

The NCD Alliance

Putting non-communicable diseases
on the global agenda

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Statement by the International Diabetes Federation the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, the Union for International Cancer Control, the World Heart Federation, and 2,000 leading civil society organizations, who together form the NCD Alliance.

The NCD Alliance commends the leadership of Member States and WHO in fulfilling the commitments made in the UN Political Declaration on the Prevention and Control of NCDs at this year's World Health Assembly. Now Member States have the opportunity at this EURO- Regional Committee to adapt the three pillars of the global NCD architecture – accountability; action; and coordination to the regional and national level.

We, therefore call on Member States to take bold decisions in four areas:

One: Secure accountability for the millions of people at risk or living with NCDs worldwide

By adopting the Global Monitoring Framework for NCDs at WHA, including the nine global voluntary targets and 25 indicators, we herald in a new era of accountability for people with NCDs. All WHO regions should adapt the recently agreed global monitoring framework for NCDs into a tailored regional NCD monitoring framework. Regional and national targets are essential for the NCD response, as it is countries themselves that are the foundations of accountability. Efforts to achieve these targets will improve data collection and inspire improvements in prevention, treatment, and care for people with NCDs worldwide, now and in the future.

Two: Determine action for the next phase of the global NCD response

By endorsing the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs 2013–2020, Member States have provided an ambitious roadmap for delivering on the Political Declaration and mobilising a whole-of government and whole-of-society response to NCDs. We urge Member States to adapt and tailor the Global Action Plan to the specific context and unique challenges across the EURO-region.

Three: Agree a robust global coordination mechanism to drive multisectoral action on NCDs

What is urgently needed now is a robust and well-resourced global mechanism that truly caters for the unique scale, complexity and multisectoral nature of the NCD epidemic. This was mandated in the 2011 UN Political Declaration, and more recently, in the 2013 WHA resolution. In this final and critical phase of WHO consultations, we strongly urge Member States in the region to be ambitious and support a global coordination mechanism for NCDs focused on convening, brokering and action; is driven by country demand and regional priorities; and has a robust adequately resourced organisational structure with transparent decision-making, reporting, and accountability systems.

Four: Place health and NCDs at the heart of the Post-2015 Development Framework.

Finally, the global NCD architecture cannot stand in isolation. We urge Member States to fully integrate NCD prevention and control into global health and development agendas, including the post-2015 development framework by agreeing to an overarching health goal of maximising healthy lives at all stages of life. This is an outcome-focused goal capturing the health dimension of sustainable development and reinforces health and NCDs as a global concern.

Please be assured that the NCD Alliance and our global network of civil society organisations stand ready to support Member States and the WHO Regional Offices in translating these commitments into action. Together, we can secure a healthy future for all.

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