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**Brief remarks made by Anil Kapur on behalf of FIGO:**

- Maternal and child health is inextricably linked with non-communicable diseases and their risk factors, specifically such as prenatal malnutrition and low birth weight create a predisposition to obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes later in life, and that pregnancy conditions, such as maternal obesity and gestational diabetes, are associated with similar risks in both the mother and her offspring.

- Maternal malnutrition, obesity and hyperglycemia in pregnancy are significant public health challenges with adverse impact on maternal, newborn and child health and significant implications for future burden of obesity, type 2 diabetes and cardio metabolic disorders globally.

- Pregnancy offers a unique opportunity to integrate maternal and child health services with health promotion and NCD prevention thereby providing a bridge to create more integrated services at the primary care level.

- Any efforts on NCD prevention and control must therefore begin with and substantially focus on preconception and maternal health.