Band 2** - Mozambique - General Business Law - 2018  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Band 2** - Mozambique - General Business Law - 2017  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Band 2** - Mozambique - General Business Law - 2016  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Band 2** - Mozambique - General Business Law - 2015  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Band 2** - Mozambique - General Business Law - 2014

## Legal 500

Paula Duarte Rocha - **Leading Individuals** - Mozambique - Local Firms - 2025  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Leading Individuals** - Mozambique - Local Firms - 2024

## IFLR 1000

Paula Duarte Rocha - **Highly Regarded** - Energy & Infrastructure, M&A, Project Development, Banking, Project Finance - 2024  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Highly Regarded** - Energy & Infrastructure, M&A, Project Development, Banking, Project Finance - 2023  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Highly Regarded** - Energy & Infrastructure, M&A, Project Development, Banking, Project Finance - 2022  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Highly Regarded** - Energy & Infrastructure, M&A, Project Development, Banking, Project Finance - 2021  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Highly Regarded** - Energy & Infrastructure, M&A, Project Development, Banking, Project Finance - 2020  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Highly Regarded** - Energy & Infrastructure, Project development, Banking, Project finance, M&A - 2019  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Highly Regarded** - Financial & Corporate, Energy & Infrastructure - 2018  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Leading Lawyer** - Financial & Corporate, Energy & Infrastructure - 2017  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Leading Lawyer** - Financial & Corporate, Energy & Infrastructure - 2016  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Leading Lawyer** - Financial & Corporate, Energy & Infrastructure - 2015  
Paula Duarte Rocha - **Leading Lawyer** - Financial & Corporate, Energy & Infrastructure - 2014

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