

**WHO African Regional Consultation on the preparation for the Moscow Ministerial Meeting and the UN High Level Summit on Non Communicable Diseases
Brazzaville (Congo), 04 - 06 April 2011**

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

04 April 2011: Technical meeting

Session 1: The magnitude of NCDs and their socio-economic impact at the regional level

For discussion:

- Epidemiology of major NCDs including Mental Health, Violence and Injuries in the African Region
- Risk factors and social determinants for NCDs in the WHO African region
- NCDs' socio-economic impacts at regional and country levels

Session 2: The political and policy relevance of addressing NCDs in the African region, with a particular focus on the developmental challenges faced by developing countries

For discussion:

- Policies, strategies and guidelines for NCDs prevention and control
- Planning and resource requirements for addressing NCDs in the African region
- The impact of social, economic, and physical environments on NCDs
- Evidence-based, cost-effective interventions
- NCDs, Poverty and MDGs

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Session 3: Challenges and opportunities in the implementation of The Action Plan of the Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of NCDs

For discussion:

- Challenges for governments in implementing the Global Strategy on the Prevention and Control of NCDs and its 2008-2013 Action Plan (Presentation of Country experiences)
- Opportunities for governments in implementing the Global Strategy on the Prevention and Control of NCDs and its 2008-2013 Action Plan
- Review and Consensus on the position paper

06 April 2011: Ministerial meeting

Summary of Day 1 and Day 2 presentations and discussions

Session 4: Countries in the WHO African Region contributions towards a Common Position in preparation for the UN High-level Summit on the prevention and control of NCDs

Panel 1: Areas for attention and synergistic actions

For discussion

- Possible new NCDs policy areas
- The UN General Assembly High-level Summit - national NCDs policies effectiveness; civil society support
- Intersectoral collaboration to address NCDs (Ministries of Planning, Agriculture, Food Security, Social Affairs, Education, Industry, Justice, Transport and Finance)

Panel 2: Desired outcomes of the High-level Summit

For discussion:

- Possible outcomes with a particular focus on the developmental challenges faced by African countries
- The UN High-level Summit on NCDs - active policies on NCDs and their risk factors; sustainable institutional capacity to tackle NCDs and their risk factors

Round Table 1: The private sector's role

For discussion:

- Dialogues among core business constituents across civil society, NGOs and academia
- The enlightened self- interest of tax payers in donor countries
- Actions to strengthen collaboration and partnership and resource mobilization for NCDs prevention and control.

Review and adoption of the Common position paper

Closing session

Closing statements

Key messages stated in a Common position paper to be delivered at the First Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and NCDs (Moscow, April 2011) and at the High-level Summit of the UN General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of NCDs (September 2011) and next steps to be taken in the African region

Meeting adjourns

Press conference