

**CONFERENCE ON DEMOCRACY**

**Maputo, 24 May 2017**

**Hotel VIP Maputo, Av. 25 de Setembro**

**PROGRAMME**

08.00-8.25 **ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

08.30-09.00 **WELCOME ADDRESS**

Carlos Shenga, V-Dem (Varieties of Democracy) Regional Manager for Lusophone Africa, and Director, Centre for Research on Governance and Development;

Carl Henrik Knutsen, Professor, University of Oslo, V-Dem (Varieties of Democracy) Institute Representative and Project Manager

Tina Hennecken Andrade, Resident Representative, Freidrich Ebert Foundation, Mozambique

09.00-10.30 **INTRODUCTION TO THE VARIETIES OF DEMOCRACY (V-DEM) PROJECT**

* New approach to data collection and methodology
* Why use statistical methods and cross-national data sets?

Carl Henrik Knutsen, Professor, University of Oslo and V-Dem (Varieties of Democracy) Institute Representative and Project Manager

10.30-10.45 **COFFEE BREAK**

10.45-12.30 **USING V-DEM DATA FOR RESEARCH**

* How to use V-Dem Data for your own research
* Introduction to the V-Dem Online Analysis Tool
* How V-Dem data can be used to track and monitor progress of SDG16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions)

Natália Stepanova, Operations and Outreach Manager, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg

12.30-13.30 **LUNCH BREAK**

13.30-15.00 **PANEL 1: DEMOCRACY AND POLITICAL COMMUNICATONS**

* **Defending Democracy in Mozambique**

Dr. Carlos Shenga, Centre for Research on Governance and Development

* **Political Communication and Cyber Citizenship: A Challenge for Mozambican Democracy?**

Dr. Celestino Joanguete, Lecturer, Eduardo Mondlane University

**Moderador:**Carl Henrik Knutsen, Professor, University of Oslo and V-Dem (Varieties of Democracy) Institute Representative and Project Manager

15.00-15.15 **COFFEE BREAK**

15.15-17.00 **PANEL 2: TRANSFORMATION AND PROTESTS: CURRENT CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**

This panel aims at analyze the current tendencies of democracy in Southern Africa. It will look at the root causes of societal conflicts and reflect on possible entry points for democratic change.

* Como é que a base de dados do V-Dem pode ajudar a analisar o estado actual da democracia e orientar políticas públicas e prática democrática na região?
* What economic, social and political tendencies can be observed in the SADC Region?
* What are the main drivers of social conflicts and uprisings and how do governments react to expressions of discontent?
* What does this mean for the democratic process in the region?
* How can V-Dem data help to analyze the current state of democracy and to orient public policies and democratic practice in the region?

Dr. Nicolas Pons-Vignon, Director of Corporate Strategy and Industrial Development (CSID) research project, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Dr. Gladys Mokhawa, Political Science Senior Lecturer, University of Botswana

Dr. Zefanias Matsimbe, Lecturer, Eduardo Mondlane University

**Moderador:** Delton Muianga, Program Manager, Freidrich Ebert Foundation, Mozambique

17.00-17.20 **CLOSING REMARKS**

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