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NCD Alliance Partners Report

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The NCD Alliance Partners Report provides an essential overview of key updates and most recent developments in the NCD space. It has been designed to allow a quick and easy access to topline information you need to be aware of regarding noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).

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Need to Know Global Updates on NCDs

Global health spending grows but more money needed for primary care



20 February 2019



Geneva, Switzerland



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A new report from the WHO on global health expenditure highlights a global increase in domestic spending for health, which now accounts for 10% of global gross domestic product based on data from 2000 to 2016. In low- and middle- income countries health spending has risen to almost 6% yearly (versus 4% in high-income countries), but analysis finds that this is however still not sufficient and external aid remains essential. The new report also points out mechanisms for policy makers, health professionals and citizen to continue to strengthen health systems and reduce the reliance on out-of-pocket expenses.

WHO launches reform focused on triple billion targets



6 March 2019



Geneva, Switzerland



[More information](#)

In March, the WHO unveiled a new organisation structure which has been designed to help WHO to better support countries in achieving the ambitious “triple billion” targets at the heart of 13th General Programme of Work. The new structure has four pillars: Programmes (including universal health coverage), health emergencies (including the response to health crisis), external relations, Governance and Business (which will address the resource mobilisation) and Business operations.

WHO European High-level conference on NCDs



9-10 April 2019



Ashgabat, Turkmenistan



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The World Health Organization convened its second European high-level conference on NCDs to review the progress made since the initial meeting in 2013, and decide on the next steps to reach the health-related Sustainable Development Goals in Europe. The 53 Member States of the European Region met in Ashgabat to discuss a roadmap for implementing global and regional commitments, and to push forward the progress needed in areas such as tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol and unhealthy diets and consider the bold measures needed to bring the best buys to scale.

WHO releases first guideline on digital health interventions

 17 April 2019

 Worldwide

 [More information](#)

Over the past two years, WHO has conducted a systematic review of the evidence of the contributions made by emerging digital health interventions on health systems, and has consulted with experts to produce recommendations on 10 ways that countries can use digital health technologies to improve people's health and access to essential services. During the 2018 World Health Assembly, the Member States adopted a resolution calling on WHO to develop a global strategy on digital health to support national efforts to achieve UHC. The recent creation of the Department of Digital Health, in March 2019, will enhance WHO's role in assessing digital technologies and support Member States in prioritising, integrating and regulating them as well as supporting the development of the global strategy on digital health to be delivered by the 74th WHA in 2020.

WHO is also establishing a global multi-disciplinary technical group to advise us on issues related to digital health. Individuals interested in applying to participate in this group will find details on the application process [here](#).

New WHO guidelines on physical activity, sedentary behaviour and sleep for children under 5 years of age

 24 April 2019

 Worldwide

 [More information](#)

A new set of guidelines, developed by a WHO panel of experts, has reviewed the evidence on the benefits of physical activity and sleep for the healthy development of children under the age of 5. The guidelines emphasise the critical importance of physical activity and sleep to shape healthy habits through childhood into adulthood, in order to counteract the growing burden of diseases induced by the failure to meet physical activity recommendations.

A call for raising tobacco, alcohol & sugar sweetened beverage taxes to prevent NCDs

 April 2019

 [More information](#)

The [Task Force on Fiscal Policy for Health](#) was established to review the evidence of fiscal policies to help address the growing health and economic burden of NCDs. In April 2019, the Task Force released its report calling on all countries to best leverage fiscal policies and taxes on sugary beverages, alcohol and tobacco to yield improved health outcomes for their citizens while bringing in additional revenue to help economies. Headline findings from the Task Force report are the 50 million premature deaths that could be averted worldwide over the next 50 years. The Task Force members include Michel Bloomberg, and former Secretary of State for the US Treasury, Larry Summers.

UN High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage



Monday 23 September 2019



New York, USA



[More information](#)

Resources



[NCD Alliance Newstory](#)



[NCD Alliance Advocacy Priorities for the 2019 UN HLM on UHC](#)



[PNCDA Statement at UHC HLM Interactive Hearing](#)

Additional resource



[Ensuring healthy lives for all: NCDs and UHC \(NCD Alliance Policy Brief\)](#)

Registration for the UN HLM on UHC



July 2019 - TBC

The High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage will take place on 23 September during the 74th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). Focused on the theme “Universal Health Coverage: Moving Together to Build a Healthier World”, it will be an important opportunity for UHC advocates to mobilize the highest political support to help drive action before the mid-point of the SDGs in 2023.

