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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

2018 UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs: Highs and Lows



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The third UN High-Level Meeting (HLM) on NCDs, held in New York on 27 September, has been an important opportunity for NCDA to collaborate with several of our partners in order to convene fruitful side events. One of the most striking and powerful aspects of this HLM was the participation of people living with NCDs (PLWNCDs), whose voices and experiences were heard at numerous side events and panel sessions. Using the momentum of the HLM, NCDA's ENOUGH campaign reached over 4.5 million people, recalling that – despite political commitments made – it is well past time to invest, act and save lives.

NCDA developed a few takeaways from the meeting. Highs included:

- A total of 23 Heads of State and Government (HoS/G) spoke during the plenary sessions at the HLM. This is disappointing, however, since 59 HoS/G indicated that they would attend and many withdrew after being told they would not be able to speak due to time limitations in the plenary segments. 55 Ministers of Health also attended and spoke in the plenary.
- Many Member States frequently mentioned the need to listen to the voices of PLWNCDs and engage them in their national NCD responses.
- H.E. Thomas E. Remengesau, Jr, President of the Republic of Palau, attended NCDA's event on Wednesday 26 September and pledged his commitment and action to reduce the burden of NCDs in his country. He also spoke about addressing NCDs and their risk factors in his statement at the UN General Debate.
- The NCD Countdown 2030 initiative was referenced by several high-level speakers, including Princess Dina Mired of Jordan; H.E. Saia Ma'u Piukala, the Minister of Health of Tonga; and Sania Nishtar.
- Civil society representatives from NCDA, YP-CDN, NCDFREE, and NCD Child delivered statements from the floor during the panel sessions.
- NCD civil society was mobilised, responsive, and engaged. The energy was palpable and will certainly continue well into 2019 ahead of the UN HLM on UHC.
- The ENOUGH campaign reached over 4.5 million people with 7,000 tweets. The online engagement can be viewed at [#enoughNCDs](#) on Twitter.

Lows included:

- Access to medicines, treatment, and care for NCDs had low visibility in government statements and in statements during the panel sessions.
- Unhealthy commodity industries had a presence within UN HQ and collaborated with Member States in a side event on ‘the beer industry’s contribution to development.’
- Rhetoric of ensuring civil society engagement and the participation of PLWNCDS did not translate into action, with few or no speaking roles for civil society or PLWNCDS at official side events.
- Civil society and other stakeholders had few opportunities to deliver statements during the panel sessions.
- No financial commitments from governments were made to accelerate national responses.

Political Declaration on NCDs adopted

The Political Declaration for the HLM on NCDs was adopted by Heads of State and Government in New York at the third UN HLM on NCDs. The final version is now available on the UN website, together with the Political Declaration for the UN HLM on Tuberculosis (TB) that took place the day before on 26 September, sharing the same language on trade-related intellectual property (TRIPS).

While the 2018 Political Declaration has expanded the language of

the 2011 and 2014 Outcome Documents on NCDs in important ways – including the integration of mental health, air pollution, and the importance of working with civil society and people living with and affected by NCDs – it falls short of describing how governments are individually or collectively going to meet World Health Organization (WHO) NCD targets for 2025 and the targets set by the UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

ENOUGH: Over 300 CSOs and experts called on world leaders to seize the ‘do or die’ moment of the third UN HLM on NCDs

Whilst we commend the Heads of State and Government for embracing the opportunity the UN HLM presents to celebrate initiatives and progress, we contend that past actions are insufficient to drive

future change. Decisive new action is urgently needed to halt the tsunami effect of NCDs – on people, families, communities and economies. The imperative for action has never been clearer.

Amplifying the voices of people living with NCDs

Members of the WHO GCM Community of Practice on Meaningful Involvement of People Living with NCDs (PLWNCDS), a platform to develop a shared understanding of the need for and benefit of the meaningful

involvement of people most affected by and living with NCDs as a key element of the NCD response, have reacted to the outcomes of the third UN HLM on NCDs through a set of remarks highlighting the urgent need to amplify the voices of PLWNCDS.

