First WHO Global Meeting of National NCD Programme Managers and Directors

Geneva, 15-17 February 2016
Background and rationale

Heads of State and Government met at the United Nations General Assembly in September 2011 during the first United Nations High-level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) and acknowledged that NCDs constitute one of the major challenges for socioeconomic development in the 21st century. They agreed on a road map of commitments on what governments will do to take domestic action to reduce premature mortality from NCDs.

In July 2014, during the second United Nations High-level Meeting on NCDs, Ministers, collectively, committed to prioritize four immediate domestic actions:

1. By 2015, consider setting national NCD targets for 2025
2. By 2015, consider developing national multisectoral policies and plans to achieve the national targets by 2025
3. By 2016, reduce risk factors for NCDs, building on guidance set out in the WHO Global NCD Action Plan
4. By 2016, strengthen health systems to address NCDs through people-centered primary health care and universal health coverage, building on guidance set out in the WHO Global NCD Action Plan

Although we are now firmly on the path of tangible progress in realizing these commitments in countries, progress has been insufficient and highly uneven. Based on data collected in 2015 using a set of indicators for monitoring progress, which WHO defined in May 2015, the majority of countries are not on track in meeting their commitments. In 2017, the World Health Organization will use 10 progress monitor indicators to report to the United Nations General Assembly on the progress achieved in the implementation of these time-bound commitments. Based on this WHO report in 2017, progress on prevention and control of NCDs will be reviewed at a third United Nations High-level Meeting on NCDs in 2018.

Goal

- Accelerating progress by 2018: To support national NCD Programme Managers and Directors in identifying critical pathways and strategies in their efforts to realize the four time-bound national commitments included in the 2014 United Nations Outcome Document, building on guidance provided in the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020 and regional action plans.
Objectives

- **Strengthen capacity**: To strengthen the capacity of national NCD Programme Managers and Directors to lead efforts and coordinate the multisectoral action required in accelerating the achievement of the four time-bound commitments, including the nine NCD targets in the 2014 United Nations Outcome Document on NCD and the response to the six NCD-related targets in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- **Catalyze country progress in attaining national NCD targets**: To highlight the need to develop and implement coherent and integrated national multisectoral plans and policies, subject to national priorities, to reduce exposure to risk factors and to strengthen health systems, in order to accelerate progress in attaining national NCD targets and the four time-bound commitments in the 2014 United Nations Outcome Document on NCDs.

- **Sustain national NCD responses**: To highlight the importance of domestic public financing for NCDs through evidence based and innovative strategies, including the potential to increase domestic revenues from taxation on tobacco and alcohol, and to allocate a portion of these domestic proceeds to health.

- **Promote national and global accountability**: To strengthen the understanding among national NCD Programme Managers and Directors about national, regional and global accountability frameworks on NCDs, which measures and reports country progress on a regular basis to the World Health Assembly, the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

- **One-WHO-approach for prevention and control of NCDs**: To provide an understanding of the integrated and strategic WHO approach in supporting countries on the prevention and control of NCDs, and an update on existing platforms, tools and guidance in order to better link the demand for support with the wide-range of available WHO resources and resources of United Nations and intergovernmental bodies.

- **Join forces and strengthen common understanding**: To establish a WHO-led global practice community of national NCD Programme Managers and Directors to exchange knowledge and experiences share resources and create synergies to accelerate country progress in prevention and control of NCDs.
Expected outcomes

The first meeting of national NCD Programme Managers and Directors is expected to:

- Propose strategies and critical pathways to overcome barriers in realizing the four time-bound national commitments, including nine global targets on NCD prevention and control, in preparation for the progress review at the third United Nations High-level Meeting on NCDs in 2018.

- Catalyze country responses to the six NCD-related targets in the Sustainable Development Goals.

- Contribute to better understanding of the national, regional and global accountability frameworks on NCDs, which measures and reports progress and the integrated and strategic WHO approach in supporting countries on the prevention and control of NCDs.

- Establish global and regional communities of practice to inform and sustain the response to NCDs.

Who will participate?