As part of the preparatory process, the President of the UNGA convened a multistakeholder hearing on Monday 29 April at the UN Headquarters in New York. The interactive hearing was scheduled to allow the co-facilitators, Georgia and Thailand, and other Member States to hear stakeholders’ views and priorities prior to the release of the zero draft, which is expected in mid-May. The meeting was attended by over 500 stakeholders with a majority of civil society representatives.

The day was comprised of three sessions, during which the panellists were invited to discuss how to work together to deliver UHC, and called upon governments to lead the way to ensuring health for all. A number of participants were invited to deliver oral statements from the floor, including a number members of the NCD Alliance network, as well as the NCD Alliance itself.

The NCD Alliance, together with the Union for International Cancer Control, urged the Member States to adopt a lifecourse approach to health in the outcome of the HLM on UHC.

A summary of the hearing and all statements will be posted online in the coming weeks.

The registration for the UN High-level Meeting on UHC which will take place on 23rd September will open in July to organisations with special accreditation or who are already in consultative status with ECOSOC.

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On the Ground Country Updates

Mexico launches its national advocacy agenda for people living with NCDs



19 March 2019



Mexico City, Mexico



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As part of the Our Views, Our Voices initiative, the NCD Alliance has supported the Mexico Salud-Hable Coalition in the development of its national Advocacy Agenda of People Living with NCDs (PLWNCDS). This Agenda draws on the NCDA's Global Advocacy Agenda of PLWNCDS and other activities in support of the Our Views, Our Voices initiative, including the organisation of seven community conversations with 150 PLWNCDS and their caregivers in Mexico City during 2017. The Agenda will be further used by the Mexico Salud-Hable to advocate for the new National Development Plan 2019-2024 and the National Health Plan 2019-2024, which will become the pillars for the new Mexican government in terms of social and health policies.

A new alliance launched in Cambodia to tackle NCDs



28 March 2019



Phnom Penh, Cambodia



More information

The Cambodian NCD Alliance was officially launched on 28 March 2019 in Phnom Penh with support from P4H and GIZ. High-level representatives from the Ministry of Health and the National Aids Authority participated in the official launch, alongside the founding members and around 80 participants representing civil society, development partners, UN agencies, people living with NCDs, the private sector, medical associations, and academic institutions. The purpose of the CNCDA is to contribute to reducing the negative impact of NCDs on the health and wellbeing of the Cambodian population, including the societal and economic costs, by advocating for increased multisectoral action on NCDs and political and financial commitment from the highest levels of government.

NCDs-VN wants to raise the voice of people living with NCDs



April 2019



Hanoi, Vietnam

The Vietnam Non-communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Alliance (NCDs-VN) representatives met with Vietnam Ban Asbestos Network, Vietnam Sustainable Energy Alliance (VSEA) and WHO Vietnam to discuss the establishment of a network of people living with NCDs in Vietnam. This network will aim to raise the voice of PLWNCDS and will champion their involvement in future policy and advocacy activities related to the prevention and control of NCDs.

Release of the Ghana Advocacy Agenda of People Living with NCDs



21 May 2018



Accra, Ghana

In May 2019, the Ghana NCD Alliance is organising a media launch of its national advocacy agenda of people living with NCDs. The NCD Alliance has partnered with the Ghana NCD Alliance under the aegis of a broader partnership with Access Accelerated to advance the Our Views, Our Voices initiative in Ghana by seeking to meaningfully involve people living with NCDs in the NCD response and channel the power of the lived experience into effective advocacy and action on NCDs. The Ghana Advocacy Agenda of People Living with NCDs is the combined result of an online as well as in-person consultative process held in November 2018 involving over 100 people living with a wide range of NCDs and stakeholders working on NCDs in Ghana. The Ghana Advocacy Agenda of People Living with NCDs will be available on the NCD Alliance website shortly after the media launch.

Urban health: The Iranian NCD Alliance signs a MoU with Tehran Municipality



8 April 2019



Tehran, Iran



More information

The recently formed Iranian NCD Alliance (INCDA) met with the Tehran Municipality authorities to bolster multi-sectorial cooperation and address the urban challenges to health by supporting NCD prevention measures in Tehran. The mutual cooperation will focus on promoting active transport around the city, the establishment of weekly farmer's markets to encourage healthy food habits and the creation of smoke-free zones.

