Uniting for action: Operationalising the Global Diabetes Compact to improve access to care for people living with diabetes

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100 years since the discovery of insulin and with much still to be done to improve the lives of people living with diabetes globally, the WHO launched a Global Diabetes Compact [1] to stimulate action in April 2021 and a R [2] esolution on diabetes [3] was also passed at the 74th World Health Assembly (WHA).

Yet to put this into context, diabetes mortality for those aged between 30-70 years has increased by over 60% between 2000 and 2019, and half of adults living with type 2 diabetes do not have safe and continuous access to insulin. In addition, blood glucose testing is not available in government primary health care facilities in the 50 poorest countries of the world. On top of this, over the past year people living with diabetes have been exposed to further challenges such as their high risk to severe disease and potential death from COVID-19.

To ensure that the 74th WHA outcomes truly meet the needs of people living with diabetes and support the implementation of the WHO Global Diabetes Compact, the Coalition for Access to NCD Medicines & Products, Direct Relief, NCD Alliance and Novo Nordisk will convene on Friday 25th June, virtually, to explore the next steps for key stakeholders and for people living with diabetes worldwide.

Speakers include:

Dr Peter Singer, Special Advisor to the Director-General, World Health Organization

Prof Naby Baldé, Vice-President and Immediate Past Africa Regional Chair, International Diabetes Federation

Dr Ephantus Maree, Head, Department of Noncommunicable Diseases, Ministry of Health, Kenya

Ms Marit Viktoria Pettersen, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

Ms Camilla Sylvest, Executive Vice President, Commercial Strategy and Corporate Affairs, Novo Nordisk

Mr Leif Fenger Jensen, Managing Director, World Diabetes Foundation

Dr Kaushik Ramaiya, Honourary General Secretary, Tanzania Diabetes Association

Ms. Kelsey Grodzovsky, Program Manager, Global Programs, Direct Relief

Ms Nupur Lalvani, Lived Experience Advocate; Founder, Blue Circle Diabetes Foundation, India

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