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## **Healthy Caribbean Coalition launches civil society report on National NCD Commissions**

The Healthy Caribbean Coalition (HCC) has released the report "*National NCD Commissions in the Caribbean: Towards a more Effective Multisectoral Response to NCDs*", supported by the NCD Alliance's programme in partnership with Medtronic Philanthropy "Expanding Access to Care, Supporting Global, Regional and Country Level NCD Action".

The report provides a detailed assessment and analysis of the status of CARICOM National NCD Commissions and makes recommendations for their future structure and roles as key instruments of national coordinated multisectoral action, based in varying country contexts and realities.

This work follows on from the 2014 HCC report "Civil Society Regional Status Report: Responses to NCDs in the Caribbean Community", in which gaps and challenges were identified in the functioning of National NCD commissions and the need recognised for a more detailed assessment of them.

The National NCD commissions report represents civil society's contribution to strengthening the multisectoral approach and will be used by the HCC to advocate for, and support National NCD Commissions in CARICOM and beyond.

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