

# FIDEPA 4



## Road To **MAPUTO**

4th INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON  
PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA

July 12-15, 2023

**CITIES AND TERRITORIES IN THE PROMOTION OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY, SOCIAL INCLUSION, TO CATALYZE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**



**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

1 NO POVERTY	2 ZERO HUNGER	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	4 QUALITY EDUCATION	5 GENDER EQUALITY	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION	14 LIFE BELOW WATER	15 LIFE ON LAND	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





# CONTEXT AND RATIONALE

The International Observatory of Participatory Democracy in Africa (IOPD Africa) is an open space at the service of national governments, local governments, civil society organizations, universities and research centers that wish to deepen knowledge and practices in participatory democracy, governance and local development.

One of the Observatory's ambitions is to promote a vast community of knowledge, exchange of experiences and sharing of good practices in participatory democracy.

The city of Maputo assumes the rotating presidency of IOPD Africa and plans to organize the 4th International Forum on Participatory Democracy (FIDEPA 04).

Each IOPD Africa Forum offers a wide space for discussion, sharing of experiences, construction of new knowledge and innovations. Each one represents a real opportunity to open up to the world, to meet people and to network.

The 4th international forum is being held in a context marked by i) urban growth, ii) the global health crisis (COVID19), which has brutally reminded us of the environmental, health, security and food issues, iii) climate change, which has had a severe impact on the world and particularly in Africa, and finally iv) geopolitical conflicts, which have shown the fragility of the global food system.

The above-mentioned transformations question our habits and certainties, our relationships to others and to the environment, our ways of living, working, consuming and fulfilling ourselves.

They have also slowed humanity's march towards a better and more sustainable future for all, set out in seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## "FIDEPA is the largest meeting of participatory democracy in Africa"

Yet, since 2015, the international community has adopted different agendas for the future of the world and the well-being of the people. These are the 2030 Agenda adopted in September 2015 to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda, adopted in October 2016 in Quito, during the 3rd United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III).

In 2013, Africa had adopted "**Agenda 2063, the Africa we want**", which places people at the center of all efforts on the continent to ensure their participation in the transformation and building of more inclusive human societies. In the wake of this, the Heads of State meeting at the African Union (AU) Summit in June 2014 in Malabo adopted the African Charter of Values and Principles of Decentralization.

In this context, cities have provided responses, by launching initiatives to face up. They position themselves as spaces for implementing sustainability and resilience strategies, where communities, territorial actors and various social legitimacies, grouped around their elected authorities, ensure strong citizen participation and commitment based on participatory approaches. These initiatives have proven to be powerful levers for sustainability and resilience in response to multifaceted crises.

The Maputo International Forum proposes to discuss the global theme: "**cities and territories in the promotion of local democracy, social inclusion, to catalyze the achievement of sustainable development goals**".



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# WHERE AND WHEN ?

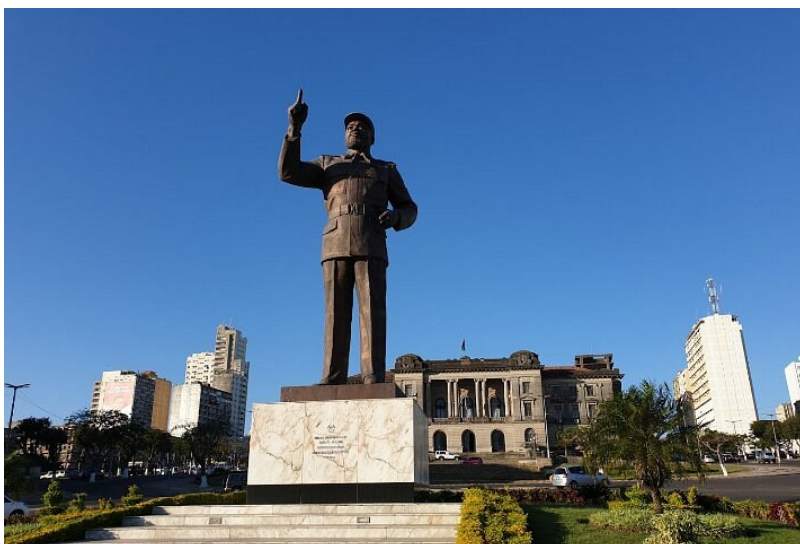
The 4th International Forum on Participatory Democracy in Africa will take place on **July 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2023**, at the Joaquim Chissano International Conference Center in Maputo, Mozambique.

