

RESOLUTIONS OF THE REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON POPULATION, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (PHE)

**SIGNED ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT THE IMPERIAL GOLF VIEW
HOTEL, ENTEBBE, UGANDA**

The symposium made the following resolutions, which will be implemented by both state and non-state actors:

We, the delegates of the Regional Symposium on Population, Health and Environment held on 27th to 28th September 2017, at the Imperial Golf View Hotel, Entebbe in the Republic of Uganda;

Recognizing that the Eastern Africa Partner States have a shared heritage and a common interest in achieving sustainable development;

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

Recognizing that the multifaceted Population, Health and Environment challenges require integrated multi-sectoral solutions in order to realize synergistic successes

Noting that the implementation of PHE initiatives was approved by 11th Sectoral Council of Ministers for Lake Victoria Basin and the 28th Ordinary Meeting of the EAC Council of Ministers as a Multi-Sectoral mechanism of addressing inter-linked population, health, environmental and broader development challenges;

Cognizant that EAC region has developed a regional Population, Health and Environment (PHE) Strategic Plan with its operational tools such as the minimum package and the training manual that guides PHE Policy and Programming by state and non-state actors

Acknowledging that it is imperative that Governments, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector players, Development Partners and all Communities adopt and promote the integrated Population, Health and Environment (PHE) approach in development programming for sustainable development;

Therefore, agree and recommend for action by Governments, Civil Society Organizations, Development Partners, Academic Institutions, Faith Based Institutions, Local Indigenous Communities, Private Sector and the EAC as appropriate to:

1. Identify and prioritize modalities for mainstreaming PHE into local, sub-national and national level policies, strategies and institutional frameworks;
2. Adopt appropriate digital technological innovations to improve PHE Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluation at all levels;
3. Establish governance structures on PHE at National, Sub national and Local levels;
4. Develop and strengthen the institutional and technical capacity of state, non-state actors, and grassroots communities to implement integrated PHE activities at all levels;
5. Promote cross-sectoral collaboration and partnerships for PHE and rally the call towards joint coordination and financing of PHE interventions;
6. Promote meaningful participation of Women, Youth, People with Disability, indigenous local communities in PHE Programming in order to enhance their economic and decision-making capacity;
7. Propagate for adoption of the PHE Approach as a key strategy for implementation of the post 2015 agenda or Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), promoting Climate Change Adaptation initiatives; and for achieving youth and demographic dividend.
8. Adopt and integrate Knowledge Management and Communication strategies, approaches, and products that support PHE practice, policies, and advocacy. into PHE processes to sustainably influence change in attitudes, behavior and policy at all levels;
9. Mobilize resources and conduct scientific research on the value addition of the PHE approach and its comparative advantage;
10. Define clear indicators of PHE integration for national and sub-national level programming;