



NIGERIAN CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (NCS DN) POST 2015 AGENDA.

THE IBADAN POST 2015 DECLARATION

Nigerian Climate and Sustainable Development Network (NCS DN) A Network with over thirty membership across Nigeria met at Ibadan, Oyo State during the Post Doha & Post 2015 Agenda National consultative and mainstreaming Gender and reproductive Health in the climate change Adaptation held from 25th – 26th April 2013 at Pentonrise Events Centre, Awolwo Roundabout, old Bodija Ibadan, Oyo State, organized jointly by PACJA and NCS DN. The aim was to exchange information on how the Post-2015 Agenda discussions are progressing in Africa and Nigeria in particular, as well as underlining the urgency and importance of environmental sustainability and responses to climate change in the Beyond-2015 Framework. Mainstreaming Gender and reproductive Health in the climate change Adaptation projects in Nigeria.

At the United Nations Rio+20 Summit, world leaders committed themselves “*to ensure the promotion of economically, socially and environmentally sustainable future for our planet and for present and future generations*”. Sharing this vision, African Civil Society Organizations demand world leaders to take immediate and bold decisions as well as actions that are necessary to secure the future we want for all

The year 2015 will be critical for the planet and for future generations as it marks the moment of transition from Millennium Development Goals to anticipated Sustainable Development Goals. Achieving successful negotiation of a global climate deal, together with the adoption of radical sustainable development goals, will provide a significant breakthrough. We are calling on world leaders to provide the requisite global leadership and not to condemn the developing world to a disastrous situation. It is time for our leaders to stand with the people and make decisions that are responsive to their collective aspirations.

Mindful of the need to ensure the increased awareness and participation of all stakeholders in the ongoing Beyond-2015 consultation processes, we call for the improvement of opportunities for engagement at all levels to enable the priorities of vulnerable, indigenous, and local communities to be integrated in the next development agenda. As Civil Society, we dedicate ourselves to contributing to achieve qualitative and quantitative output.

Notably for Nigeria, poverty is linked to various factors such as, poor education, illiteracy weak governance, impacts of climate change etc. As a consequence, pathways for vested interest on resources and insatiable greed have been opened. Without major changes in developed countries' unsustainable lifestyles, production and consumption patterns, efforts for eradication of poverty will still be undermined. Inevitably, the poorest and most vulnerable, including women and indigenous groups, will suffer more if governments fail to act.

We therefore:

1. Recommend that the Beyond-2015 sustainable development agenda be underpinned by the principle of polluter pays, common but differentiated responsibilities with respective capabilities, equity and climate Justice. All countries should be required to make a contribution towards the achievement of a more sustainable world, with actions based on levels of consumption, low carbon development pathways, abilities to adapt to the effects of climate change as well as to reduce risks and respond to disasters.
2. Demand access to appropriate and affordable clean technologies. Such technology should be consistent with international best practice standards as well as promoting the use of renewable energy, consider and support home-grown and indigenous technology.
3. Express our deep concern with regards to the impacts of climate change, a global catastrophe. We are facing a real climate crisis especially given current rate of environmental degradation and related destructive practices. We therefore see a world in conflict on natural resources everywhere. The Beyond-2015 framework will not succeed if there is no consideration of local realities;
4. Reiterate that the livelihoods of the developing countries' people mostly depend on small scale farming, pastoralism and access to safe water. We consider malnutrition and inadequate access to water as 21st century crimes against humanity. It is therefore time to shorten the development mile: food, education, and health and empowerment mile.

5. Note that the prevailing models of economic development are characterized by wasteful consumption habits which place undue pressure on sustainable management of natural resources including protection of biodiversity. We therefore call for a shift from wanton exploitation of resources to sustainability.

Considering the current situation, the Beyond-2015 framework must address, putting as priority poverty eradication and climate change adaptation and mitigation, by targeting the following

1. Combating hunger, ensuring food security and nutrition;
2. Improved access to safe and wholesome water supply as well as adequate sanitation;
3. Promoting sustainable water resource management;
4. Access to quality education and health services;
5. Promoting gender equality and empowerment of women, youth and vulnerable groups;
6. Equitable and universal access to social services and social protection;
7. Reducing vulnerability and promoting resilience, including to the impacts of climate change;
8. Proper utilization and integrated natural resource management;
9. Creating decent employment opportunities; 10. Access to green and clean energy;
11. Ensuring favorable access to, and transfer of environmentally sound technologies, including for climate change adaptation and mitigation; and
12. Fostering peace and security.

Government and regional institutions should ensure appropriate mechanisms are put in place for the development, validation and implementation of comprehensive trans-boundary, regional and national sustainable development action plans. In addition, government's budgetary processes relating to sustainable development programmes should be transparent and participatory and uphold the principle of good governance

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