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The [Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States](#) [1] concluded yesterday in Apia, Samoa. The NCD Alliance was represented by Ms Annabel Lyman, who made two statements on behalf of the NCD Alliance; one at the [Side Event on Health and Non-communicable Diseases](#) [2], and one at the [Multi-stakeholder official partnership dialogue on Social development in Small Island Developing States, health and non-communicable diseases, youth and women](#) [3].

“All major political commitments on NCDs reinforce the important role of civil society as an imperative to achieving progress in NCDs. Indeed, a vibrant and strong civil society movement is a fundamental strategy to reaching the global ‘25 by 25’ NCD mortality target”, said Ms Lyman.

“There are three primary roles CSOs must play in advancing the NCD response in the SIDS context – technical expertise and advocacy, accountability, and service delivery”.

Click [here](#) [4] to view the statements, and [here](#) [5] to view Ms Annabel Lyman delivering the NCD Alliance Statement (at 33mins).

Read more about our work at the SIDS Conference [here](#) [5].

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