- National NCD Programme Managers and Directors (from Member States)

- Representatives from Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva

- Representatives from United Nations organizations

- Convention Secretariat of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

- Relevant WHO staff
Nine global NCD targets to be attained by 2025

**Target 1**
A 25% relative reduction in overall mortality in risk of premature mortality from cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases

**Target 2**
At least 10% relative reduction in the harmful use of alcohol, as appropriate, within the national context

**Target 3**
A 10% relative reduction in prevalence of insufficient physical activity

**Target 4**
A 30% relative reduction in mean population intake of salt/sodium

**Target 5**
A 30% relative reduction in prevalence of current tobacco use in persons aged 15+ years

**Target 6**
A 25% relative reduction in the prevalence of raised blood pressure or contain the prevalence of raised blood pressure, according to national circumstances

**Target 7**
Halt the rise in diabetes and obesity

**Target 8**
At least 50% of eligible people receive drug therapy and counselling (including glycaemic control) to prevent heart attacks and strokes

**Target 9**
An 80% availability of the affordable basic technologies and essential medicines, including generics, required to treat major NCDs in both public and private facilities
In September 2015, Heads of State and Government committed themselves at the United Nations General Assembly to develop ambitious national responses to the overall implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which include the following NCD-related targets to be attained by 2030:

- By 2030, reduce by one third premature mortality from NCDs through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and wellbeing (target 3.4)

- Strengthening the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol (target 3.5)

- Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all (target 3.8)

- Support the research and development of vaccines and medicines for the communicable and NCDs that primarily affect developing countries, provide access to affordable essential medicines and vaccines, in accordance with the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health, which affirms the right of developing countries to use to the full the provisions in the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights regarding flexibilities to protect public health, and, in particular, provide access to medicines for all (target 3.b)
Getting to 2030: Global vision

By 2030, reduced by one third premature mortality from NCDs

2030 MILESTONE: NCD-related targets in the SDGs

2025 MILESTONE: 9 voluntary global NCD targets

2018 MILESTONE: Four time-bound commitments

COMPONENTS OF NATIONAL NCD RESPONSES

GOVERNANCE  RISK FACTORS  HEALTH SYSTEMS  SURVEILLANCE

2011 UN POLITICAL DECLARATION ON NCDs  2014 UN OUTCOME DOCUMENT ON NCDs  WHO GLOBAL NCD ACTION PLAN 2013-2020  WHO REGIONAL NCD ACTION PLANS  UN AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
How to prepare for the Meeting?

- WHO’s website for the Meeting is available at [www.who.int/nmh/events/2016/ncd-focal-points/en](http://www.who.int/nmh/events/2016/ncd-focal-points/en)

- WHO has developed an online self-learning package for national NCD Directors and Programme Managers, which is available at [http://lsi-demo.themoocagency.com/courses/LSI/NCD100/2015/about](http://lsi-demo.themoocagency.com/courses/LSI/NCD100/2015/about) (registration required)


- WHO’s website on NCDs is available at [www.who.int/ncds/en](http://www.who.int/ncds/en)

- WHO tools to prevent and control NCDs are available at [www.who.int/nmh/ncd-tools/en](http://www.who.int/nmh/ncd-tools/en)

How to register for the Meeting?

It would be appreciated if the composition of delegations of Member States could be transmitted to [ncdfocalpoint@who.int](mailto:ncdfocalpoint@who.int) as soon as possible.
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## Programme structure (under development)

**Executive Board Room. World Health Organization. Avenue Appia 20 • Geneva • Switzerland**

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First breakout session (starting with an introductory plenary session)

- **Theme:** Time-bound commitment: Development and implementation of national multisectoral plans and policies to attain national targets for prevention and control of NCDs.
- **Objective:** To identify the challenges, barriers and constraints faced by country NCD teams in the development and implementation of national multisectoral plans and policies to attain national NCD and ways of overcoming the challenges and constraints.
- **Expected outcome:** An understanding of the challenges, barriers and constraints faced by country NCD teams in developing and implementing national multisectoral plans and policies to attain national NCD targets and ways of overcoming them.

**Discussion Group 1:**
One country presentation from each WHO Region followed by facilitated discussion

**Discussion Group 2:**
One country presentation from each WHO Region followed by facilitated discussion

**Discussion Group 3:**
One country presentation from each WHO Region followed by facilitated discussion

**Focus of discussion groups:** How to strengthen country capacity, governance and multisectoral approaches for NCD prevention and control?

