
NCD Alliance General Assembly elects new President-Elect and Board of Directors for 2023-2025



Members of NCD Alliance Board of Directors 2021-2023, Geneva, May 2022.

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17 May 2023 Geneva (Switzerland) – Today, at the NCD Alliance (NCD Alliance) virtual General Assembly, the President-Elect and Board of Directors were elected for the 2023-2025 term. The NCD Alliance General Assembly is held every two years, convening NCD Alliance's 402 members as the supreme governing body of NCD Alliance.

At the meeting, [Leslie Rae Ferat](#) [1] was elected as NCD Alliance's President-Elect for the 2023-2025 term. Ferat is Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Tobacco Control (GATC, formerly Framework Convention Alliance) and has served on the NCD Alliance Board for the last two years.

NCD Alliance members also elected eight Board Directors for 2023-2025, who join the four appointed representatives of the Founding Members, the President and President-Elect on the NCD Alliance Board for the next two years. The NCD Alliance Board comprises a group of 14 outstanding individuals from various backgrounds, geographies, and areas of expertise across the NCD field.

The NCD Alliance General Assembly also officially marked the end of Anne Lise Ryel's term as NCD Alliance President and welcomed Dr Monika Arora as NCD Alliance President for 2023-2025.

Dr Arora is the Executive Director of HRIDAY (Health Related Information Dissemination Amongst Youth), a founding member of the Healthy India Alliance (India NCD Alliance) and a public health scientist working on health promotion and advocacy on NCDs. She has served as President-Elect since 2021 and has been an NCD Alliance Board member since 2019.

The NCD Alliance Board for the 2023-2025 period is as follows:

- [Dr Monika Arora](#) [2], **NCD Alliance President**, Executive Director of HRIDAY,
- [Leslie Rae Ferat](#) [3], **NCD Alliance President-Elect**, Executive Director, Global Alliance for Tobacco Control (GATC, formerly Framework Convention Alliance)
- [Pubudu Amarajith Sumanasekara](#) [4], Executive Director and President, NCD Alliance Lanka, Sri Lanka; Consultant for RESET Alcohol Initiative, Vital Strategies
- [Beatriz Champagne](#) [5], Executive Director, Coalition for Americas' Health/Coalición Latinoamérica Saludable (CLAS)
- [Marie Hauerslev](#) [6], Past-Chair, NCD Child
- [Ishu Kataria](#) [7], Senior Public Health Researcher, Center for Global NCDs, RTI International
- [Guy Marks](#) [8], President and Executive Director, The International Union Against TB and Lung Disease
- [Eva Njenga](#) [9], Founder Director, NCD Alliance Kenya (NCDAK); Consultant Physician/Endocrinologist, DIAMED Centre, Kenya Diabetes Study Group

- [Bo Norrving](#) [10], Senior Professor in Neurology, Lund University and Past President and Past-President, World Stroke Organization (WSO)
- [Kaushik L Ramaiya](#) [11], Honorable Secretary and CEO, Tanzania NCD Alliance (TANCDA)
- [Peter Schwarz](#) [8], President-Elect, International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and Head of the Division of Prevention and Care of Diabetes at Universitätsklinikum Carl Gustav Carus
- [Saunthari Somasundaram](#) [8], Former Union for International Cancer Control Board Member and President and Medical Director, The National Cancer Society of Malaysia
- [Laura Tucker-Longsworth](#) [12], Board Member, Healthy Caribbean Coalition; President, Belize Cancer Society
- [Liesl Zühlke](#) [8], World Heart Federation Board Member and Vice President, South African Medical Research Council.

NCD Alliance President Dr Arora said: "I am committed to strengthening NCD Alliance's global position as a convener of NCD civil society, a thought leader in NCDs, and promoting the meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs. As the NCD community looks towards the UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs in 2025, the next two years will be especially critical in shaping the NCD agenda and accelerating progress towards a world that puts health first and leaves no one behind. We, the NCD movement, have the solutions to meet global NCD targets and I look forward to maximising this important opportunity to drive positive change for people living with NCDs around the world."

Outgoing NCD Alliance President Ryel said: "I am incredibly honoured to have served as the NCD Alliance President over the past two years. It has been a privilege to work alongside the Board, our diverse membership, and the NCD Alliance team to drive positive change for people living with NCDs. The NCD Alliance is such a unique organisation, and I believe over the last two years we have advanced the NCD response, strengthened the NCD community, and made a real impact. I am particularly proud that we have set the foundations for the next Global NCD Alliance Forum in Rwanda in October 2024, and to have achieved WHO official relations. I have every confidence Monika and the new Board will continue to build upon our successes and further solidify NCD Alliance as a powerful voice for civil society in the NCD space."

NCD Alliance is extremely thankful to Ryel and the outgoing NCD Alliance Board for their leadership, guidance and oversight, and to all the member organisations that actively participated in the General Assembly.

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