

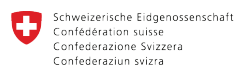


Strengthening Social Cohesion in Mozambique

CATALYSING THE YOUTH AGENCY TOWARDS RIGHTS-BASED GOVERNANCE AND ENGAGING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND SAFEGUARD CIVIC SPACE, BOTH ONLINE AND OFFLINE IN NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE

Action week for the strengthening
of Human Rights and
Development nexus

11–15 December 2023



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Abstract

The aspirations of the African Union's Agenda 2063 are for Africa to enjoy: an entrenched and flourishing culture of human rights, democracy, gender equality, inclusion and peace; prosperity, security and well-being for all citizens; and mechanisms to promote and defend the collective security and interests of the continent. To achieve these aspirations, emphasis is placed on youth agency and leadership. In this regard, Esther Kariuki states that the most important question, rooted in citizen participation, leadership and responsibility, is: What is the role of African Youth in implementing the African Union's 2063 Agenda?¹ The aspirations of the African Union's 2063 Agenda cannot be realized if the global business community

operating in Africa and Mozambique is undermining the realization of communities' rights, including the right to development, with children and youth being the most affected segments of the population. Therefore, strengthening the ability of young people to offer their unique perspectives, experiences, concerns and recommendations on company activities and their human rights ramifications is urgent.

Promoting corporate responsibility, and safeguarding human rights - as a "sine qua non" for the realization of the African Union's 2063 Agenda- requires questioning the role of the private sector and involving it to enhance civic space - the oxygen of citizens' voices, mainly of young people.

¹ <https://www.civicus.org/index.php/fr/medias-ressources/133-blogs/3187-agenda-2063-youth-taking-charge-of-africa-s-transformation>

Introduction

After intense achievements, seminars, conferences, and publications, held in each of the CDD's five pillars, namely, Democracy and Human Rights, Peace and Security, Youth Leadership and Gender Justice, Economic Justice and Fair Energy Transition, the organisation will carry out a week of reflection, engagement and mobilisation within the scope of its theory of change. This year's theme is "Catalysing youth agency and leadership for the business community to respect human rights and safeguard civic space, online and offline in Mozambique and SADC". Over the week of 11–15 December, delegates will participate in conferences, workshops, public classes and product exhibitions. The events will take place in the city of Nampula, northern Mozambique. The focus of this theme is the agency and leadership

of youth in catalyzing respect for human rights by the business community, the role of the private sector in promoting civic space, combating violent extremism, and the role of young people as human rights defenders.

Main events:

- Graduation ceremony of the Academy of Transformational Leadership (ALT);
- Symbolic Delivery of Self-Employment Kits: *"Building Resilience and Social Cohesion Through Creating Opportunities for Young People in Northern Mozambique"*;
- Business and human rights (BHR) conference; and
- Annual conference of young human rights defenders.

Day 1: Monday, 11 December Part 1: 08:30–13:00

Event: Academy of Transformational Leadership (ALT) Graduation Ceremony

After completing the first phase of training, which consisted of in-person and virtual classes, do camp and the ALT, the graduation ceremony of the second class of the ALT will be held, under the motto: "For a generation of young leaders involved in processes of civic and social transformation and democracy in Mozambique". The camp starts on 4 December and is organised in the form of workshops, sharing experiences with actors at district, provincial, national and international levels. Facilitators include

academics from several Mozambican universities, nationally and internationally recognised transformative leaders, local government officials, civil-society representatives, businesspeople and religious leaders, who will share their leadership experiences with the young leaders.

On Monday, 11 December, the public graduation ceremony will take place for the 30 young transformers selected from the provinces of Nampula, Cabo Delgado and Niassa.

Programme

Time	Activity	Intervention
08:30–09:00	Arrival and registration of participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol
09:00–09:15	Cultural moment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural group
09:15–09:30	Contextualisation and objectives of the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Adriano Nuvunga – Director of the CDD
09:30–10:00	Opening notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Mathieu – Representative of Swiss Cooperation • Her Excellency Isaúra Máquina – Administrator of Montepuez
10:00–10:30	Coffee break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol
10:30–10:50	Lecture: Cultivating good leadership: Youth agency for deepening democratic principles, values and promoting social cohesion in northern Mozambique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lusako Munyenyembe – Programme Manager, Ford Foundation
10:50–11:30	Presentation of certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lusako Munyenyembe – Programme Manager, Ford Foundation • Her Excellency Isaúra Máquina – Administrator of Montepuez • Young leaders representatives
11:30–11:45	Alumni message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALT alumni representative
11:45–12:00	Message from graduates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young leaders representative
12:00–12:15	Closing notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Adriano Nuvunga – Director of the CDD
12:15–13:00	Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol

Event: Symbolic Delivery of Self-Employment Kits:

“Building Resilience and Social Cohesion Through Creating Opportunities for Young People in Northern Mozambique”

In conflict contexts, such as that currently playing out in northern Mozambique, opportunities for young people constitute a vital pillar of economic development and the promotion of peace. Youth unemployment is well recognised as a threat to lasting peace, especially considering the assumption that a nation’s youth can be a source of instability or a fundamental actor for peace, harmony and stability.