Ethiopia move forward to promote healthy living in East Africa



May 2019



Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia



More information

After the success of a smoking ban near public institutions, the Ethiopian government is pursuing efforts to promote healthy living with a bill that will raise taxes on alcoholic beverages and a national advertising ban. Taking effect on May 29, this ban was hard won following on from strong objections from the alcohol industry and media outlets due to fears over lost revenues.

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Your Say Engage with Us

WEBINAR Preparation for WHA 72



Access the webinar
recording

Password: pre-WHA72

The NCDA hosted a webinar on 8 May providing an overview of the agenda, priorities and events taking place at the upcoming WHA, as well as an overview of the preparations for the UN HLM on UHC and other updates from members and partners on relevant global processes.

Past webinars

Find recordings and slides of more NCDA webinars at '[My NCDA Hub](#)'

NCD-relevant agenda items include

The Provisional Agenda for WHA is accessible [here](#). Please find below an overview of the [NCD-relevant items](#).

A72/12	UHC / Primary health care towards universal health coverage
A72/13	UHC / Community health workers delivering primary health care: opportunities and challenges
A72/14	UHC / Preparation for the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage
A72/15	Health, environment and climate change
A72/16	Health, environment and climate change
A72/17	Access to medicines and vaccines
A72/19	Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases
A72/20	Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues / Ending tuberculosis
A72/23 & A72/24	Human resources for health
A72/25	Promoting the health of refugees and migrants

Stay tuned to the [WHO's Governing Bodies](#) website for more details

NCD-related activities and events

Download our comprehensive [calendar](#) of NCD-related events and activities by clicking the image and RSVP to events of interest.

Schedule for supporters

Find an overview of key events, meetings and activities in which the NCDA is involved with its partners

Saturday 18 May

14:00-16:00 **NCD Alliance General Assembly**
Members only

Sunday 19 May

09:00-13:00 **WALK THE TALK**

The Health for All Challenge (WHO): open to people of all ages and abilities and held over three distances (short 3 kilometres, medium 5 kilometres and long 8 kilometres).

13:30-15:30 **NCDA Civil Society Briefing**

CSOs- only

Meet other CSOs, learn about official WHA NCD agenda items and side events, and strategise on priority advocacy messages.

16:00-17:30 **NCDA Supporters Meeting**

Open to representatives of the NCDA Supporters Group only to coordinate on activities and priorities in the lead up to the UN HLM.

17:30-18:30 **Supporter's Leadership session.**

Provide an opportunity for NCDA leadership and supporters from across the NCD community including NCDA board members, NCDA partners from a range of international and national NGOs, foundations and corporate, to engage in an open-minded conversation with Prof. K Srinath Reddy, to present his journey as a global leader engaged in NCDs and discuss opportunities to intensify the NCD response on the ground moving forward.

19:00-21:00 **Partners Reception**

Celebrating strong foundations and new ambitions: 10 years of leading progress in cancer control and NCDs (invitation only)

Monday 20 May

07:30-09:30 Expert Breakfast: Protecting Populations, Preserving Futures

On the theme 'Optimising Health Workforce to Combat NCDs and Achieve UHC' (invitation only, Restaurant Vieux Bois).

08:00-10:00 Putting Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions at the heart of UHC

Organised by Teva, Philips and NCD Alliance (InterContinental Hotel).

18:00-20:00 Rethinking global health: A prerequisite for achieving UHC

Hosted by the NCD Alliance and followed by a joint reception with Access Accelerated (InterContinental Hotel).

Tuesday 21 May

12:00-14:00 Every Breath Can Do Damage: The Urgency of Air Pollution Action

Hosted by Vital Strategies and NCD Alliance (Club Suisse de la Presse)

Wednesday 22 May

12:30-14:00 Nutrition Policy Action to Save Lives - Trans Fat Free by 2023

Hosted by NCD Alliance in partnership with Resolve to Save Lives (Restaurant Vieux Bois).

