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Eight municipalities will have citizens lists

Approval of candidates for 8 citizen associations, 10 parties and 3 coalitions was announced this morning (18 August) by the National Elections Commission (CNE). Citizens lists will stand in 8 municipalities: Beira, Maputo city, Marracuene, Matola, Mocimboa da Praia, Nacala Porto, Nampula and Quelimane. Two citizens associations have lists in more than one municipality: the Association of Informal Workers of Mozambique (ASTIMO) in Maputo city, Matola, Marracuene, and Beira and the Association for Child and Youth Development in the Community (ACRIAJUDA) in Beira and Quelimane. This gives a total of 12 citizens lists, the largest in Mozambican electoral history, compared to just five in 2018 (none of whom are standing this year). In general, the lists appear to represent younger voters.

The eight associations are

ACRIAJUDA (Beira and Quelimane) - Association for Child and Youth Development in the Community
ADEMO (Beira) - Association of Mozambican Disabled People
ANAJD (Matola) - National Association of Assistance to Juvenile Delinquents
ASO (Nacala Porto) - Olompa Association
ASTIMO (Maputo, Matola, Marracuene & Beira) Association of Informal Workers of Mozambique
CIDADÃOS (Quelimane) - Citizens of Mozambique Association
KÓXUKHURO (Nampula) - Friends of Amurrane Association for a Better Mozambique
UMODJA (Mocimboa da Praia) - Association of Natives and Friends of Mocímboa da Praia

And the eight municipalities are

Beira ACRIAJUDA, ADEMO and ASTIMO
Maputo city ASTIMO
Marracuene ASTIMO
Matola ANAJD and ASTIMO
Mocimboa da Praia UMODJA
Nacala Porto ASO
Nampula KÓXUKHURO
Quelimane ACRIAJUDA and CIDADÃOS

CNE had to check 69,432 documents

The 21 proponents in the 65 municipalities had a total of 249 lists approved by the CNE, which had to consider 69,432 documents from candidates. In total, there will be 7,775 male and 3,792 female candidates.

Ten proponents which had registered with the CNE did not register candidates. Two submitted their lists after the official deadline and 2 citizens lists and 6 parties did not submit candidates lists.

Details are given in the [CNE deliberation](#) and its [press statement](#).

The three national parties are standing in all 65 municipalities: **Frelimo**, **MDM** and **Renamo**.

New Democracy (**ND**), the main new contender, is standing in 14 municipalities.

The Action Party of the United Movement for All-round Salvation (**Amusi**) is standing in 6 municipalities, 5 in Nampula and in Chiure in the South of Cabo Delgado.

The Democratic Alliance Coalition (**CAD**) is standing in 6 municipalities.

Other parties and coalitions are standing in fewer municipalities:

Movement of Reconciliation of Mozambique (**MRM**, 3 municipalities)

Humanitarian Party of Mozambique (**PAHUMO**, 3)

Party for the Development of Mozambique (**PDM**, 3)


Electoral Union Coalition (**UE**, 3)

Hope of the People Coalition (**E-POVO**, 2)

Party for the Progress of the Mozambican People (**PPPM**, 1)

Green Party of Mozambique (**PVM**, 1)

Maputo City will have the most lists competing (12), followed by Nampula (9), Beira and Nacala Porto (8), and Matola (7).

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