

Good afternoon

Portugal, both at national and international level, is committed with ICPD + Agendas as well as the fulfillment of human rights, namely sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for all, as well as the 2030 Agenda.

Regarding 2030 Agenda, Portugal has presented this year in New York his second Voluntary National Review (VNR). This halfway exercise through the implementation of the 2030 Agenda ended up providing a unique opportunity to go beyond the actions to accelerate SDG implementation.

Throughout this process, the Portuguese government has adopted a new inter-institutional mechanism.

The coordination of the 2030 Agenda now sits at the heart of the Governments activity, the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

At external and national levels, public policies have been gradually incorporating this global Agenda.

For Example, at **external level**:

Last year, Portugal approved its 2030 Portuguese Development Cooperation Strategy.

Sectoral priorities are organised according to the “5 P’s” of the 2030 Agenda and substantiate the contribution of each priority to the SDG.

Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls became crosscutting priorities for our programming and UNFPA is a traditional and strategic partner of Portuguese Cooperation.

Human development is the central thematic focus of the Portuguese Development Cooperation.

Capacity development and Social protection, social inclusion and decent work are priority sectors within the work with partner countries together with Civil Society Organizations.

At national level, significant steps were taken towards aligning high-level planning instruments with the 2030 Agenda.

Furthermore, the “leave no one behind” principle stands out as a crosscutting concern.

Portugal has in recent years been strengthening legislation and creating policy measures to promote equality and non-discrimination, such as:

National Strategies for:

- Combating Poverty
- Equality and Non-Discrimination
- Integration of Persons with Disabilities
- Integration of Roma Communities
- Combat Racism and Discrimination, among others

Finally, in this endeavor, Portugal is drafting a National Roadmap for Sustainable Development 2030.

This Roadmap will focus on four areas:

1. Monitoring mechanisms based on a set of targets and indicators adapted to the national context;
2. Adopt a strategic framework for sustainable development
3. Coherence of public policies,
4. Increasing levels of knowledge and ownership of the 2030 Agenda.

The drafting and implementation of our Roadmap is committed with an inclusive approach at the whole-of-government and whole-of-society levels. It will be launch next year.

Thank you.