

## **Joaquim Alberto Chissano** **President of Mozambique**

Joaquim Alberto Chissano was born on Oct. 22, 1939. He attended university in Portugal and France.

Mr. Chissano joined Frelimo, the Liberation Front of Mozambique, in 1962 and held several senior positions. He was Prime Minister in Mozambique's transitional government from 1974 to 1975 and Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1975 to 1986.

Mr. Chissano was chosen to become President of Mozambique in 1986 after the death of his predecessor, Samora Machel. In 1994, he was elected in the country's first multi-party democratic elections and was re-elected in 1999.

Mr. Chissano is married and has four children.