



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

TALKING NOTES

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ADVANCING PEACE, JUSTICE AND INSTITUTIONS
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**Panel 3: The way forward: Leveraging SDG 16 to
accelerate progress on shared priorities in line with
the Pact for the Future and other multilateral
agreements and processes**

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**Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Distinguished Speakers,**

1. Mozambique extends its sincere gratitude to the Permanent Mission of Italy, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) for organizing this 6th Global Conference on SDG 16 - a timely gathering that comes at a critical juncture in our collective pursuit of the 2030 Agenda.
2. We stand at a pivotal moment with merely five years remaining to realize our shared global commitments. In this context, we wish to underscore the fundamental importance of SDG 16 in our sustainable development architecture.
3. The interdependence of the Sustainable Development Goals demands our collective recognition that peace, justice, and strong institutions are not peripheral

aspirations, but essential foundations for meaningful progress.

4. However, we must candidly acknowledge the current challenges: violence is escalating, institutional trust is diminishing, and access to justice remains elusive for too many. In this context, allow me to share some reflections on how SDG 16 can be leveraged more effectively at the international level:

For Mozambique, SDG 16 represents a critical pathway to:

- Anchoring conflict prevention strategies.
- Reinforcing multilateral cooperation.
- Centering human rights and the rule of law in global discourse.
- Transforming justice systems to be more accessible and transparent, particularly in fragile contexts.

We emphasize three critical imperatives:

- i. **First**, sustainable financing must be intrinsically linked to SDG 16. Investment in governance, peacebuilding, and institutional resilience is not a discretionary expense, but a fundamental necessity.

- ii. **Second**, we must urgently address the rising number of civilian casualties in conflict zones. Multilateralism must be our primary instrument for negotiating peaceful resolutions and supporting member states.
 - iii. **Third**, we must recommit to the principles articulated in the Pact for the Future—recognizing that peace, justice, and inclusion are not optional luxuries, but essential prerequisites for sustainable development.
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- 5. This conference and other planned global processes provide us with invaluable opportunities to assess our progress and recalibrate our strategies and reinvigorate our collective commitment to the 2030 Agenda.
 - 6. Let us approach this moment with decisive collective action, guided by the urgency and potential of our shared global vision.

I thank you.