



Statement of Faith and Religious Leaders Attending 2016 Faith and Family Planning Pre-Conference in Nusa Dua, Indonesia

We, the 85 faith representatives from 26 countries representing Buddhist, Christian, Confucian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim faiths, came together to strategize on advancing family planning from a faith perspective during the International Conference on Family Planning Faith Pre-Conference 2016. We, the faith community, believe in the sacredness of life and affirm our responsibility to the thriving of the human family. We recognize the importance of global initiatives such as the Sustainable Development Goals and FP2020, and commit to support their implementation for the holistic achievement of these goals. The faith community provides enormous opportunities for progress in meeting unmet need for family planning and we have made the following 3 commitments:

- We re-affirm our commitment to continuing to inform and educate our communities on family planning especially youth and faith leaders, as is consistent with our faith values as it protects the lives and health of mothers and children and families.
- We re-affirm our commitment to continuing to provide and support quality family planning service delivery, referrals, and products to all communities. We therefore welcome our governments and the international community to partner with us in ensuring access to quality services.
- We re-affirm our commitment to continuing to advocate internally within our faith communities to mainstream family planning in our services. We will continue to advocate externally with our own national and local governments, NGOs, and others to partner with faith communities.

This is a joint commitment by us, the 85 faith representatives from 26 countries representing Buddhist, Christian, Confucian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim faiths. Thank you for this opportunity to share our commitments with you, our international partners in helping all our communities survive and thrive.

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