

WELCOME REMARKS BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL NCPD Dr. MOHAMED SHEIKH DURING THE WORLD POPULATION DAY CELEBRATIONS 2024 AT SAROVA PANAFRIC HOTEL IN NAIROBI ON 31ST JULY 2024,

Our Chief Guest, Mr James Muhati CBS, Principal Secretary State Department for Economic Planning,

Chairman, National Council for Population and Development (NCPD) Dr. Julius Karangi

Ms Shaheen Nilofer, Country Director UNICEF,

Mr. Paul Makwinja- International Operations Management UNFPA

Senior Government Representatives,

Development Partners

Civil Society Organisations

Distinguished Guests,

1. I am delighted to welcome you all for this year's World Population day celebrations. This year we postponed our national celebration due factors beyond our control and thus the change of date from the initial date of 11th of July.
2. This year, I am pleased to report that with the support from our partners we were able to hold world population day in various Counties including Marsabit, Mandera, Isiolo, Nandi, West Pokot, Narok, Kisumu, Nyamira, Uasin Gishu, Kakamega, Nyeri, Nakuru.
3. The senior management also participated in media talk-shows and interviews across the mainstream media such as KBC and several community radio stations around the country.
4. This enabled us to reach out to more Kenyans and have candid discussions about data in relation to population issues.
5. Going forward, we will be focusing on such activities including social media to celebrate international days and engage Kenyans on population and development.

Today, I am pleased that my Chairman is here and our PS is also with us. Thus I will not pre-empt their words of wisdom and water down their messages today.

Now, let me call upon my team to share some insights on adolescent situation in Kenya before we proceed to other activities planned today.

Thank you.