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The NCD Alliance team is responsible for operationalising the NCD Alliance's Strategic Plan, including the day-to-day campaign management, coordinating the activities of our network, and external relations to promote our work.

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London
Katie Dain is Chief Executive Officer of the NCD Alliance, a global network of civil society organisations dedicated to transforming the fight against non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Katie has worked with the NCD Alliance since its founding in 2009. Katie is widely recognised as a leading advocate and expert on NCDs. She is currently a member of the WHO Independent High-Level Commission on NCDs, co-chair of the WHO Civil Society Working Group on the UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs, and a member of The Lancet Commission on NCDIs of the Poorest Billion. Her experience covers a range of sustainable development issues, including global health, gender equality and women’s empowerment, violence against women, and women’s health. Before joining the NCD Alliance, she held a series of policy and advocacy posts in international NGOs and government, including the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) in Brussels, leading their global policy and advocacy programme; the UK Government as a gender policy adviser; Womankind Worldwide, a women’s rights organisation; and the Terrence Higgins Trust (THT), a HIV and sexual health charity. She has a BA in History from Sheffield University, and a Master’s degree in Violence, Conflict and International Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London.
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Jacqueline Romoff, Executive Assistant (London)

Jackie is Executive Assistant to the NCD Alliance CEO, Senior Management Team and Board, supporting day-to-day activities and governance of NCDA’s global operations. She has over 30 years organisational and management experience in the public and private sectors having worked in multi-national and multi-cultural environments worldwide. She has also been responsible for the top-to-bottom organisation and delivery of events including the first two Global NCD Alliance Forums in Sharjah, UAE. Her experience spans Executive Boards, development agencies including the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Department for International Development (DFID UK), and African Development Bank (AfDB), multilateral agencies, civil society, British and Middle Eastern royalty and dignitaries, embassies, high commissions and high level government officials including prime ministers and health and finance ministers throughout Africa, Middle East and the Caribbean.

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Nina joined the NCD Alliance in July 2018 and is responsible for leading, developing, implementing and managing NCDA’s global policy and advocacy work. Nina has over twelve years of international policy and advocacy experience in diverse fields including environment, transport, industrial policy, taxation and health. She started her career in the private sector in travel and logistics, and gained public sector experience at the European Commission's Energy and Transport Directorate. Prior to joining the NCD Alliance she was based in Brussels, as Secretary-General of the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) and previously as Deputy Director of the campaign group Transport & Environment. She studied International Business with Modern Languages (German and French) at Aston University, UK and has a Master’s degree in Contemporary European Politics and Policy from Humboldt University, Berlin and the University of Bath, UK, writing her thesis on the role of civil society in policy-making. She has served as a board member of several NGOs, including the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), the European Citizens’ Organisation for Standardisation (ECOS), and Green Budget Europe, and has represented civil society on advisory groups to the UNECE, WHO, OECD and to the European Commission on international trade, better regulation, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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New York

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Mexico City
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