Indeed, conflicts are generally triggered by a variety of factors and can have different impacts on societies, but, in one way or another, they harm people’s livelihoods and create deficits in decent work. If left unaddressed, these problems can lead to increased poverty, inequality and social tension, with young people being more vulnerable in such situations, while also feeling marginalised.²

The creation of employment opportunities for young people must be seen from a human rights perspective, as the possibility of having a job not only offers

financial gain, but also promotes human dignity, empowering individuals to develop their capacity for action and skills, and equipping them with the means to shape their lives and contribute positively to their communities.

In this context, as part of its youth-empowerment programme at youth hubs, the CDD will hold a ceremony to present self-employment kits to young people from the six districts covered by the Social Cohesion Programme, namely, Montepuez and Chiúre (Cabo Delgado), Angoche and Moma (Nampula), and Cuamba and Chimbunila (Niassa). After this symbolic event, the beneficiaries in each district will receive their kits. With this initiative, the CDD aims to build resilience and social cohesion among young people, while improving their livelihoods through innovative approaches to increase their access to sustainable (self-)employment opportunities through self-employment kits.

²<https://www.fao.org/3/cc0606en/cc0606en.pdf>

Programme

Entrega Simbólica dos Kits de Auto-Emprego:
Construindo a Resiliência e a Coesão Social Através da Criação de Oportunidades
para os Jovens do Norte de Moçambique

TIME	ACTIVITY	INTERVENTION
14:00–14:10	Cultural moment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Az Khinera
14:10–14:20	Contextualisation and objectives of the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Adriano Nuvunga – Director of the CDD
14:20–15:00	Opening notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of the Swiss Embassy • Mr Siphosami Malunga – Africa Programme Director, Open Society Foundation • Representative of the State Secretariat for Youth and Employment (SEJE) • Her Excellency Isaúra Máquina – Administrator of Montepuez (representing the Administrators)
15:00–15:30	Self-employment kits for Administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Adriano Nuvunga – Director of the CDD • Representative of SEJE
15:30–16:15	Intervention by Administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her Excellency Mrs Isaúra Máquina – Administrator of Montepuez • His Excellency Mr Oliveira Amimo – Administrator of Chiúre • His Excellency Mr Bernardo Alide – Administrator of Angoche • His Excellency Mr Abacar Chande – Administrator of Moma • His Excellency Mr João Júlio Manguinji – Administrator of Cuamba • His Excellency Mr Saleão Santos – Administrator of Chimbunila
16:15–16:30	Closing notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Adriano Nuvunga

Location: Hotel Milénio, City of Nampula

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Event: Conference on Business and Human Rights:
“How do we engage private sector to leverage civic space”

The United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) is a set of rules and principles created to help the State and companies respect human rights in the business environment.³ These principles are divided into three pillars or chapters. The first pillar is “Protect”, which mentions the State as the main responsible, with the duty to protect, promote and realise all human rights and fundamental freedoms. This requires taking appropriate measures to prevent, investigate, punish and redress such abuses through effective policies, legislation, regulations and judicial decisions. The second pillar, “Respect”, is the corporate responsibility to respect human rights, which means that companies must avoid infringing on the human rights of others and address adverse human rights impacts with which they are involved. The last pillar is “Access to Medicine” or “Reparation”, mentioning that the State must guarantee that, whenever there is a violation of human rights, those affected have access to effective resources.

Despite advances, human rights violations and abuses in the business context persist in Mozambique, including environmental degradation and securitisa-

tion of communities, with implications for the physical space of these communities. This covers the issue related to the right to participate in the management of natural resources and the development of communities. The lack of the third pillar, access to reparations, is evident in this context, as there are no reliable conflict resolution and reparation mechanisms for communities.

It is within this context that the CDD, in partnership with the Legal and Judiciary Training Center (CFJJ), has been implementing the project “Promotion of Human Rights in a Business Environment and Performance of the Judicial Sector in the North of Mozambique”, which aims to contribute to strengthening the action capabilities of justice providers, human rights defenders, companies and other actors in human rights matters in a business environment.

