WHO GCM/NCD Upcoming Activities, 2016-2017

New WHO GCM/NCD Working Groups 2016-17:

Working Group on the inclusion of NCDs in other programmatic areas (Working Group 3.1, 2016-2017): “to recommend ways and means of encouraging Member States and non-State actors to promote the inclusion of the prevention and control of NCDs within responses to HIV/AIDS and programmes for sexual and reproductive health and maternal and child health, as well as other communicable disease programmes, such as those on tuberculosis, including as part of wider efforts to strengthen and orient health systems to address the prevention and control of NCDs through people-centred primary health care and UHC.”

Working Group on alignment of international cooperation with national plans on NCDs (Working Group 3.2, 2016-2017): “to recommend ways and means of encouraging Member States and non-State actors to align international cooperation on NCDs with national plans concerning NCDs in order to strengthen aid effectiveness and the development impact of external resources in support of NCDs.”

Working Group on health education and literacy for NCDs (Working Group 3.3, 2016-2017): “to recommend ways and means of encouraging Member States and non-State actors to promote health education and health literacy for NCDs, with a particular focus on populations with low health awareness and/or literacy, and taking into account the cost-effective and affordable interventions for all Member States contained in Appendix 3 of the WHO Global Action Plan for NCDs 2013–2020.”

• The Working Groups will produce reports with recommendations to the WHO DG

Upcoming Dialogues:

• The role of non-State actors in supporting Member States’ NCD efforts, 2016
  • 6 regional pre-caucus; 1 global Dialogue (host country, tbc)
• How governments can promote policy coherence between different spheres of policy-making that have a bearing on NCDs, 2017

Advocacy and Knowledge Transfer activities:

• New GCM/NCD Web Portal: http://gcmportal.org/
• Communities of Practice:
  • Monitoring and surveillance of NCDs
  • NCDs, poverty and development; subcommunity on NCDs among the poorest billion
  • How to mobilize and strengthen international cooperation for national NCD responses.
  • Inclusion of NCDs into other programmatic areas
  • Alignment of international cooperation with national NCD plans
  • Health education and health literacy on NCDs
  • Multisectoral engagement on NCDs
  • Supporting Governments’ commitment to provide financing for NCDs
  • Supporting Governments’ commitment to engage with NSA on national NCD responses
  • NCD health and law
• Virtual Discussion Forums: Follow-up to WHO GCM/NCD Dialogue 2015
• Webinars: on relevant topics

Global Communications Campaign, 2016-2017:
Advocating the feasibility of achieving the nine global targets for a world free of the avoidable burden of NCDs by the 2025, including by putting in place the necessary policies and resources.

GCM Stakeholder Forum:
Convened to complement the First WHO Global Meeting of National NCD Programme Directors,
Goal: How national NCD Programme Managers and Directors can enhance support for their efforts to realize the four time-bound national commitments through the engagement with Non-State actors.

12 country studies:
(2/WHO region) on the national public health burden of NCDs in developing countries, linkages to poverty/socio-economic development, the cost of action versus inaction; investment cases.

All activities are linked to the purpose and the 5 functions of WHO GCM/NCD – see terms of reference and workplan 2016-17; http://who.int/ncds/gcm/en/