Thursday 23 May

18:00-18:50 NGO side event: Leaving no one behind? Tracking "health for all" from rhetoric to reality

Co-hosted by UICC and NCD Alliance (Palais des Nations, Room IX)

NCD Trailblazers: Trans fat free by 2030 - Advocacy for trans fat elimination



Thursday 30 May

From 3:00-4:30 CET



[Link to register](#)
(for members only)

The NCD Alliance's Trailblazers Webinar Series explores examples of successful advocacy for, and implementation of, policies and programmes to prevent and control NCDs from around the world. This webinar will present proven advocacy strategies for trans fat regulations drawing from the experiences countries that have already implemented TFA limits or bans on partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs) in Chile, USA, Slovenia, South Africa, Thailand and Saudi Arabia. During the webinar two grantees from the Resolve to Save Lives initiative in Mexico (Salud Hable) and Pakistan (Heartfile) will present their advocacy work on TFA elimination, and will share their experience to date and recommendations to advocates interested to engage in TFA elimination in their countries.

NCDA Advocacy Institute webinars

The NCD Alliance's Advocacy Institute webinar series is a benefit of our member alliances to help them strengthen their coalition building work, but they are also open to all NCDA members and NGO supporters as it may help inform their own coalition building and capacity development work.

The first NCDA Advocacy Institute webinar on the theme of 'Strategic Planning for Alliances' was held on April 30th. The recording and slides are available on '[My NCDA Hub](#)'.

The second one will be on Communication Campaigns (to accelerate efforts towards the coming Global Week for Action in preparation to the UN HLM on UHC), and the third webinar will be on Resource Mobilisation. The dates of will be communicated in the near future.

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Partners Corner Supporters News

World Heart Federation

Chagas Disease: Silent Killer

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Chagas Disease is a neglected tropical disease that affects more than 7 million people, with 75 million people at risk in Latin America. When left untreated, Chagas can lead to serious heart and digestive system problems, yet for 100 years Chagas has been largely ignored by both society and policymakers. Today, the World Heart Federation (WHF) is on a mission to raise its profile on a global scale. To mark World Chagas Day, WHF led an online campaign to raise awareness of the disease among patients, doctors and policymakers, and this year they will launch a Global Roadmap on Chagas Disease.

American Heart Association

New Research on Labeling Added Sugars

[+](#) More information

An American Heart Association research article published in *Circulation* showed that the implementation of added sugar content labelling on packaged foods and beverages by the US Food and Drug Administration could generate substantial health gains. The main focus of the article was on the potential outcomes in terms of lowering the incidence of heart disease and diabetes risk exposure, with knock-on effects for healthcare costs.

Resolve To Saves Lives


Next round of LINKS one-time grant funding is now open!

[+](#) More information

LINKS is an online community and resource-sharing platform that connects people working to improve cardiovascular health around the world. LINKS members are eligible to apply on behalf of government, non-governmental organizations, or the private sector for one-time, catalytic grants to improve cardiovascular health in LMICs. Grants are provided to programs that focus on hypertension control, salt reduction or eliminating artificial trans fats. The next round of grant funding is now open for LINKS members. Applications will be received until June 15, 2019.

Vital Strategies

Six Cities Exchange Lessons on Tobacco Control


 [More information](#)

The Partnership for Healthy Cities is a global network of cities committed to saving lives by preventing non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and injuries. This initiative, supported by partnership with WHO and Vital Strategies, works to empower cities to implement impactful policies or programmatic intervention to reduce the NCD risk factors. During a recent workshop in Bangkok, Thailand participants from Bandung (Indonesia), Bengaluru (India), Jakarta (Indonesia), Kathmandu (Nepal), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) and Yangon (Myanmar) learn from experts and share updates on how they are curbing high smoking rates in their cities. The three-day training included hands-on strategising about how to use mass media to support tobacco control, and a session on monitoring and evaluation.

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UICC


Call for applications for UICC's Young Leaders Programme now open

 [More information](#)

UICC's Young Leaders Programme is now open for applications. The programme identifies and supports aspiring young professionals in cancer control by providing unique opportunities for peer-to-peer learning, connecting them with experienced leaders, as well as providing them with opportunities to participate in recognised international and regional events. The call for applications is open from 25 April to 16 June 19.

NCD Child

NCD Child expands their Young Leaders Team

 [More information](#)

NCD Child is organising a strong team of young leaders who are actively engaged in new NCDs campaigns. Working through NCD Child's Youth Voices team, these young leaders will explore youth-focused approaches to NCDs. The initial meeting occurred at the Global NCDs Forum on Children and Youth, in Sharjah UAE, where they endorsed the Sharjah Declaration, seven guiding principles prioritizing UHC which NCD Child will use to advocate for health needs of young people and families. The young leaders will also develop advocacy guides to be used to activate additional youth advocates at the national level.