This conference aims to bring together stakeholders from civil society, the private sector and government to appreciate the progress made, the challenges that remain and future prospects. The conference will also benefit from contributions from the international community.

³ <https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/big-issues/un-guiding-principles-on-business-human-rights/>

Programme:

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08:00–08:30	Arrival and registration of participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol
08:30–08:45	Contextualisation and objectives of the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Adriano Nuvunga – Director of the CDD
08:45–09:00	Opening notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Elisa Samuel – Executive Director of the Legal and Judiciary Training Center (CFJJ) • Mr. Maurício Sulila – Representative of the Swiss Embassy
09:00–10:00	Global perspectives on the business and human rights nexus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arnold Kwesiga – Manager: Business and Human Rights Unit, Centre for Business and Human Rights at the University of Pretoria • Nigel Chidombwe – Analyst at WallBrook, Business and Human Rights Zimbabwe • Sacha Feierabend – Globalization and Human Rights Programme Officer/Programme Officer, FIDH (International Federation of Human Rights) Globalization and BHR Office • Tito Magoti – Lawyer and Programme Assistant, Business and Human Rights Tanzania • Eve Tessera – Lawyer, CARO Center (Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in the Caribbean) Regional Arbitration Center)
10:00–11:00	Local community perspectives on business and human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sismo Eduardo Muchaiabande – APAADEC (Association of Paralegals for Assistance in Supporting Sustainable Development of the Community) • Carolina Sualé – President of the Akilisethe Association
11:00–12:15	Role of Government, business and the justice sector in promoting corporate respect for human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTA Nampula Representative • Kenmare Representative • Provincial Public Prosecutor’s Office – Nampula
12:15–13:00	Debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All
13:30–13:05	Closing notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Adriano Nuvunga
13:05–14:00	Cocktail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol

Location: Hotel Milénio, City of Nampula
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Event: Young Human Rights Defenders Conference -
“Strengthening the capabilities and agency of young human rights defenders”

Young people play a crucial role in promoting human rights by challenging oppressive systems and advocating equality. However, despite their importance, young people often face attacks on their fundamental freedoms, as indicated by the CIVICUS report.⁴ The UN report⁵ highlights six categories of threats that young people face, including sociocultural barriers, financial challenges, political threats, legal obstacles, threats in the digital space, and serious physical threats. In the specific context of Mozambique in 2023, there have been alarming cases of police violence during protests, resulting in injuries, arbitrary arrests and even blindness or death of young people. These incidents contribute to a democratic setback

in the country, marked by the closure of civic space, repression of freedoms, increased social inequalities and worsening living conditions.

In response to these challenges, the Mozambique Human Rights Defenders Network (RMDDH) is organising this conference of young human rights defenders, intending to strengthen the capacity of young people to defend and protect human rights. This initiative is part of the Pro-Cívico and Human Rights project, implemented by CDD in consortium with other organisations and financed by Suomi Finland.

The event will take place in person and will feature the participation of young aspiring human rights defenders.

⁴ https://www.civicus.org/documents/reports-and-publications/annual-reports/civicus-annual-report-2020-singles_en.pdf

⁵ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/stories/2021/09/protecting-voices-young-human-rights-defenders>

Programme:

Time	Activity	Intervention	Moderator
14:00–14:30	Arrival and registration of participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protocol 	
14:45–15:00	Contextualisation and objectives of the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Adriano Nuvunga –Director of the CDD 	
15:00–15:30	Opening notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anna-Kaisa Heikkinen – Ambassador of Finland to Mozambique Provincial Youth Council, Nampula Ministry of Justice, Constitutional and Religious Affairs 	Ndanfide Sithole – CDD Human Rights Programme Manager
15:30–16:10	Global voices: Encouraging aspiring human rights defenders in Mozambique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hassan Shire - President of AfricanDefenders Southern Africa Human Rights Defenders Network Brazilian Human Rights Defender African Human Rights Defender Cídia Chissungu - Human Rights Defender from Mozambique 	Sheila Nhacale – RMDDH (Mozambican Network of Human Rights Defenders)
16:10–16:40	Voices on the ground: Young human rights defenders and aspiring human rights defenders engaged in defending human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lucília de Fátima – Human Rights Defender from Nampula Hiris Jamal – Human Rights Defender from Nampula Feliz Singano – Human Rights Defender from Nampula Mito Carvalho – Human Rights Defender from Nampula 	Ndanfide Sithole – CDD Human Rights Programme Manager
16:40–17:00	Debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	
17:00–17:15	Closing notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Adriano Nuvunga 	
17:15–17:30	Cocktail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protocol 	

Location: Hotel Milenio, City of Nampula

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