

Conference

FROM AID TO PARTNERSHIPS: SUPPORTING HEALTH AND INVESTING IN MOZAMBIQUE'S FUTURE

4 November 2026
09:30 – 12:00

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The international development cooperation system has undergone a phase of profound transformation, marked by reduced funding from traditional donors, shifting geopolitical priorities, and a growing need to identify more sustainable partnership models. The crisis in international aid has particularly hit the global health cooperation, making it urgent to promote synergies among public institutions, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector, emphasizing approaches capable of ensuring sustainability and local ownership.

Relations between Italy and Mozambique have traditionally been strong also thanks to an active presence of Italian cooperation actors working on several cooperation projects, including in the health sector. The African country is among the priority countries of the Mattei Plan, Italy's flagship initiative towards Africa. Within the framework of the Mattei Plan, Italian cooperation can make a significant contribution, in synergy with EU initiatives such as the Global Gateway, to development cooperation by leveraging the role of all the Italian actors and promoting strategic partnerships between public and private stakeholders. An approach based on closer coordination among actors and collaboration with Mozambican institutions can foster more effective interventions that respond to the country's priorities, serving as a model for future cooperation initiatives.

The event on the 4th November, co-organized by the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and the Italian Embassy in Mozambique, aims to foster a discussion among representatives of institutions, international organizations, academia, and development practitioners. The meeting will also offer an opportunity to discuss the prospects of health cooperation between Italy and Mozambique within the framework of the Mattei Plan, with a particular focus on opportunities to strengthen dialogue and synergies among key cooperation actors.

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9:30-10:00	REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS
10:00-10:15	WELCOME REMARKS GABRIELE ANNIS , Ambassador of Italy to Mozambique, Maputo MICHELE VALENSISE , President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome
10:15-11:00	I PANEL STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEM RESILIENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE: LESSONS FROM BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION
Panelists	MARIANNA LUNARDINI , Research Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome ILARIA ZAVARESCO , Research Fellow, Sapienza University of Rome (<i>online</i>) GONZALO FANJUL , Policy and Development Director, ISGlobal - Barcelona Institute for Global Health ANDES CHIVANGUE , Research Fellow, Nweti, Maputo EDUARDO SAMO GUDO , Director, National Institute for Health, Maputo NOORJEHAN ABDUL MAJID , Director, DREAM Sant'Egidio, Maputo
Moderator	LAURA PORCELLATO , Health Expert, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), Maputo
11:00-11:10	COFFEE BREAK
11:10-11:55	II PANEL DISCUSSING THE NEXT STEPS: THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS IN SUPPORTING THE HEALTH SYSTEM IN MOZAMBIQUE
Panelists	MAXIM BERDNIKOV , Senior Fund Portfolio Manager, The Global Fund (<i>online</i>) THIERRY VINCENT , Senior Country Manager, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (<i>online</i>) TUMAINI MALENGA-DUCHOSLAVOVÁ , Health Systems and Policy Researcher, Lilongwe MARK TROGER , Director of the Office of Foreign Assistance, US Embassy, Maputo JOSÉ MANUEL , Director Planification and Cooperation, Ministry of Health of Mozambique, Maputo GIORGIA GELFI , Country Representative, Doctors with Africa CUAMM, Maputo
Moderator	LORENZO VAI , First Secretary, Embassy of Italy to Mozambique, Maputo
11:55-12:00	CONCLUDING REMARKS MARIANNA LUNARDINI , Research Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome LIGHT LUNCH TO FOLLOW