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Agenda Item: Addressing Health Issues Caused by Air Pollution

Air pollution is an environmental problem that can be caused by many variables such as fossil fuels, agricultural activities, industrial activities and mining activities. It is a problem nowadays that causes various health problems to humankind. The effects of air pollution to humans is at a highly critical level, even exposed for a short period of time. Some of these health problems are reduced lung function, asthma and cardiac problems and many more. It was discovered that the numbers of deaths decreased drastically after air-pollution regulations were implemented.

Nigeria is one of the countries that suffer from health problems caused by air pollution. According to the Air Quality Index, in 2024, Nigeria's PM2-5 concentration level was 8 times higher than the World Health Organization's annual value, becoming the 11th country with the worst air quality on earth. As a result, various health problems affect all of society but especially the more vulnerable ones like children, elderly and pregnant women. In recent years, the air quality in Nigeria has been improving. However, more steps need to be taken in terms of a full recovery.

Even though the level of air pollution in Nigeria has been decreasing visibly, more actions must be taken. The fossil fuel usage in households should be replaced with renewable energy resources. Nigeria is planning to reduce methane emissions by 61 percent by 2030. Which are actions taken aiming to reduce air pollution. If the regulations are followed, we believe that we will accomplish our goal.