Think Piece
Outcome and follow-up:
Knowledge networking and virtual collaboration through
WHO-led Communities of Practice

Proposal

It will be proposed during the First WHO Global Meeting of National NCD Programme Directors and Managers that a virtual community of practice be established to support National NCD Programme Directors and Managers in their efforts to strengthen national NCD responses.

The goal of the virtual community of practice would be to provide a platform for further in-depth engagement from all participants of the Meeting, for sharing and exchanging knowledge, perspectives, country cases, challenges and best practices, and to encourage follow-up on the recommendations and action points emerging from the Meeting.

Proposed aims

- To build on the challenges, opportunities, recommendations and action points identified during the different sessions of the Meeting. This will strengthen the capacity of National NCD Programme Managers and Directors to lead and coordinate multisectoral national NCD responses.

- To establish a sustainable platform for feedback and guidance and promote the knowledge transfer necessary to strengthen national NCD responses.

- To share the latest scientific knowledge, available evidence and international experience on how to develop and strengthen national NCD responses.

- To compile and share a repository of best practices in developing, implementing and monitoring multisectoral national NCD responses.

- To provide a virtual space, as appropriate, for discussions between WHO, experts and international partners with an interest in strengthening multisectoral national NCD responses.
Implementation arrangements

It is suggested that the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs (WHO GCM/NCD) will establish and manage the WHO Practice Community for National NCD Programme Directors and Managers.

The WHO GCM/NCD maintains a platform to promote web-based knowledge exchange and interaction among WHO GCM/NCD Participants, connecting key stakeholders with global health leaders working on the prevention and control of NCDs through communities of practice. The WHO GCM/NCD has established these communities of practice in accordance with action 4.1 in its work plan 2016-2017 noted by the World Health Assembly.

The community of practice which the WHO GCM/NCD will establish for National NCD Programme Directors and Managers is password protected and will only be accessible by Member States, WHO and other UN Agencies.