Country presentations will share good practices, as well as factors which contributed to good practice and lessons learned. Topics will include:

- Setting national NCD targets
- Platforms for multisectoral collaboration to implement multisectoral national NCD action plans
- Utilizing taxation on tobacco, alcohol and sugar-sweetened beverages for domestic public financing of NCD prevention and control
- Strengthening human resources for implementing multisectoral national NCD action plans

**Output of discussion groups:** Set of key recommendations and follow up actions
Monday 15 February 2016 • 19:00 to 21:00
Networking reception offered by WHO

Tuesday, 16 February 2016

09:00 - 12:00
Second breakout session (starting with an introductory plenary session)

- **Theme:** Time-bound commitment: reduce exposure to risk factors for NCDs, building on guidance set out in the WHO Global NCD Action Plan.

- **Objective:** To understand the challenges and constraints faced by country NCD teams in implementing cost effective and affordable interventions including WHO best buys to attain NCD targets 2, 3, 4 and 5, 6 and 7 and ways of overcoming the challenges and constraints.

- **Expected outcome:** An understanding of the challenges and constraints faced by country NCD teams in implementing cost effective and affordable interventions to attain NCD targets 2, 3, 4 and 5, 6 and 7 and ways of overcoming the challenges and constraints.

**Discussion Group 1:**
One country presentation from each WHO Region followed by facilitated discussion

**Discussion Group 2:**
One country presentation from each WHO Region followed by facilitated discussion

**Discussion Group 3:**
One country presentation from each WHO Region followed by facilitated discussion
**Focus of discussion groups:** How to accelerate the implementation of WHO FCTC, as well as interventions to reduce harmful use of alcohol, promote physical activity and reduce salt intake?

Country presentations will share good practices, as well as factors which contributed to good practice and lessons learned. Topics will include:

- Accelerating implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
- Implementation of pricing policies to address tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol and unhealthy diet
- Implementation of drink-driving policies Implementation of transport and urban planning policies to improve physical activity
- Multisectoral action to improve access to products with lower sodium
- Countering tobacco industry interference
- Implementation of restrictions on marketing of foods and beverages that are high in sugar, salt and fat to children

**Output of discussion groups:** Set of key recommendations and follow up actions

**Networking lunch**

**Second lunch-time seminar (optional parallel session):**
Implementation of the WHO FCTC

**Third lunch-time seminar (optional parallel session):** Accountability:
Global and regional monitoring frameworks, progress indicators and reporting to WHO

**Third breakout session (starting with an introductory plenary session)**

- **Theme:** Time bound commitment; strengthen health systems to address NCDs through people-centred primary health care and universal health coverage, building on guidance set out in WHO Global NCD Action Plan.
- **Objective:** To understand the challenges and constraints faced by country NCD teams in implementing cost effective and affordable interventions including WHO best buys to enable health systems to respond to NCDs and to attain targets 1, 6, 8 and 9.
Discussion Group 1:
Country presentations from two WHO Regions followed by facilitated discussion

Focus of discussion groups: How to strengthen NCD management through a primary health care approach and access to NCD medicines and technologies to attain targets 7, 8 and 9?

Output of discussion groups: Set of key recommendations and follow up actions

Discussion Group 2:
Country presentations from two WHO Regions followed by facilitated discussion

Discussion Group 3:
Country presentations from two WHO Regions followed by facilitated discussion

Expected outcome: An understanding of the challenges and constraints faced by country NCD teams in implementing cost effective and affordable interventions to enable health systems to respond to NCDs and to attain targets 1, 6, 8 and 9.

Country presentations will share good practices, as well as factors which contributed to good practice and lessons learned. Topics will include:

- Integration of NCDs in primary health care
- Using a total cardiovascular risk approach to attain targets 6 and 8
- Improving access to basic technologies and medicines
- Providing NCD services through universal health coverage
- Strengthening the other health system building blocks to address NCDs
- Innovations and partnerships for scaling up NCD treatment and care

Tuesday 16 February 2016 • 19:00 to 21:00

Multistakeholder Forum on NCDs
Evening side event organized by the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism for the Prevention and Control of NCDs (Theme and venue to be announced)
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