



## Including Noncommunicable Diseases in Global Discussions on Development

*"Doha Declaration on Noncommunicable Diseases and Injuries", adopted by the participants of the ECOSOC/UNESCWA/WHO Western Asia Ministerial Meeting "Addressing noncommunicable diseases and injuries: major challenges to sustainable development in the 21st century" (Hosted in Doha by the Government of Qatar, 10-11 May 2009)*

"We the participants, call

- For integration of evidence-based indicators on NCDs and injuries into the core MDG monitoring and evaluation system during the 2010 review of the MDGs.
- On ECOSOC to consider the issue of NCD prevention and injury prevention in its 2010 coordination segment.
- For the development and dissemination of tools that enable decision makers to assess the impact of policies on the determinants of, risk factors for, and consequences of NCDs and injuries and provide models of effective, evidence-based policy making.
- For strengthening the standardized data collection on NCDs, risk factors and injuries, and establish baselines, with special emphasis on strengthening data on the socio-economic impact, health, and equity.
- For raising the priority accorded to NCDs and injury prevention on the agendas of relevant high level forums and meetings of national, regional, and international leaders.
- For a review of international experience in the prevention and control of NCDs and injuries in low- and middle-income countries, including community-based programmes, and identify and disseminate successful approaches for intersectoral action.
- For the establishment of a Regional Ministerial Multisectoral Task Force to provide strategic and technical input and conduct external reviews of the progress made by the region with regards to NCDs and injuries and its partners, and the impact of initiatives on the prevention and control of NCDs and injuries."