

“Building the nexus between Climate Change, Family Planning (FP), Reproductive Health (RH) and Population, Environment & Development (PED)”

We, the delegates of the #CountDownToGlasgow COP 26: Putting Africa at the heart of COP26 Conference, attending the BUILD side event on **14th July 2021** at the Sheraton Hotel, Abuja, Nigeria:

Recognizing that the African governments have a common interest in achieving sustainable development and combatting climate change shocks as espoused in Agenda 2063 and various climate intervention strategies such as AU Regional Climate Change and the Climate for Development in Africa Initiative;

Acknowledging that there is a strong nexus between population dynamics, the health of the people, environment, climate action and development;

Identifying that current population, environment, climate action and development policies and institutional frameworks operate in silos;

Recognizing that the multifaceted Population, Environment, climate change and Development challenges require integrated cross-sectoral solutions in order to realize synergistic successes;

Appreciating that Family Planning and Reproductive Health are essential considerations in development planning and therefore climate action, and particularly implementation of Paris Agreement and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);

Acknowledging imperativeness by Governments, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector players, Development Partners and Communities to adopt and promote the integrated FP/RH and PED approach in development programming for sustainable development;

Therefore, agree and recommend to the African Governments to:

1. Include integrated FP/RH and PED approaches in climate action, NDCs implementation and international Dialogue processes, including, and not limited to UNFCCC-led negotiations
2. Adopt integrated PED approaches in harnessing climate change interventions such as adaptation and resilience building, mitigation, technology transfer and deployment and finance provision;
3. Promote cross-sectoral collaboration and partnerships for PED approaches and rally the call towards joint coordination and financing of FP/RH and PED interventions; and
4. Promote meaningful participation of Women and Youth in cross-sectoral integrated PED policy and programming in order to enhance their economic and decision-making capacity;



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