NCD Countdown 2030: First report out, and finding corroborated by 2017 Global Burden of Diseases



Link to
[NCD Countdown 2030
announcement](#)



Link to
[NCD Countdown 2030
initiative](#)



Link to
[NCDA news story on
2017 Global Burden of
Diseases](#)

NCD Alliance is a proud partner for NCD Countdown 2030, which is a collaboration together with The Lancet, WHO, and Imperial College London, as well as with technical experts from international institutions. NCD Countdown 2030 offers a mechanism for independent accountability and will provide impartial evaluations of government, multinational and donor progress on NCD prevention and control, raise public awareness, and inform evidence based advocacy to help countries accelerate progress on the NCD commitments made in 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It also complements WHO's existing monitoring and surveillance work, by analysing and critically assessing country-level trends in NCD mortality, their key risk factors and related policies.

NCD Countdown 2030 delivers on one of the recommendations of the WHO Independent High-Level Commission on NCDs – namely that WHO should simplify the existing NCD accountability mechanism and establish clear tracking and accountability for the highest impact programmes that could lead to the achievement of SDG target 3.4, including a harmonised Countdown 2030 for NCDs and mental health. The first product from NCD Countdown 2030 was a major article published in The Lancet, which tracks progress made in 186 countries. NCD Countdown 2030 reveals that less than half of these countries are on track to reduce premature deaths from NCDs by one third by 2030 – a fact corroborated by the IHME 2017 Global Burden of Disease study. The majority of countries (86 countries for women and 97 countries for men) will not reach the SDG 3.4 target even by 2040, and require policies that will substantially improve premature death rates. This includes China and India, the two most populous countries in the world, where premature mortality from the four major NCDs has declined but not with sufficient speed to meet SDG target 3.4. Cancers, cardiovascular diseases, chronic respiratory diseases, and diabetes were responsible for 12.5 million deaths among people aged 30-70 years worldwide in 2016. NCD Countdown 2030 will continue beyond 2018 and produce regular reports. Analyses will expand to incorporate advances in the availability of data, including on treatment coverage, and the positioning of NCDs in the wider health and development landscape.

WHO: Global physical activity stalled at dangerous levels



Link to
[NCDA news story](#)



Link to
[WHO report](#)

WHO recently published a report in The Lancet Global Health warning that more than 1.4 billion adults are at risk of disease from not doing enough physical activity. WHO researchers found no improvement in global levels of physical activity since 2001. “Worldwide, women are less active than men, and targeted efforts will be needed to change that situation,” said study co-author Dr Fiona Bull of WHO.

Trouble Brewing



Link to
["Trouble Brewing"](#)

Launched at the sidelines of the UN HLM on NCDs, "Trouble Brewing" is a new joint report from Vital Strategies, the NCD Alliance, IOGT International and the Global Alcohol Policy Alliance. It stresses how alcohol is a leading contributor to death and disability worldwide, but governments have not responded to this urgent issue with the attention, resources and action required. The report debunks misconceptions about alcohol use, exposes industry tactics to market to youth and women and derail regulation, and emphasises the urgency of implementing proven, evidence-based policies.

World Health Summit



14-16 October



Berlin, Germany



Link to
[GAP webpage](#)

A major cause for concern among the NCD community during the World Health Summit conference (14-16 October) was the launch of the first phase of the Global Action Plan (GAP) for healthy lives and wellbeing for all. Despite being a product of agencies from across the UN and intended as a comprehensive action plan towards achieving SDG3, NCDs were all but entirely omitted from the document. While NCDs were fully integrated into a mapping document released days later, much advocacy will be needed to ensure that NCDs are properly featured in the final version of the GAP.

Putting people at the centre during the Global Conference on Primary Healthcare and UHC



25-26 October



Astana, Kazakhstan



Link to
[NCD news story](#)



Link to
[conference webpage](#)



Link to
[second declaration](#)

NCDA participated in several panels at the Global Conference on PHC and organised a café session focused on putting people at the centre of health care. The session explored the key concepts of meaningful involvement, as it relates to primary healthcare and the NCD response more broadly, to ensure that the voices and needs of people living with NCDs are heard and responded to promptly and effectively.

During the conference, a second declaration emphasising the critical role of primary health care around the world was adopted. It commemorates the 1978 Alma-Ata declaration and renews the political commitment to primary health care from governments, NGOs, professional organisations, academia, and global health and development organisations. The document will be used to inform the UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on UHC in 2019.

