WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs
(WHO GCM/NCD)

Dialogue on how to encourage the continued inclusion of noncommunicable diseases in development cooperation agendas and initiatives, internationally agreed development goals, economic development policies, sustainable development frameworks and poverty reduction strategies

20-21 April 2015

Pursuant to Objective 1 action 1.1 included in the Global Coordination Mechanism on Noncommunicable Diseases (GCM/NCD) work plan 2014-2015, the GCM/NCD will conduct a dialogue on how to encourage the continued inclusion of NCDs in development corporation agendas and initiatives, internationally agreed development goals, economic development policies, sustainable development frameworks and poverty reduction strategies. The dialogue will take place on 20-21 April 2015 at the World Health Organization Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Proposed participants

- Member States
- United Nations (UN)-related agencies and other intergovernmental organizations
- Nongovernmental organizations (NGO) in official relations with WHO
- Eligible participants to the WHO GCM/NCD ¹, including relevant NGOs, philanthropies, WHO collaborating centres and academic institutions and defined private sector business associations
- Invited speakers and resource persons

Co-chairs

- H.E. Mr. Taonga Mushayavanhu, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations in Geneva

- H.E. Ambassador Mr Jean-Marc Hoscheit, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations in Geneva

¹ The WHO GCM/NCD is led by Member States, other participants include United Nations funds, programmes and organizations and other relevant intergovernmental organizations and the following non-State actors whose participation has been approved: Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs); private sector entities and international business associations; WHO Collaborating Centres and academic institutions, Philanthropic foundations.
Objectives of the dialogue

1. Highlight the current scientific knowledge, available evidence and information on the relationship between NCDs, poverty and development, and identify evidence gaps, and articulate a road map of how these gaps could be addressed

2. Review international experience in incorporating the prevention and control of NCDs explicitly in poverty-reduction strategies and in relevant social and economic policies.

3. Take stock of which international development agencies have integrated NCDs into their bilateral and multilateral international development policies, and to which extend, and identify lessons learned.

4. Promote discussions on the role of philanthropic foundations, NGOs and private sector entities in addressing NCDs in development cooperation agendas.

5. Assess to which extend NCDs are included in the ongoing discussions in New York on the post-2015 development agenda.

6. Explore options in the post-2015 development era for the continued inclusion of NCDs in development cooperation agendas and initiatives, internationally agreed development goals, economic development policies, sustainable development frameworks and poverty reduction strategies.

Overarching principles and approaches at the Dialogue

- **Upholding commitments**: Discussions at the Dialogue will uphold the commitments made by governments on addressing NCDs at the at the United Nations General Assembly and the World Health Assembly, including the 2011 UN Political Declaration on NCDs, 2014 UN Outcome Document on NCDs, WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020, WHO Global Monitoring Framework on NCDs (including its 9 global targets), WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs, and UN Interagency Task Force on NCDs.

- **Observing the Principles and Approaches of Global Action Plan 2013-2020**: the discussions at the Dialogue will take into account overarching principles and approaches indicated in the Global Action Plan 2013-2020 (para. 18), i.e. life-course approach; empowerment of people and communities; evidence-based strategies; universal health coverage; management of real, perceived or potential conflicts of interest; human rights approach; equity-based approach; national action and international cooperation and solidarity; and multisectoral action.

- **Alignment**: Discussions at the Dialogue will align with the discussions on the broader post-2015 development agenda at the United Nations General Assembly.

Format of the Dialogue

The dialogue will feature presentations by prominent keynote speakers, followed by panel interventions, and plenary debates. Speakers and panellists will be drawn from the
health and development sectors, member states, NGOs, academia, and selected non-state actors according to the information note 1 of the WHO GCM NCD².

The sessions will focus on topics such as

- The Global Burden of NCDs: Current status
- The Global Development Agenda: Current status
- Inclusion of NCDs in development cooperation agendas and initiatives
- The relationship between NCDs and poverty
- NCDs and the ‘bottom billion’: current knowledge and proposed further research
- How can we get the most from development cooperation on NCDs?
- Financing NCD prevention and control: what might the future look like?

Documentation

- A short discussion paper will be circulated on 13 April 2015, taking into account the papers received in response to a call for papers through the web page (more information in Annex 1).
- A provisional agenda will be circulated closer to the Dialogue.

Organizational arrangements

- Working hours will be from 09:30 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 17:00 on both days
- Interpretation will be provided in six UN languages
- Coffee and fruits will be available upon arrival (at 09:00), as well as after lunch (13:30) on both days
- Web conferencing services: WebEx links will be made available closer to the Dialogue to enable participants at locations beyond Geneva to follow the proceedings in all six official languages.

Expected output

- A report summarizing the outcomes of the discussions at the Dialogue.

² http://www.who.int/nmh/events/info-note1-who-gcmncd.pdf?ua=1

Open call for interest: Discussion papers on NCDs and development cooperation agendas

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Phase 1 (until 28 February 2015) – Call for discussion papers: Participants in the GCM/NCD are invited to submit discussion papers on the Dialogue topic. Papers submitted will be made available on this website, which will provide a platform for open and inclusive discussion on NCDs and development cooperation. Discussion papers should aim to address one or more of the following questions:

- Which population-based and health service NCD interventions are pro-poor?
- Which population-based and health service NCD interventions contribute to poverty reduction?
- Which technical assistance packages are available that strengthen capacity in developing countries to address NCDs and that could be part of development cooperation initiatives?
- How do we ensure that these interventions are delivered in a way that benefits the poor and contributes to poverty reduction?
- How can we effectively scale up technical assistance on NCDs without creating competition with other health and development priorities?
- What else is needed to strengthen the focus on NCDs as part of the post-2015 development agenda?

Thirteen (13) submissions were received by Friday 27 February.

Phase 2 – Summary paper (2 April 2015): Based on the inputs received, the Secretariat of the WHO GCM/NCD will develop a short summary paper outlining the range of issues and views to support discussion at the Dialogue.


Phase 4 – Report (June 2015): The Secretariat of the WHO GCM/NCD will publish a report on its website summarizing the outcomes of the discussions at the Dialogue.