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EARLY CAREER RESEARCH TO POLICY WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED POPULATION, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT (PHED):

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A TWO-DAY PRE-AFRICA POPULATION CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Introduction and
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About BUILD Project

Building Capacity for Integrated Family Planning (FP) and Reproductive Health (RH) and Population, Environment, and Development (PED) (BUILD) Action is a global project designed to leverage the interconnectedness of Population, Environment, and Development to spur strong political commitment, sustained financial resources, and accountability for voluntary family planning and reproductive health in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs). BUILD recognizes that the underlying challenges that LMICs face: lackluster economic development, environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity, high levels of unmet need for family planning, and rapid population growth are interconnected. Therefore, development interventions that fully tap into the synergies between population and environment are crucial to addressing root causes of poverty, preserving the environment, and accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Notably, there is limited integration of population and environment policies and programs, and critical environmental sector players rarely incorporate population interventions in their work. BUILD seeks to address these interrelated challenges by reinforcing actions that will enable policymakers and other development practitioners in LMICs to acknowledge the PED nexus as a valuable framework for strengthening local capacities and empowering governments and organizations to achieve holistic, sustainable development results through the efficient use of scarce resources.

About the early career workshop

The BUILD project, in partnership with the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS), will be implementing an early-career PHED research-to-policy workshop targeting early-career researchers in African universities to provide them a platform where policy-relevant research outputs that can inform and influence policy in their respective countries and beyond.

The workshop aims to build the capacity of early career researchers in Africa to undertake and disseminate research on **population, health, environment, and development issues** while offering them the opportunity to showcase their research on highly visible platforms such as regional conferences and in peer-reviewed journals including the Journal of African Population Studies (JAPS). The workshop is expected to contribute to producing a critical mass of highly skilled, locally trained scholars in research and policy engagement across Africa in the area of integrated population, health environment, and development.

	Successful applicants will receive full sponsorship to attend this PHED research-to-policy workshop (16 th – 17 th May 2024), the BUILD pre-conference event on 18 th May 2024 and the 9 th African Population Conference (20 th – 24 th May 2024)
Who can apply	<p>The workshop will admit up to 15 participants.</p> <p>Participants will be young scholars under 30 years and a citizen of an African country.</p> <p>Priority will be given to the following participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Member of UAPS ✓ Participants whose papers have been accepted for presentation at the APC ✓ Currently undertaking a postgraduate degree from a recognized African institute ✓ Working on gender, environment, health, family planning, and/or community development.
How to Apply	<p>Submit an expression of interest to 9apc@uaps-uepa.org including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Motivation statement ✓ Demonstration of work around integrated population health and environment ✓ CV
Venue and dates	16 th – 17 th May 2024 in Lilongwe, Malawi.
Deadline for application	30 th March 2024