NCD Child is seeking a new Secretariat effective January 1, 2020. Organisations interested in learning more about the Secretariat's role are encouraged to schedule a an informational call with a member of the NCD Child Executive Committee by emailing ncdchild@aap.org by May 22, 2019.

Forum of International Respiratory Societies

World Lung Day

 [World Lung Day](#)

 [Charter for Lung Health](#)

The Forum of International Respiratory Societies calls on organisations to rally for respiratory health and clean air by joining as a World Lung Day partner on 25 September 2019. You can support World Lung Day by holding an event to celebrate lung health, using the digital toolkit for your social media messages and sign the Charter for Lung Health showing your commitment to better lung health around the world. To be included on the World Lung Day partner page and to receive the toolkit please send your logo to Lisa Roscoe (lisa.roscoe@firsnet.org).


Novo Nordisk

Cities Changing Diabetes

Cities Changing Diabetes is a partnership programme to address the urban diabetes challenge. Initiated by Novo Nordisk, the programme is a response to the dramatic rise of urban diabetes and has been developed in partnership with University College London and Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen, as well as a range of local partners including the diabetes/health community, city governments, academic institutions, city experts (from a variety of fields) and civil society organisations. The aim of the programme is to map the problem, share solutions and drive concrete action to fight the diabetes challenge in the big cities around the world. As of March 2019, the programme represents 142 million citizens in 19 cities worldwide: Beijing, Beirut, Buenos Aires, Copenhagen, Hangzhou, Houston, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Koriyama, Leicester, Madrid, Merida, Mexico City, Milan, Rome, Shanghai, Tianjin, Vancouver and Xiamen.

The George Institute

New breakthrough treatment for kidney disease

 [More information](#)

The George Institute announced the results of a landmark study showing that a new treatment for people with diabetes and kidney disease reduced kidney failure rates by a third. The results also showed heart failure was reduced by over 30%, and major cardiovascular events by about 20%.


FDI World Dental Federation

Why oral health must be integrated into UHC

 [Fact sheet](#)

FDI World Dental Federation has released a fact sheet on UHC and oral health outlining its key asks for the UN High-level Meeting on UHC. Oral health is key to general health and well-being at every stage of life, yet basic oral health services remain out of reach from millions of people. Oral diseases, such as tooth decay (dental caries), gum disease and oral cancer, are the most common and preventable NCDs afflicting humankind.

Alzheimer's Disease International

 Survey

Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) has commissioned the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) to carry out the world's largest survey on people's attitudes around dementia. Results of the survey will form the basis for the next World Alzheimer Report, to be released during World Alzheimer Month in September 2019.

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Coming Up Events for your Diary

MAY

20 - 28 May
Geneva, Switzerland 72nd World Health Assembly



31 May World No Tobacco Day



JUNE

3 - 6 June
Vancouver, Canada Women Deliver Conference



20 June
Oxford, England Creating healthy, sustainable, city food environments



JULY

25 - 27 July
Cartagena, Colombia ACC Regional Conference



AUGUST

31 August - 4 September
Paris, France European Society of Cardiology Congress together with
World Congress of Cardiology



SEPTEMBER

13 - 14 September
Nagoya, Japan ACC Regional Conference Asia



30 September - 3 October
Melbourne, Australia Public Health and Global Governance of Alcohol



OCTOBER

3 - 5 October
Dubai, UAE ACC Regional Conference



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Latest Publications Useful Readings and Resources

NCD Alliance resources

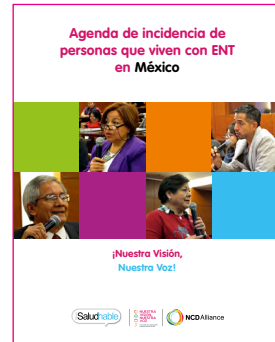
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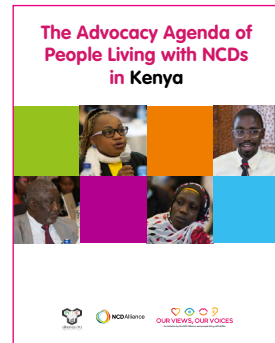
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Essential and upcoming readings

The Lancet Global Burden of Diseases 2017



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The Lancet The legal determinants of health



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International Society of Nephrology Kidney Health Global Atlas



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World Stroke Organization Stroke Fact Sheet



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AHA Guidelines on the primary preventions of cardiovascular diseases



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WHO World Health Statistics Overview 2019



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