



## STATEMENT

H.E. THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE  
GAMBIA

DR. ISATOU TOURAY

ON THE OCCASION OF  
55<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT

THEME:

POPULATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, IN  
PARTICULAR SUSTAINED AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC  
GROWTH

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**Mr. Chairman,**



The Government, therefore, continues to support climate-friendly agricultural initiatives, including modern farming methods to help improve the condition of women, especially, those living in poor and rural communities.

**Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,**

The Gambia also made significant strides in fulfilling the promises of Cairo, achieving the SDGs and Agenda 2063. However, significant challenges still remain. The emergence of COVID-19 pandemic is impeding these achievements in various ways.

The pandemic has exposed the vulnerability of our health care system, socioeconomic fragility, and fiscal sustainability with adverse impacts on our efforts to nurture sustained and inclusive economic growth.

The Gambia's economy is tax-based, making the economy very susceptible to shocks and the pandemic in particular has severely contracted its growth rate. In these uncertain times, diversification is seen as key to effective resource mobilization and by extension, paramount to attaining a sustained and inclusive growth.

This would require making all sectors viable and lucrative to attract hefty multilateral investments in the country. Nevertheless, through our renewed commitment to structural reforms, real GDP is projected to pick up gradually, growing by 3.2% in 2021 and 5.1% in 2022.



