NCD Civil Society at the International Level: Current Strengths and Challenges

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Who is Civil Society?

- NGOs
- Private sector including pharma and other industry
- University and academia
- Foundations
- Faith-based organizations
- Cultural Groups
- etc.
The NCD Challenge

• A misunderstood and neglected epidemic
• A broad agenda - diseases and risk factors
• Defining what NCDs means
• Marketing NCDs
• Cross-sectoral action
Where We Came From:
The NCD Alliance formed in 2009

Four NGO federations with 900 associations in 170 countries
What NCD Alliance members do:
From Advocacy to Service Delivery

• Global to Local Advocacy and Campaigning
• Building the Evidence - data
• What Works - Good Practice / Workable Solutions
• Health Service Delivery in LMCs
• Research: Scientific & Policy
• Awareness and Education
• Patient / Survivor Support
NCD Alliance: Unrivalled Partnership Structures and Networks

• UN Summit Partners: 7 major NGOs
• Private Sector Supporters: 9 major companies
• Common Interest Group (CIG): 300+ NGOs
• Local and Regional NCD Alliances: 24 worldwide
• Allies: WHO, PAHO, WEF, Lancet, govts........
• Website (www.ncdalliance.org): 90,000 hits
“It is critical to leverage the **special political assets** that are at hand: the UN Secretary General, the WHO Director General and the **NCD Alliance**”

CSIS report by Peter Piot et al

“Getting the politics right for the September 2011 UN High Level Meeting on NCDsFeb 2011”
How We Operate: Securing a Successful Summit

• One of the **earliest voices** calling for Summit - Jan 2009
• Linking global to local campaigning
• Engaged in official consultations for the Summit – global / regional
• Building the NCD civil society movement
• Representing civil society on the Civil Society Task Force
Setting the Agenda for the Summit: Proposed Outcomes Document for the UN Summit

- Launched 22nd March 2011
- In the voice of governments
- 34 targets and goals we ask UN Member States to commit to
- All 34 are needed – NCDs need a holistic approach

A landmark in the fight against NCDs
NCD Alliance’s Proposed Outcomes Document - Eight Headings

1. Leadership
2. Prevention and Detection
3. Diagnostics and Treatment
4. Health Systems
5. Resources
6. Research
7. Human Rights / Vulnerability
8. Monitoring / Follow Up
Core Principles of Outcomes Document: Government, UN, NGO and Private Sector Partnership

**Stop NCDs Partnership:**
- Vehicle for governments, UN, NGOs and private sector to drive follow-up action

**UN Inter-Agency Coordination Mechanism:**
- Needs coordinated action across the whole UN system

**High-Level Commission on Accountability for Action on NCDs:**
- Governments, donors, multilaterals, NGOs, private sector ensure ongoing monitoring
Core Principles of Outcomes Document: Generational Time Horizons

• UN Summit won’t provide all the answers – critical first step to global solution
• NCDs need **long term view** – UN Decade of Action on NCDs:
  • Focus attention on activities and policies that ensure long-term sustainable change
  • Periodic review meetings
• Longitudinal research to understand the lifecourse approach to NCDs and intergenerational transmission
A Question to Governments:

130 Governments co-sponsored the UN Resolution 64/265 to hold a Summit...

We know why we wanted a Summit...

But what do you want to achieve?...
Challenges Now – 144 Days Left

- Gaps in UN architecture for the Summit – no shift of resources into NCDs
- Role for the private sector? Space for government/NGO/private sector dialogue?
- Summit timetable – very little time to negotiate after June 16th Civil Society Hearing
- Competing events in New York in the same week – logistics / competition for media space
- Messaging NCDs and the Summit to the general public
- The big question to governments: funding?
Opportunities

- Need more NCD champion countries (CARICOM)
- For a major bilateral donor / philanthropic organisation to break ranks and announce major resources for NCDs
- To integrate NCDs and improve health systems for all conditions/diseases
- For private sector to lead on innovation and apply peer pressure to their health polluting peers – e.g. tobacco industry
- To save money and 36 million lives in 10 years and save hundreds of millions from premature death and suffering
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