

GANTA YOUTH DECLARATION OF LIBERIA'S NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION (NDC)

NDC YOUTH DIALOGUE- 2020



Preamble

Whereas, we representatives representing a cross section of youth from Liberia's 15 sub-political divisions, commit to build on the legacy of our existing cooperation and pave the way for its sustainable future through an enhanced framework for climate action.

Whereas, we recognise with appreciation the financial, moral and institutional support from the Climate Action Enhancement Package(CAEP) through the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Partnership, the Government of Liberia through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Liberia and its partners: Conservation International (CI), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Liberia, and the European Union(EU));

Whereas, we as young people take keen interest in our inclusion and broad based participation and involvement in the full implementation of Liberia's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) as well as increasing climate actions;

Whereas, we have assessed Liberia's NDC including recommended sectors for the revision process;

Whereas, youth needs and demands are imperative in the design of the NDC and implementation of climate actions;

Whereas, youth inclusion, participation and involvement in raising climate ambitions for country's NDC implementation is cardinal;

Whereas, inclusive youth participation will facilitate national ownership.

This Declaration, which we address to the Government of Liberia, the United Nations, European Union and other International partners and institutions gathered at the NDC Youth Dialogue, is the fruit of active discussions among the 84 youth

representatives participating in the Youth Dialogue. It builds on the past decades of National Youth Cooperation within the framework of elevating the voices of Youth and Students across Liberia in national process such as the revision process of Liberia's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

In this context, we recognise that many national efforts have been achieved, but we need to harness our collective energies to take frantic efforts towards raising our climate ambition as a country and people. We see ourselves as forerunners and strategic partners in driving sustainable development. Some of the drivers and instruments are: African Union 2063 Agenda, "Investing in Youth and harnessing the Youth Demographic Dividend", the UN SDGs 2023 attainment, the Pro Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD), and the Action for Climate Empowerment(ACE) national and global platform.

Investing in youth is a prerequisite for building a sustainable future in Liberia and anywhere in the world. To achieve this, we must collectively work to overcome the issues preventing progress within our interconnected societies, and communities throughout Liberia. It requires support to and the advancement of Environmental Education, Awareness, and Research for and with the involvement of young people and the six objectives of the Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE). Inclusiveness of young people in the NDC process cannot be overemphasized.

We the youth of Liberia, representing the interest of a significant percentage of Liberia's 4.5 million people (Youth) from across the 15 political sub-divisions of Liberia hereby recommend the following to the Government of Liberia, the United Nations, European Union and other International partners:

Recommendations:

- Realign the NDC with the Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development(PAPD) national development agenda;
- International partners should provide technical, financial regular and decentralized capacity building support for young people;
- Funding be made available for the development of the National Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) strategy;
- A study to inform the development of the NDC should be made public;
- Increased and improved visible steps should be taken in the achievement of the targets;
- There should be bi-annual reports on steps taken to achieve targets;
- Adjust our overall objectives and set realistic targets reflective of our capacity to implement the NDC;
- Develop a simplify version of the NDC and be made public;
- The roles of partners and stakeholders should be defined in the new version of the NDC;
- The Education, entrepreneurship and mining sectors should be included in the implementation of the NDC and Increase awareness on the NDC;
- Decentralization of the NDC issues to various counties by empowering local based organizations to carry out awareness/education and support the NDC data base system;
- The use of online platforms to promote NDC and get youth involved in the implementation process through Social media platforms, etc.;
- Support should be given youth driven actions to reduce emissions;
- Capacity building for youth to support climate actions;
- Empower youth Community Based organization to participate in NDC implementation;

- Decentralization of the NDC document and climate action awareness to be translated into local vernaculars.
- Banning of Plastic use should be infused in Liberia's Climate and development Actions;
- Derive tangible indicators for the NDCs that can be tracked and measured;
- Provide funding that will enhance youth participation in the NDC implementation;
- Including planting of trees in the NDC design;
- Provide incentives for plastic waste management;
- Building dump sites at community levels for ensuring proper waste management.

We the youth here present and representing our representative constituents across the length and breadth of Liberia, hereby agree and adopt the Ganta Youth Declaration of Liberia's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) on this **16th DAY** of **SEPTEMBER AD 2020** in Gompa City, Nimba County.

List of Youth Institutions that attended the youth Dialogue:

**Federation of Liberian Youth
Mano River Union Youth Parliament Liberia Chapter
West African Youth Network, Liberia
Survivors Aid International Liberia
Tubman University Volunteer Movement (TUVM)
Liberia Youth and Civil Society Environmental Secretariat
Liberia National Students' Union
Youth Network for Reform(YONER) Liberia
Youth Exploring Solutions(YES Liberia)
Youth Crime Watch Liberia
Green World Enterprise
Youth Climate Change Initiative- Liberia
All Africa Students Union/ West Africa
Youth Bridge Liberia
African Youth Peer Review Committee
Smart Green Initiative- Liberia
Agents of Positive Change
Progressive Youth for Community Safety Initiative
SMART Liberia
Educating Youth for Liberia Empowerment
ECOWAS Youth Commission
Center for Plastic Wastes Management and Recycling
Global Green Village Enterprise
Youth in Action for Empowerment and Development
Evergreen Africa Conservation
Liberia Girl's Guide
African Youth With Disabilities Liberia Chapter
Youth Go Green Network
Civil Society Network of Liberia
PAVON- Liberia
Helping Hands Initiative
Urban Initiatives Liberia
People Advocating To Help (PATH)
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