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Pursuing policy coherence to achieve SDG target 3.4 on NCDs

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Submission from the Nigerian Heart Foundation (NHF)

Nigerian Heart Foundation is fascinated by the document and convinced that it will have a positive impact on achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. We believe the document is vast and has highlighted virtually every sphere of input needed to achieve the Montevideo Roadmap 2018-2030.

However, the following points are proposed:

The fight against NCD has been on for many years, but there is a need for a more synergistic approach to fighting and controlling NCD. There is a call for a stronger collaboration among Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Health Care facilities to promote care and tackle complications arising from NCDs. While a lot of primary preventive role is possible at the primary level, a sizeable portion of the desired rehabilitation and secondary preventive measures for persons with NCDs will need to be addressed at the secondary and tertiary health facilities. Hence, there is the need for a flexible system to access care across the three levels for people with NCDs. People with NCDs should have accelerated and unrestricted admittance into any of the levels of care as their entry points, and should conveniently be able to migrate to higher or lower levels of care as dictated by their health status. All efforts to engender a highly synchronous workforce and healthcare facilities for NCDs across the levels of care are strongly desired.