

158th Executive Board

Individual Statement:

Agenda Item 28.6. Engagement with non-State actors

Report on the Implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors

NCD Alliance welcomes progress achieved in implementing FENSA, including WHO offices' efforts to engage communities and civil society working on NCDs, while undertaking due diligence and risk assessments.

However, we are concerned about the growing number of engagement proposals involving private sector entities. Despite WHO's financial and programmatic challenges, all engagements must fully comply with FENSA, effectively managing conflicts of interest, particularly with health-harming industries.

We urge Member States and WHO to continue fostering inclusive, transparent, and accountable engagement with non-State actors to avoid undue influence. We further urge Member States to request greater transparency in WHO reporting on private sector engagements, and to include alcohol, unhealthy food and beverage, breast-milk substitutes, and fossil fuel industries within the scope of FENSA paragraph 44, ceasing their engagement in global health policymaking.

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