NCDs: What gets measured, gets done

Side-event

on the occasion of the UN High-level Meeting on NCDs,

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What does the world really know about the trends of NCDs? There is also lack of a global mechanism to monitor NCDs and their determinants and the progress countries are making to address them. In his report on NCDs, the United Nations Secretary-General highlighted the need for Member States to strengthen national information systems by implementing a surveillance framework that monitors key risk factors and determinants, morbidity and mortality and health-system capacity, and set standardized national targets and indicators to assess the progress made in addressing NCDs. But what should we monitor and what are the key components of NCD surveillance? Ministers attending the first Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and NCD Control (Moscow, 28-29 April 2011) called on the international community to support WHO in developing a comprehensive global monitoring framework for NCDs -- this call was endorsed by the World Health Assembly in May 2011. But what should we monitor at the global level and how can we assess the progress countries will be making in NCDs?

Opening remarks:

Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General, WHO

Keynote speakers:

To be announced shortly

Panel speakers:

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