Democracy and Economic Inclusion in Mozambique: understanding prospects in the context of the past

Conference Agenda

Wednesday 20 June 2018
10.00 – 17.00

Significant economic transformation seems to be within reach for Mozambique, as the promise of revenues from future liquefied natural gas production may bring new development opportunities, effective governance allowing. Yet economic growth that was achieved in the years after the end of Mozambique’s civil war was not inclusive and poverty reduction was not commensurate. While two thirds of the population are too young to remember the civil war, this history continues to influence political events and decision-making as the country’s democratic transition continues.

This conference will shed light on how the history of Mozambique’s politics and international relations influence decisions and outcomes today. It will examine how such legacies, including past and current relations with Central and Eastern Europe, inform efforts to address key policy priorities of bridging the geographical, partisan, and social divides in the country. The first half of the conference will examine the past, and the second half will be forward looking, examining future political, economic and development prospects.

Registration
09.30 – 10.00

Welcome
10.00 – 10.15
Alex Vines, Director, Area Studies and International Law; Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House
HE Filipe Chidumo, High Commissioner of the Republic of Mozambique to the United Kingdom

Book Launch: A Short History of Mozambique
10.15 – 11.15
Malyn Newitt, Author, A Short History of Mozambique
Discussant
Joe Hanlon, Visiting Fellow, Open University
Chair: Christopher Cramer, Professor of the Political Economy of Development, Department of Development Studies, SOAS

Historical and Diversifying International Relations: Post-Socialist Legacies and Relations with Central and Eastern Europe
11.15 – 12.30
Mozambique in World Politics: From Natural Allies to Partners of Cooperation
António Matonse, Chairman, 25 Investments and Consultancy
East Germany – Mozambique Linkages: (Post-) Socialist Citizenship
Tanja Müller, Senior Lecturer in Development Studies, School of Environment, Education and Development, University of Manchester
Polish Relations with Lusophone Africa
Marek Rohr-Garztecki, Ambassador ad Personam, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to UNEP and UN Habitat
The Role of Post-Socialist Legacies for Current International Relations
Stefan Cibian, Academy Associate, Chatham House; Author, Central and Eastern Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa: Prospects for Sustained Re-engagement (Skype)
Chair: Bob Dewar, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House
Lunch
12.30 – 13.30

Mozambique’s Political and Economic Prospects
13.30 – 15.00
Mozambique’s Economic Outlook
Victor Lopes, Senior Economist, Standard Chartered Bank

Building Transparency and Accountability
Adriano Nuvunga, Professor of Political Science, Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo

Prospects for Lasting Peace
Alex Vines, Director, Area Studies and International Law; Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House
Chair: Carlos Lopes, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Coffee Break
15.00 – 15.30

Emerging Security Threats in Northern Mozambique
15.30 – 16.30

The Current Situation in Cabo Delgado
Zenaida Machado, Researcher, Human Rights Watch

Countering New Threats in Northern Mozambique
Eric Morier-Genoud, Lecturer, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queens University Belfast

Chair: Alex Vines, Director, Area Studies and International Law; Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Closing: Democracy and Economic Inclusion in Mozambique
16.30 – 17.00

Carlos Lopes, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House
Chair: Alex Vines, Director, Area Studies and International Law; Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Reception
17.00 – 18.00