Addressing NCDs as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: the contribution of civil society

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- NCD Alliance & WHO EMRO capacity development “Caucus” workshop took place from 15–16 August 2016 in Amman/Jordan
- In-line WHO global resolution 2016 - WHA69.10 - Framework of engagement with non-State actors (FENSA)
- Caucus aimed at building capacity of NCD civil society organizations (CSOs) in the EMR and to solicit input for the global dialogue meeting
- Attended by 25 participants from 21 organizations across 10 countries
- Meeting emphasized importance of CSOs in achieving global NCD “25x25” targets and the Sustainable Development Goals
- Discussions included:
  - Roles & responsibilities of civil society in the NCD response.
  - Regional CSO case studies on prevention & control of NCDs.
  - Distill critical success elements to create a vibrant NCD “whole-of-society” movement.
Discussions – The Four Facilitators

- Awareness
- Contributions
- Success factors
- Challenges
- Advocacy
- Access
- Accountability
CSO Opportunities Identified

Generator of knowledge

Disseminator of information

Engagement with Governments

Watchdog & collaborator

Monitor progress towards targets

Challenge policy makers

Good governance & leadership

Effective strategies

Forming multi-sectoral partnerships
### Challenges faced by CSOs

- **Inadequate technical resources**
- **Lack of funding**
- **Lack of knowledge/skills**
- **Problematic relationships with govt.**
- **Complex bureaucratic systems**
- **Insufficient collaboration between NGOs**
- **Industry interference**
- **Conflicts of interest**
- **Competition & duplication between NGOs**
The Way Forward

- CSOs play an increasingly prominent role in NCD prevention and control, and in achieving SDG 3 (health & wellbeing)
- When empowered and engaged, CSOs can serve as the bridge between global commitments and action
- With links to communities, CSOs can be serving as the voice of people impacted by NCDs
- Capable of holding govts. accountable to commitments, CSOs can raise public demand & pressure governments
- Important partnerships between CSOs: pooling leadership, technical expertise, and resources