

Formal Member State Consultation on Global Monitoring Framework,
Indicators and Targets for NCDs

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which together form the NCD Alliance

Chair, esteemed Member State representatives; Deputy Director-General, Assistant Director-General and colleagues from WHO, once again we thank you for this opportunity to make a statement, and we truly commend your efforts over the last three days in finalising the first Global Monitoring Framework for NCD prevention and control.

I am Cary Adams, CEO of the Union for International Cancer Control and I also speak as Chair of the NCD Alliance, a network of over 2,000 civil society organisations from over 170 countries.

Today, we have witnessed the finalisation of the first set of global NCD targets and indicators. This is a major step forward in the global NCD response.

However tomorrow, with these targets and indicators finalised, the focus will return to the Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020, which is critical. It will describe a roadmap for implementing the UN Political Declaration on NCDs, and will guide all of us – WHO, the broader UN system, Member States and international partners such as civil society – on how we achieve the “25 by 25” goal to save millions of people from avoidable suffering, illness, death and disability.

In order to maximise the opportunity of both the Global Monitoring Framework and the new Global Plan, we call on WHO and its Member States to consider two recommendations:

One. Ensure the Global Monitoring Framework is fully integrated into the Global Action Plan. Many Member States have called for this over the last three days, and we reinforce this message again today. Only by aligning these building blocks will we secure a comprehensive, coordinated Global NCD Framework. The targets should be used as a starting point in defining the action points in the Plan, and be used to monitor progress against the objectives. And key issues that have not made it into the Global Monitoring Framework have been referred to the Global Action Plan. Finally, we encourage you to look ahead to 2015 – NCDs must be at the heart of the health goal within the next generation of global development goals.

Two. To truly make this next Global NCD Plan multisectoral and a guiding instrument for all of us, we urge the WHO Secretariat and Member States to ensure the consultation process is open and participatory for all sectors – starting from tomorrow. Between now and the WHO Executive Board in January, we request clearly defined opportunities for civil society to input into the development of the Plan – as these next few weeks are critical. Harnessing the valuable technical expertise and knowledge of civil society in this process not only makes sense, but will also demonstrate that WHO is truly “walking the talk” on multisectoral action for NCDs.

It has been remarked many times during this consultation that the world has been watching. You have done a great job and tomorrow we start another important next phase. Civil society has the expertise, resources, energy and commitment to play a significant role with you in this next phase.