



# The NCD Café

## *Spirit of Partnership*

## Making the case for cardiovascular disease and NCDs

Join us during your breaks from **31 August-3 September** at the ESC Plaza of the **ESC Congress 2019** together with **World Congress of Cardiology** for these informal and interactive discussions on NCDs, with a particular focus on cardiovascular disease (CVD)!

The NCD Café welcomes you for a coffee or tea whilst providing a unique platform for open discussions on key topics in the field of CVD, NCDs and global health, with a focus on integration, partnerships and multidisciplinary experiences, facilitating a space for networking with prominent experts and thought leaders.

Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) – which include CVD, diabetes, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases, and mental and neurological disorders – account for over 41 million deaths each year globally. NCDs share common risk factors and health systems challenges, and also common solutions; a united response is therefore beneficial for all disease communities.

**The NCD Café can be found next to the World Heart Federation booth at the ESC Plaza of the ESC Congress 2019 together with World Congress of Cardiology.**

Furthermore, accelerating progress towards universal health coverage (UHC) is essential to ensuring the health and wellbeing of all people. Yet, UHC remains a distant reality for many low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), where the NCD burden is impacting disproportionately.

This NCD Café will provide the opportunity to discuss current challenges in the global health arena and other NCD and UHC topics in an open and engaging environment, with interactive sessions dedicated to open discussion between participants and speakers from all backgrounds, regions, and sectors. Join us and connect with experts!

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### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August

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#### SESSION 1

**12:30-13:30**

#### Putting people living with NCDs at the centre of UHC

NCDs are the leading causes of global death and disease worldwide, and a major contributor to health expenditure due to their chronic nature. NCDs are responsible for over half of the global burden of disease and for over 70% of all global deaths. Universal health coverage provides the promise of better-quality health care for more people around the world. People living with NCDs (PLWNCDs) have to be meaningfully involved in the discussion to have their voices heard and their interests placed at the center of health systems.

##### CHAIR

**Dr Sanne Peters**

Research Fellow, The George Institute for Global Health (UK)

##### SPEAKERS

**Ms Jimena Marquez Donaher**

Director of Communications, NCD Alliance (Spain)

**Ms Vicki Mooney**

Executive Director, European Coalition for People with Obesity (Ireland)

**Ms Amalia Adler-Waxman**

Vice-President, Social Impact and Responsibility, Teva (Israel)

**Ms Diana Vaca-McGhie**

Global Advocacy Manager, American Heart Association (USA)

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### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

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#### SESSION 2

**12:30-13:30**

#### The role of healthcare professionals in strengthening health systems and combating NCDs

The UN sustainable development goal (SDG) target 3.4 on NCDs is set to reduce by a third the rate of premature deaths by NCDs by 2030 through prevention and treatment, and promote mental health and wellbeing. To reach this target, there is an urgent need to build resilient health systems and national NCD responses. The health workforce plays a crucial role across the continuum of care, especially at the primary healthcare level, and adequate strategies need to be explored to best support health workers to provide care to their communities and contribute to effective health systems for NCDs.

##### CHAIR

**Dr Olivia Barata Cavalcanti**

Director of Science and Education, World Obesity Federation (UK)

##### SPEAKERS

**Dr John G. Harold**

Past President, American College of Cardiology (USA)

**Dr Antonio Ribeiro**

Lead Global Health Program, HealthRise, Medtronic Foundation (Brazil)

**Ms Sarah Belsonn**

International Development Manager, World Stroke Organization (UK)

**Dr Catherine Levy**

Head of Global Health Programs for NCDs, Sanofi (France)

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## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

### SESSION 3

10:00-11:00

#### CVD and Obesity: changing attitudes among healthcare professionals

Obesity has become one of the main drivers of cardiovascular disease. Many patients' first encounter with the health system for obesity-related issues is through cardiology and even primary care, becoming urgent the need to adapt training programmes in primary care and professional education to meet the needs of patients with obesity. The World Heart Federation (WHF) and World Obesity Federation (WOF) have recently joined forces to raise the profile of obesity and highlight the related training and educational needs of healthcare professionals.

#### CHAIR

**Dr Pablo Perel**

Senior Science Advisor, World Heart Federation (Switzerland)

#### SPEAKERS

**Dr Amitava Banerjee**

Associate Professor in Clinical Data Science, University College London (UK)

**Prof Laura Hayman**

Nurse Scientist, University of Massachusetts Boston (USA)

**Dr Olivia Barata Cavalcanti**

Director of Science and Education, World Obesity Federation (UK)

**Dr Nathan Wong**

Professor and Director, Heart Disease Prevention Program, Cardiology Division, University of California, Irvine (USA)

### SESSION 4

12:30-13:30

#### What's next for rheumatic heart disease?

Rheumatic Heart Disease, or RHD, is a preventable, treatable form of cardiovascular disease that affects over 33 million people around the world, a number comparable to those living with HIV. It affects the world's poorest and most vulnerable, mainly children and women. The unanimous adoption of the World Health Organization (WHO) Resolution on Rheumatic Fever and RHD at the World Health Assembly in 2018 was a big step forward in raising the profile of this largely neglected disease, but there remains much to be done to contribute towards its implementation.

#### CHAIR

**Ms Florence Berteletti**

Director of Advocacy, World Heart Federation (Switzerland)

#### SPEAKERS

**Dr Kate Ralston**

Policy and Advocacy Officer, World Heart Federation (Switzerland)

**Dr Abdullah Al Shafi Majumder**

Professor of Cardiology, National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (Bangladesh)

**Dr Gabriele Wehr**

Cardiologist, MESC, Member of Etiopia-Witten e.V. Germany, Manager prevRHD program Ethiopia (Germany/Ethiopia)

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

### SESSION 5

12:30-13:30

#### Air pollution and CVD: a window of opportunity

According to the WHO, air pollution causes 7 million deaths every year worldwide, making it the world's largest single environmental health risk. Addressing this issue will not only help to contain the rising burden of NCDs, and its strain on health systems, but also support the progress towards multiple SDGs and the achievement of UHC by 2030. In the lead up to the UN Climate Summit and the UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage, which will both take place on 23rd September at UN Headquarters, it is especially important to consider the links between health and environmental sustainable development priorities.

#### CHAIR

**Ms Kelcey Armstrong-Walenczak**

Advocacy and Policy Officer, World Heart Federation (Switzerland)

#### SPEAKERS

**Dr Mark R. Miller**

Senior Research Scientist, University of Edinburgh (UK)

**Prof Dr med. Thomas Muenzel**

Chief of Cardiology, University Medical Center Mainz, Johannes Gutenberg University (Germany)

**Dr Samantha Pegoraro**

Department of Public Health, Environment and Social Determinants of Health, World Health Organization (Switzerland)

**Dr Ilonca Vaartjes**

Associate Professor, Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht (Netherlands)



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