Maputo is the capital of Mozambique, the seat of power for state and government institutions and is the country's largest financial, business and commercial center. It is located in the extreme south of Mozambique and has an estimated population of 1,088,000, distributed over a land area of 347.69 km<sup>2</sup>, from the municipal district of KaTembe to the Chiango district (KaMavota) from south to north and from the Inhaca Island (KaNyaka district) to the Infulene Valley (KaMubukwane district), from east to west.

It borders the province of Maputo to the north, south and west and is bathed by the Indian Ocean to the east, where the island of Inhaca is located.

Maputo is known for its wide avenues lined with acacias and lilac jacarandas, and according to Lonely Planet, "Maputo is one of the most attractive African capital cities". Administratively, without prejudice to the services of the State Representation in the City of Maputo, the territory is managed by the Municipal Council of Maputo, whose Government is elected by universal suffrage.

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# OBJECTIVES AND FORMAT

## Objectives of the Forum

The 4th International Forum (FIDEPA 4), focused on the SDGs, aims to discuss the **role of participatory democracy in sustainable development in cities and territories**. It will be a very important event for :

1

Drawing up a panorama of experiences in Africa and in the world

2

Exchanging on the achievements and challenges of the experiences already carried out

3

Advocacy for the promotion and mainstreaming of the practice of participatory democracy, and highlighting the mobilizing role that women and youth can play



## Format, focus and themes

The work will be organized in plenary sessions, based on presentations by experts, elected officials and resource persons, followed by debates and workshops that will be held simultaneously. The last day will be dedicated to the adoption of a final declaration (MAPUTO 2023) and a roadmap that will be shared with the authorities, development partners and all stakeholders in the ecosystem of decentralization, governance and local development.

The work will be organized around four themes.





# THEMES AND SUBTHEMES



## Theme 1: Social inclusion, gender, youth and participatory democracy

- Sub-theme 1: Leadership of women and youth
- Sub-theme 2: Economic empowerment of women and youth



## Theme 2: Post Covid-19 resilience and participatory democracy

- Sub-theme 3: Food security, agriculture, transportation
- Sub-theme 4: Economy, tourism and economic, social and cultural rights



## Theme 3: Climate change and participatory democracy

- Sub-theme 5: Resilient infrastructure, informal settlements
- Sub-theme 6: Energy and Safe Housing



## Theme 4: Conflicts, decentralized cooperation and participatory democracy

- Sub-theme 7: Partnership and decentralized cooperation
- Sub-theme 8: Conflicts, culture and roles of local authorities



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## PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 4TH FIDEPA

	Wednesday, July 12th	Thursday, July 13th	Friday, July 14th	Saturday, July 15th
09:00 - 11:00	Registration	High level panel	High level panel	Tourist Visit
11:00 - 11:30	Opening - Welcome Remarks and Speeches	Pause	Pause	
11:30 - 14:00		Conference 2 : Post Covid-19 resilience and participatory democracy  Parallel Workshops	Conference 4: Conflict, cooperation and participatory democracy  Parallel Workshops	
14:00 - 15:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
15:00 - 17:30	Conference 1: Social inclusion, gender, youth and participatory democracy  Parallel Workshops	Conference 3: Climate change and participatory democracy  Parallel Workshops	General Assembly (on invitation)  4th FIDEPA closing ceremony	Tourist Visit
19:00 - 21:00	Dinner	Dinner		

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