WHO Air Quality Conference



30 October-1 November



Geneva, Switzerland



**Link to
WHO opening statement**



**Link to
NCDA news story**



**Link to
NCDA policy brief on air
pollution**

The first WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, and provided a forum for all stakeholders to commit to act against this serious health threat. The event was key for the NCD community after the 2018 Political Declaration on NCDs incorporated air pollution as one of the main NCD risk factors, leveraging a 5x5 approach to NCDs. NCDA released a new policy brief highlighting the links between air pollution and NCDs.

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On the Ground Country Updates

Ghana NCD Alliance and NCD Alliance organised a national meeting to discuss how to empower people living with NCDs for a stronger NCD response in Accra



Ghana



14-15 November

The Ghana NCD Alliance and NCDA co-hosted an Our Views, Our Voices meeting that convened nearly 90 PLWNCDs, civil society, government and private sector stakeholders, aiming to provide a platform for those living with and most affected by NCDs facilitate their interaction with a wide range of NCD stakeholders, and identify their challenges and provide recommendations to strengthen Ghana's NCD response. PLWNCDs and civil society representatives collaborated to work towards the Advocacy Agenda of People Living with NCDs in Ghana, based on priority recommendations identified by PLWNCDs, which will be finalised later this year. The meeting was possible thanks to NCDA's partnership with Access Accelerated.

Salud-Hable coalition and NCD Alliance convened a national meeting to develop the Advocacy Agenda of People Living with NCDs in Mexico City



Mexico



21-22 November

As part of NCDA's Our Views, Our Voices programme, NCDA supported the Mexico Salud-Hable coalition to convene a national meeting of 60 PLWNCDs, relatives and caregivers, as well as alliance members and other high-level stakeholders in Mexico City. Participants shared and built on the NCDA's Global Advocacy Agenda of PLWNCDs to discuss and develop a Mexican Advocacy Agenda of PLWNCDs that will be presented in early 2019. This meeting was possible thanks to the NCDA's partnership with Eli Lilly.

Tanzania: Taking steps towards reaching youth and improving health



Tanzania



[Link to blog post](#)

“A long-time focus on communicable disease during the era of the Millennium Development Goals may have distracted us from an epidemiological transition happening under our noses. But with data from the 2012 STEPS survey, together with the new SDGs, we have an unprecedented opportunity. If action is not taken to tackle these major risks for NCDs and combat the burden, the numbers will double by 2030.” Read the blog by Happy Nchimbi, Project Manager for the Tanzania NCD Alliance.

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Your Say Engage with Us

Access to recording and slides of NCDA's October webinar



[Link to slides and resources](#)

This webinar covered: Recap of 2018 UN HLM on NCDs; HLM Follow Up and Implementation; Key Developments in Policy and Practice: Air Pollution, Mental Health, Astana Conference on Primary Health Care, Global Action Plan on SDG3 drafting; WHO Regional Committee Meetings.

Upcoming thematic webinars with supporters



27 November, from
10:00 to 11:30 am (CET)



[Link to register](#)

Oral Health and NCDs: How to collaborate and find common ground for better health outcomes

Jointly organised with FDI World Dental Federation



4 December, from
1:00 to 2:30 pm (CET)



[Link to register](#)

Healthcare for People, Not Siloes for Diseases: Exploring Relevant Solutions to Shape a Future of Integrated Care for NCDs at country level

Jointly organised with Eli Lilly



11 December, from
3:00 to 4:30 pm (CET)



[Link to register](#)

Tackling NCDs in workplace settings in low- and middle-income countries: A call to action and practical guidance

Jointly organised with Novartis Foundation

For all these sessions, recordings of the webinars will be made available for those who were not able to join.

Last call with NCDa Supporters in December



SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, 12 December from 3:00 to 4:30 pm (CET).

UPCOMING NCD CAFÉ

In December, NCDa will be organising the following NCD Café in collaboration with the Supporters Group. We hope you will be able to attend some of the sessions.

5-8 December

WHF World Congress Cardiology and Cardiovascular Health in Dubai, UAE

Thursday 6 December

12:15-13:00 **SESSION 1**
Shaping the future of diet: REPLACE for trans-fat free 2023

13:15-14:00 **SESSION 2**
Towards the 2030 Agenda: Advocating regionally for CVDs and other NCDs

Friday 7 December

12:15-13:00 **SESSION 3**
Joining forces: Building strong health systems through interprofessional collaboration for effective NCD response

13:15-14:00 **SESSION 4**
Putting people at the centre: The views and voices of people living with NCDs

Saturday 8 December

12:15-13:15 **SESSION 5**
Human health in a sustainable world: How can we address NCD risk factors in sustainable cities?

