DECLARATION OF THE TENTH NATIONAL SUMMIT OF HEALTH AND POPULATION SCIENTISTS IN NEPAL (10-12 April, 2024)

The focus of the Tenth National Summit of Health and Population Scientists is on "Advancing Health and Population Research and Innovations: Achieving SDGs", with the aim of promoting evidence-based decision-making and collaboration within the healthcare community.

As national and international delegates from various organizations, including the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP), Nepal Health Research Council (NHRC), professional councils and associations, academic institutions, bilateral and multilateral agencies, private sectors, and individual scholars including students from various faculties, we all share the responsibility for improving health outcomes and commit to the following declarations in this context.

1. We urge for strengthening health research ecosystem and governance in Nepal, ensuring that health research is ethical, responsive to national priorities.
2. We agree that evidences generated from the health research be translated into the policy to bridge the gap between evidence and health policy and practices.
3. We collectively commit to emphasize the importance of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research approaches that combine insights from public health, social sciences, bio-medical sciences including clinical settings, environmental sciences, and technologies to address the wider determinants of health.
4. We urge to create an enabling environment for the development and implementation of financing mechanisms that ensure equitable access to quality health services without financial hardship.
5. We call to address urgently the emerging issues of climate change to mitigate its impact on health and environment and also to build a resilient public health system to address the disaster, epidemics and other emergencies.
6. We collectively commit to continue prioritizing public health research, clinical research, digital health, innovations and technologies including artificial intelligence in health research.

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