



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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ON

**AGENDA ITEM 3 (b) GENERAL DEBATE ON NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN
POPULATION MATTERS: "ASSESSING THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE FOLLOW-
UP AND REVIEW OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
DURING THE DECADE OF ACTION AND DELIVERY FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT"**

DURING

**The 57TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND
DEVELOPMENT**

AT

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Chairperson

1. Congratulations for your leadership of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development.

Chairperson

2. Kenya welcomes the timely adoption of the Political Declaration for this year's session of the Commission. This attests to our collective commitment to accelerate the implementation of the programme of action.
3. This year marks the 30th anniversary since the 1994 Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.
4. The Kenya Government reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the principles and objectives outlined in the 1994 International Conference on Population and development (ICPD) programme of action as well as the ICPD25+ Nairobi Summit commitments.

Chairperson

5. The Government of Kenya has diligently put in place and implemented robust legal framework and policies aimed at fostering sustained economic growth within the context of population and sustainable development. This concerted effort has yielded notable progress and achievements, to mention just a few:
 - a) Kenya's annual population growth rate reduced from 3.4% in 1979 to 2.2% in 2019.
 - b) Improvements in use of modern contraceptive methods among married women from 27 percent in 1993 to 57 percent in 2022.
 - c) The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) declined from 5.4 births per woman in 1993 to 3.4 births per woman in 2022.
 - d) Increase in the proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel from 43 percent in 1993 to 89 percent in 2022. and a decline in teenage pregnancy from 21 percent in 1993 to 15 percent in 2022

- e) Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Under Five Mortality has reduced from 90 and 61 to 41 and 32 respectively between 1989 and 2022.
- f) Maternal Mortality Ratio declined from 590/100,00 to 355/100,00
- g) Notable reduction in incidences and burden of communicable diseases which has led to improvement in life expectancy, with male life expectancy rising from 58 years in 2009 to 61 years in 2019 as well as an increase for females from 61 years to 67 years over the same period.

Chairperson

- 6. Kenya has experienced a significant increase in urbanization and internal migration, as evidenced by the expansion of urban areas from 139 in 1989 to 372 in 2019. Correspondingly, the urban population has surged from 3.9 million to 14.8 million during the same period. However, this accelerated urbanization, primarily driven by rural-urban migration has led to the proliferation of informal settlements.
- 7. In international **migration and development**, the Government is engaging in collaborative efforts with International Organization of Migration (IOM), United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and other development partners to protect and assist refugees and displaced persons access basic needs like food, shelter, health, education and social services.
- 8. However, prevailing challenges persist notably in the facilitation of refugee repatriation, the shortfall of funding for crucial services, the imperative task of addressing the underlying root cases, terrorism, human trafficking and exploitation.

Chairperson

- 9. In the, implementation of **gender equality, equity and empowerment of women**, notable strides have been made exemplified by increasing in the number of women in leadership and decision-making positions.

10. In the area of **Population, Education and Sustainable development**, the Government has invested in providing Free Primary Education (FPE) and Free Day Secondary Education (FDSE) which has improved gender parity in primary and secondary schools.
11. In the area of **crisis situation and emergency preparedness**, the Government has enacted the National Disaster Risk Management Act of 2021 as well as established the National Disaster Management Unit to mitigate and respond to disasters and natural hazards.
12. **Despite the progress made, Sustained Economic growth** continues to be negatively impacted due to increasing levels of poverty, inequality and unemployment, environmental degradation and negative effects of climate change.

Chairperson

13. Kenya is committed to strengthening partnerships with other countries through North-South, South-South and Triangular Collaboration. We welcome the action-oriented outcome which should build up to the Summit of the Future, Pact for the Future and the 2025 World Social Summit.

I, Thank you.