
REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

STATEMENT
BY

H.E. Ms. Noemí Espinoza Madrid, Chair of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD)

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

1. Mozambique is profoundly honored to address this assembly on the occasion of the 57th Session of the CPD.

2. We commend you, Madam Chair, for the brilliant manner in which you are steering over our work. You can count on our support for the success of your Chairmanship.

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3. This session is taking place in a very important moment for the advancement of population and development agenda, as this year marks the 30th

6. 30 years have elapsed, but the people-centered development approach agreed in Cairo, continues to be valid and timely. The adoption of the Declaration on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the ICPD, by consensus, confirms its vitality.

7. With that in mind, Mozambique managed to achieve promising results in the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action, resulting in the improvement of the living standards of its people, especially in the empowerment of women, girls and young people in general

8. Our well-being and development indicators have shown noteworthy progress over the last 10 years.

◁ Maternal mortality has declined from 500 deaths in 2007 to 427 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2017.

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15. We recognize the emerging challenges and existing opportunities for acceleration, focusing on population dynamics with a view to galvanizing efforts to achieve sustainable development.

16. As a matter of fact, the ICPD goals are critical to meet the SDGs and the Africa's Agenda 2063. Those are complementary and mutually reinforcing agendas toward the much-needed people centered development.

17. We also recognize that strengthening data and statistical systems that guide decision-making on the ICPD, SDGs, financing and investments remain crucial.

18. We reiterate Mozambique's firm dedication to the cause of harnessing the demographic dividend, through strengthening data systems and prioritizing family planning and sexual and reproductive health, particularly for adolescents and young people, through free access to family planning methods in our public health system.

Madam Chair

19. As I conclude, I would like to reiterate that Mozambique stands united with the world to promote the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the ICPD Program of Action.

20. Uphold the ICPD Programm of Action

I thank you!