

ANNEX 3

Proposed work plan for the global coordination mechanism on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases covering the period 2016–2017

Report by the Director-General

1. The Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly endorsed the terms of reference of the global coordination mechanism on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, as set out in Appendix 1 to document A67/14 Add.1, and noted the proposed work plan for that global coordination mechanism covering the period 2014–2015, including the terms of reference of its Working Groups, as contained in the Annex to document A67/14 Add.3 Rev.1.¹
2. Pursuant to paragraph 15 of the terms of reference for the global coordination mechanism on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, the Director-General hereby submits the second draft work plan covering the period 2016–2017 to the Executive Board for its consideration before onward transmission to the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly.
3. This report sets out the activities of the global coordination mechanism, including those of time-bound Working Groups, covering the period 2016–2017. The work plan takes into account the terms of reference for the global coordination mechanism, the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020,² the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases³ and the Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.⁴
4. The work plan is organized around five objectives (paragraphs 8–12), in line with the five functions of the global coordination mechanism stated in its terms of reference. It will be implemented between January 2016 and December 2017 in line with the time frame of the Proposed programme budget 2016–2017 and the budgetary provisions related to the activities of the global coordination mechanism included in that programme budget. This work plan will be fully integrated into outcome 2.1 of the Proposed programme budget 2016–2017, which will be operationalized through the Category 2 Network and Programme Area Network 2.1, in accordance with established operating procedures.

¹ See document WHA67/2014/REC/3, summary record of seventh meeting of Committee A of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly, section 2.

² Endorsed by the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly in resolution WHA66.10.

³ Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 66/2 (2011).

⁴ Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 68/300 (2014).

5. As with the work plan covering the period 2014–2015,¹ the draft second work plan covering the period 2016–2017 aims to facilitate and enhance the coordination of activities, multistakeholder engagement and action across sectors at local, national, regional and global levels, in order to contribute to implementation of the global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020, in line with the terms of reference of the global coordination mechanism.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

6. Objective 1. Advocate for and raise awareness of the urgency of implementing the global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020, and mainstream the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in the international development agenda.

Action 1.1: Develop a global communications campaign in the first half of 2016, and start implementing the campaign in the second half of 2016, advocating the feasibility of achieving the nine global targets for a world free of the avoidable burden of noncommunicable diseases by the 2025 deadline provided that countries and partners alike follow through on their shared commitments to put in place the necessary policies and resources.

Action 1.2: Conduct a dialogue in 2016 on the role of non-State actors in supporting Member States in their national efforts to tackle noncommunicable diseases in the post-2015 era. The dialogue will result in a report with recommendations.

Action 1.3: Conduct a dialogue in 2017 on how governments can promote policy coherence between different spheres of policy-making that have a bearing on noncommunicable diseases. The dialogue will result in a report with recommendations.

7. Objective 2. Disseminate knowledge and share information based on scientific evidence and/or best practices regarding implementation of the global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020.

Action 2.1: Expand the broad engagement of participants through the web-based platforms established in 2014–2015, including developing the requirements and criteria for access by different groups, and use the web-based platform to disseminate information on country plans and the implementation of country commitments.

Action 2.2: Explore other potential low-cost approaches for knowledge dissemination and interaction between participants and use these as appropriate.

Action 2.3: Facilitate the exchange of information on noncommunicable disease-related research and its translation, identify barriers to research generation and translation, and facilitate innovation in order to enhance the knowledge base for ongoing national, regional and global action.

Action 2.4: Hold a new series of webinars for participants.

¹ Contained in document A67/14 Add.3 Rev.1.

8. Objective 3. Provide a forum to identify barriers and share innovative solutions and actions for the implementation of the global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020 and to promote sustained actions across sectors.

Action 3.1: Establish a Working Group in 2016 to recommend ways and means of encouraging Member States and non-State actors to promote the inclusion of the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases within responses to HIV/AIDS and programmes for sexual and reproductive health and maternal and child health, as well as other communicable disease programmes, such as those on tuberculosis,¹ including as part of wider efforts to strengthen and orient health systems to address the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases through people-centred primary health care and universal health coverage.² The Working Group will produce a report with recommendations.

Action 3.2: Establish a Working Group in 2016 to recommend ways and means of encouraging Member States and non-State actors to align international cooperation on noncommunicable diseases with national plans concerning noncommunicable diseases in order to strengthen aid effectiveness and the development impact of external resources in support of noncommunicable diseases.³ The Working Group will produce a report with recommendations.

Action 3.3: Establish a Working Group in 2017 to recommend ways and means of encouraging Member States and non-State actors to promote health education and health literacy for noncommunicable diseases, with a particular focus on populations with low health awareness and/or literacy,⁴ and taking into account the cost-effective and affordable interventions for all Member States contained in Appendix 3 of the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020. The Working Group will produce a report with recommendations.

9. Objective 4. Advance multisectoral action by identifying and promoting sustained actions across sectors that can contribute to and support the implementation of the global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020.

Action 4.1: Continue supporting communities of practice established in 2014 and 2015 and establish new communities of practices in 2016 and 2017.

¹ In accordance with the commitment from Ministers and representatives of States and Governments and heads of delegations included in paragraphs 30(d) and 30(e) of United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/300.

² In accordance with commitment from Ministers and representatives of States and Governments and heads of delegations included in paragraph 30(c) in United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/300.

³ In accordance with the commitment from Ministers and representatives of States and Governments and heads of delegations included in paragraph 30(a)(ix) of United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/300.

⁴ In accordance with the commitment from Ministers and representatives of States and Governments and heads of delegations included in paragraph 30(a)(iii) of United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/300.

Action 4.2: Start implementing in 2016 the approach that WHO will have developed before the end of 2015 to register and publish contributions from the private sectors, philanthropic entities and civil society to the achievement of the nine voluntary targets for noncommunicable diseases.¹

10. Objective 5. Identify and share information on existing and potential sources of finance and cooperation mechanisms at local, national, regional and global levels for implementation of the global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020.

Action 5.1: Mobilize relevant and selected participants to conduct 12 studies (two per WHO region) on the national public health burden caused by noncommunicable diseases in developing countries, the relationship between noncommunicable diseases, poverty and social and economic development, the cost of inaction, and the cost of action. The outcome of the studies will be published in 2016 and 2017.

Action 5.2: Establish a web-based platform in 2016 to map existing and potential sources and mechanisms of assistance provided by the participants to developing countries in meeting their commitments to tackling noncommunicable diseases in the post-2015 era.

GENERAL MEETING

11. Pursuant to paragraph 12 of the terms of reference for the global coordination mechanism, its participants will meet face-to-face in 2017 in order to facilitate and enhance coordination of activities, multistakeholder engagement and action across sectors at all levels, as well as to promote the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020 and to assess progress made so far by the global coordination mechanism. Member States will determine the proposed modalities for convening this meeting when adopting the global coordination mechanism's work plan for 2016–2017 and the related programme budget for 2016–2017. Proposed modalities for the General Meeting are set out in Appendix 1.

PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

12. Pursuant to paragraph 19 of the terms of reference for the global coordination mechanism, a preliminary evaluation by the Health Assembly will take place in 2017 to assess results and the added value of the global coordination mechanism, taking into account the report on progress in implementing the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020 and the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. Proposed modalities for the preliminary evaluation are set out in Appendix 2.

¹ Pursuant to paragraph 37 of United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/300, the WHO Secretariat, in consultation with Member States, will develop, before the end of 2015, an approach that can be used to register and publish contributions of the private sector, philanthropic entities and civil society to the achievement of the nine voluntary targets for noncommunicable diseases.