

Statement at the 140th WHO Executive Board**Agenda Item 11.1: Progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to make this statement on behalf of the World Heart Federation and the NCD Alliance.

The 2030 Agenda affirms the central role of health to sustainable human development. We applaud Member States and WHO for moving toward creating and adapting systems to ensure the centrality of health in the 2030 Agenda, and encourage Member States to:

- 1. Facilitate intersectoral partnerships with relevant stakeholders.** Achieving SDG 3, including the NCD-related targets, requires innovative, multisectoral partnerships that draw upon all sectors whose outputs have an impact on health and NCDs. A Health in All Policies approach is essential for achieving sustainable development and in particular now, in the lead up to the 2018 UN High-level Review on NCDs, it is vital that such partnerships are formed and strengthened.
- 2. Strengthen health systems to respond to the increasing burden of NCDs.** Stronger, adaptive health systems are necessary to deliver for rapidly growing populations, many of who are affected by NCDs. Comprehensive universal health coverage must include essential NCD interventions, and national and regional development plans should prioritise NCDs.
- 3. Ensure adequate and sustained financial resources for NCDs.** Increasing domestic resources is a critical component of the health response within the 2030 Agenda. As recognised in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, taxation of unhealthy commodities, such as tobacco, alcohol and sugary drinks, provides a win-win solution by increasing domestic revenue and decreasing consumption. Simultaneously, sustained official development assistance for health remains a critical source of funding, especially for low-income-countries, and it is imperative that ODA for health reflects the actual burden of disease. To this end, we call for disaggregation of spending, using NCD-specific tracker codes.

Please accept our full support in implementing the goals and targets in the 2030 Agenda. Thank you for your attention.