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Mr. Wordofa, a national of Ethiopia, brings to UNFPA over 28 years of successful experience providing strategic leadership, advocacy and programme development, managing operations in complex and challenging environments, and promoting peace and social justice in Africa. He represented international organizations at high-level fora, including various strategic networks, alliances, governments, donors and non-governmental organizations.

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