

**DAKAR DECLARATION ON  
NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDs)  
Dakar, Senegal at 15 August 2019**



**Noting** that the NCD Alliance organised the Regional Workshop on NCDs for Francophone Africa on 12-13 June 2019, in Dakar, Senegal, with the aim of promoting greater civil society coordination and mobilisation on NCDs in the region. The workshop was attended by 20 representatives of NCD organisations and alliances from 8 Francophone African countries, namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Togo, Cameroon, Niger, Rwanda, and Senegal. This workshop also received a distinguished visit, in full session, of the First Lady of the Republic of Burkina Faso.

**Taking note** that Heads of State and Government from around the world, including those from Francophone Africa, have committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with the aim of reducing premature mortality from NCDs by 30% by 2030, as indicated in SDG 3.4.

Civil society members of Francophone Africa, and participants of the Regional Workshop on NCDs for Francophone Africa,

- **Noting** the rapid growth of NCDs worldwide, more than half of which occur in developing countries;
- **Aware** of the threat of NCDs in Africa and the world, accounting for 71 percent of global mortality and causing 1 premature death every two seconds;
- **Noting** that in developing countries, particularly in Africa, NCDs affect relatively young people, who are still working age;
- **Noting** that NCDs affect more and more the poorest sections of the population;
- **Noting** that the majority of these deaths occur in developing countries, where communicable diseases are still a priority and whose health systems are ill-prepared to deal with NCDs, in a context of limited financial resources;
- **Noting** that WHO estimates that deaths from NCDs will increase by 17% worldwide in the next 10 years;
- **Regretting** the high cost of managing NCDs that exceeds the financial capacities of health care providers in general, and in particular those from rural areas;
- **Noting** the insufficient funding and budgets allocated to the management of NCDs and for achieving effective systems for universal health coverage in developing countries;
- **Regretting** the lack of medical infrastructure and of specialists for the treatment of NCDs, particularly in low- and middle-income countries;
- **Given** the participation and engagement of civil society organisations at the Global NCD Forums organised in 2015 and 2017 by the NCD Alliance in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates;

- **Considering** that in the campaign against NCDs and their risk factors, civil society has played, plays and will play a significant role through advocacy, awareness raising, accountability, improved access to prevention and to essential diagnosis and treatment, and enhanced meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs;
- **Taking into account** the Political Declaration adopted by the world's Heads of State and Government, including those of Francophone Africa, during the 3rd High Level Meeting on NCDs in September 2018;
- **Determined** to strengthen global commitments on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) during the 1st High-Level Meeting on UHC to be held in September 2019;
- Convinced that the progressive realisation of UHC necessitates integration of NCD prevention and control in UHC design and implementation. When achieved, UHC can be a powerful tool to accelerate progress on NCD outcomes, reducing inequalities, socio-economic stability and sustainable development.

**Commit to joining forces to fight NCDs in Francophone Africa, and decide together to:**

1. Mobilise civil society in Francophone Africa on the prevention and control of NCDs, in advocacy actions for good health and well-being in the region.
2. Mobilise civil society in their respective countries, to unite in national alliances for the fight against NCDs and their risk factors, and if necessary, to create a regional and continental alliance.
3. Collaborate closely with other civil society organisations and alliances fighting against NCDs at the national, regional and international levels.
4. Lead an advocacy campaign with national, regional and international authorities, institutions and organizations to effectively fight against NCDs, including on the adoption and implementation of the commitments included in the Political Declaration of the 3rd High Level Meeting on NCDs for the prevention and control of NCDs.
5. Conduct public awareness campaigns to reduce NCD risk factors for a better NCD prevention.
6. Fight ignorance through public information, awareness and education using all channels of communication, including media and schools.
7. Sensitise and support people living with NCDs, for the formation of support and advocacy groups to achieve better care and easier access to treatment of these diseases.
8. Support the implementation of NCD prevention activities, in partnership with health structures and services.
9. Accompany government strategies and policies implemented by the ministries of health in Francophone African countries.
10. Take part in all actions and political, institutional, sub-regional and continental strategies, moving in the direction of better management of NCDs.
11. Mobilise to contribute to the success of the 1st High Level Meeting on UHC in September 2019, by requesting a participation at the highest level of Heads of State

and Government of Francophone African countries, with the aim of promoting quality health services and integrated social services, meeting the needs of all people throughout their lives, encompassing all care (from prevention to palliative care), and aiming at improving the efficiency and equity of public health financing.

**Signed in Dakar on 15 August 2019**

**The signatories of the Dakar Declaration on NCDs:**

- Senegalese Diabetic Support Association (*Association Sénégalaise de Soutien aux Diabétiques - ASSAD*) - Senegal
- Senegalese Hemophiliac Association (*Association Sénégalaise des Hémophiles - ASH*) - Senegal
- Senegalese Association of Hemodialysis and Renal Insufficiency (*Association Sénégalaise des Hémodialysés et Insuffisants Rénaux - ASHIR*) - Senegal
- Burundi NCD Alliance - *Burundi*
- Cameroon Baptist Convention (CBC) Health Services - *Cameroun*
- Cameroon Civil Society NCD Alliance (CACNSA) - *Cameroun*
- CERS - D. Base - *Togo*
- Coalition against NCDs in Togo (*Coalition contre les MNT au Togo*) - *Togo*
- KIMI Foundation (*Fondation KIMI*) - *Burkina Faso*
- Senegalese League Against Cancer (*Ligue Sénégalaise contre le Cancer - LISCA*) - *Senegal*
- Senegalese Association of Public Health Professionals (*Association Sénégalaise des Professionnels de Santé Publique*) - *Senegal*
- Togolese League Against Cancer (*Ligue Togolaise Contre le Cancer - LTCC*) - *Togo*
- PATH - *Sénégal*
- Rwanda NCD Alliance - *Rwanda*
- Health Hope Togo (*Santé Espoir Togo - S.E.T*) - *Togo*
- Senegalese Society of Cardiology (*Société Sénégalaise de Cardiologie - SOSECAR*) - *Senegal*
- SOS Cancer Benin (*SOS Cancer Bénin*) - *Benin*
- SOS Tobacco Niger (*SOS Tabagisme Niger*) - *Niger*

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