Invites you to join a Virtual Global Discussion Forum from 18-26 January 2016

As a follow-up to the recent Dialogue convened by WHO GCM/NCD on how to strengthen international cooperation on the prevention and control of NCDs within the framework of North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation, which took place in Geneva from 30 November 2015 to 1 December 2015 (Footnote 1: http://www.who.int/global-coordination-mechanism/dialogues/2nd-dialogue-ncds/en/)

The WHO GCM/NCD has invited participants of their recent Dialogue to continue to add their voice to this global discussion by sharing opinions, experiences, successes and challenges to the questions and issues emerging from the Dialogue. The goal is to foster greater levels of engagement and more effective implementation of the Global Action Plan on the Prevention and Control of NCDs at the country level through international cooperation, in order to attain the national NCD targets.

Dr. Bente Mikkelsen, Head a.i of Secretariat of the WHO GCM/NCD, will act as Convener and launch the virtual discussion forum that will be one starting point of virtual knowledge networks to support communities of practice housed at the new GCM web portal.

Sir George Alleyne, Director Emeritus of the Pan American Health Organization, will lead the Virtual Global Discussion Forum as Convener and expert advisor, joined by a team of guest experts. The outcome of this follow-up discussion will be included in the report which the Secretariat of the WHO GCM/NCD will prepare from the recent Dialogue. Registration will be open to participants from the Member States, UN agencies and participants of the recent WHO GCM/NCD Dialogue.

You can participate and follow the virtual discussion at: http://gcmportal.org/global_discussion

Thematic issues and questions to be discussed

How can international cooperation be strengthened and mobilize national NCD agendas through the following two parallel and complementary streams: supporting the prioritization of NCDs within health strategies and their integration into broader development programmes; and mobilizing ongoing international cooperation for other development priorities to integrate national NCD prevention and control?
How can we ensure effective national multisectoral cooperation (whole-of-government and whole-of-society) in order to support the development and implementation of integrated, domestic NCD responses across the life course?
How can we address the huge gap between producing knowledge for NCD prevention and control and ensuring that this knowledge is accessible and translated into action, at the practice and grassroots level?

Once you have registered
You will be sent a short “How to participate” guide and website access to explore the virtual library and discussion board.
The Virtual Global Discussion Forum will officially launch on 18 January 2016 and you will be notified via email.
You can participate in the discussion by contributing via email or by logging in and posting on the discussion board.
English is the medium of communication. Feel free to communicate in another language, if needed, and we will do our best to translate.