



Rwanda National Statement to the 57th Session of the Commission on Population and Development

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Madam Chair,

I am pleased to deliver this statement on behalf of Rwanda.

We wish to begin by thanking you and the members of the Bureau for your leadership and tireless effort in seeking a consensual outcome.

Madam Chair,

In view of the current session of CPD57, it is important to look back into the lifetime of ICPD@30 as we assess the progress made and the challenges encountered.

Firstly, Rwanda renews its unwavering commitment to advancing the ICPD Programme of Action as it is clearly embedded into the Rwanda Vision 2050 that follows principles of sustainable development and inclusive growth.

Rwanda recognizes that sustainable development is contingent upon demographic shifts as they continue to shape our future. We fully understand that population trends, including growth rates and age structures, profoundly influence socio-economic development and sustainability. Rwanda underscores the importance of integrating the ICPD programme of Action into national policies and strategies and promoting investments in young people to harness the demographic dividend.

Secondly, over the past decade, Rwanda has achieved remarkable strides in critical domains such as child and adolescent health, maternal and newborn care, and reproductive health. Noteworthy advancements include a significant increase in modern contraceptive usage, rising from 48% in 2014/15 to 58% in 2020, and a decline in the maternal mortality ratio from 476 in 2010 to 203 in 2019/20. Child mortality has also dropped from 50 in 2020 to 45 in 2019/20.

Considering the already demonstrated commitment to the realization of the ICPD Programme of Action, we reaffirm our commitment to achieve SDG 3.7 by 2030.

Thirdly, Rwanda has demonstrated a robust dedication to the generation of population data, exemplified by its consistent backing of the Population and Housing Census