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	The Gambia	OMS
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	Guinea	UNESCO
	Guinea Bissau	UNO Women
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	Mali	E2A Project
	Niger	MARIE STOPE INTERNATIONAL (MSI)
	Nigeria	SAVE THE CHILDREN /WCARO
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The Dakar Appeal for Improving Adolescent and Youth Health in the ECOWAS Region



The West African Health Organization (WAHO) is the specialized agency of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) for health issues. It was established in 1987 and has its headquarters in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso.

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Preamble

We, participants at the Workshop to Validate the Orientation Guide for Developing National Strategies for Adolescent- and Youth-Friendly Integrated Health Services in the ECOWAS region, which was held from 28 to 29 June 2016 in Dakar, Senegal;

We.....

1.1 Whereas the Youth, aged between 10 and 24 account for over a third of the population of the West African region;

1.2 Whereas Adolescent and Youth in their diversity and status have specific health needs including sexual and reproductive health;

1.3 Considering the high exposure of Adolescent and Youth to mortality and morbidity due to sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including HIV and AIDS, early marriages, early and/or unwanted pregnancy, unsafe abortions, violence, accidents, and psychoactive substance and drug abuses ;

1.4 Considering that Adolescent and Youth Health and well-being are a key pillar to achieving the sustainable development goals;

1.5 Considering that it is important to invest in Adolescent and Youth for the countries of the region to benefit from the Demographic Dividend;

We.....

Call on countries to use the validated guide to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate multi-sectoral policies and programs for enhanced Adolescent and Youth Health in the ECOWAS member countries.

Call on the member states to identify adequate institutional support to enable synergy of action on Adolescent and Youth Health (AYH).

Call on all stakeholders to support countries to develop, implement and evaluate Adolescent and Youth Health Policies and Strategies.

Urge the Governments of ECOWAS member countries and Technical and Financial Partners to support the financing of Adolescent and Youth National Health Policies and Strategies.

Done in Dakar on 29th June 2016