In 2019, options explored for the NCD Cafes include: Amref Global Health Conference on UHC and PHC (Kigali, March 2019) and Women Deliver (Vancouver, June 2019).

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Partners Corner Supporters News

World Heart Federation (WHF)

World Congress of Cardiology & Cardiovascular Health



5-8 December



Dubai, UAE



[Link to register](#)

The World Heart Federation is honoured to return to Dubai for the World Congress of Cardiology & Cardiovascular Health 2018, where we will host an outstanding line-up of world leaders in cardiology, cardiovascular medicine and health.

The event offers an exciting scientific programme, workshops, debates, expert sessions, networking opportunities, moderated abstracts and more.

Together, we can shape the future of heart health.



FDI World Dental Federation

Say Ahh – Act on Mouth Health



[Link to
World Oral Health Day
website](#)



[More information on the
webinar](#)

FDI World Dental Federation (FDI) has announced the official theme of its 2019 World Oral Health Day campaign – **Say Ahh: Act on Mouth Health**. The campaign aims to motivate individuals to take tangible action to protect their oral health and overall health. Visit the WOHD website to learn more and download resources!

In addition, a joint FDI-NCDA webinar, “**Oral Health & NCDs: How to collaborate and find common ground for better health outcomes**”, will take place on Tuesday, 27 November from 10:00-11:30 am (CET). A recording of the webinar will be posted online. Register now!

World Stroke Organization

World Stroke Day 2018 Campaign "Up Again After Stroke!" reached 170 million people around the world



[Link to more information on Up Again After Stroke and World Stroke Day activities](#)

World Stroke Day was this year firmly focused on stroke recovery with a key theme that highlighted the role of longer-term treatment and support for stroke survivors and their caregivers. The campaign was supported by information for survivors and caregivers, that highlighted the likely impacts of stroke and what can help with the process of recovery.

With around 80 million people in the world having experienced stroke, the majority with some form of permanent disability or impairment, it was also important for WSO President, Prof Michael Brainin to highlight the need for government commitment to coordinated policy action on prevention so that fewer people have to face that challenge.

NCD Child

Creating coalitions to put young voices front and centre



[Link to NCD Child reflections on UNGA](#)

NCD Child was actively involved during UNGA and the UN HLM on NCDs, co-sponsoring three side events with youth leaders involved in all three programmes. The coalition continues to work closely with partners to develop new opportunities for young leaders at all levels of NCD advocacy. In October, NCD Child supported the development of a young leaders campaign associated with the Lancet Commission on Global Mental Health and ensured NCD advocates were engaged in the recent WHO Conference on Primary Health Care. Plans are underway for an NCD advocacy workshop in the Eastern Mediterranean region, in partnership with the Royal Health Awareness Society in Amman, Jordan (19-21 January 2019).

UICC

New global review of cancer and NCD plans shows progress in prevention



[Link to UICC's national cancer control plans analysis](#)

In collaboration with WHO and the International Cancer Control Partnership (ICCP), UICC has coordinated a global review of national cancer control and NCD plans in providing strategic direction and driving action on cancer and NCDs. One of the key findings was that greater attention has been paid to prevention and early detection, while the delivery of cancer services and health workforce were the most poorly addressed.

International Federation of Psoriasis Association (IFPA)

More resources to support civil society action on psoriasis



Link to **Global Psoriasis Coalition's new website**



Link to **World Psoriasis Day preliminary report**

At IFPA, we were inspired to see the very strong civil society engagement globally on World Psoriasis Day (29 October) for the 125 million PLW psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. A new website for the Global Psoriasis Coalition, IFPA's advocacy engine, is now available at www.globalpsoriasiscoalition.org.

IFPA will in the next year particularly focus on capacity development and training for member organisations, and would welcome experience sharing with other NCDa members. If you would like to connect, feel free to contact Patrik Vuorio, Executive Director, at patrik.vuorio@ifpa-pso.com.



Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)

World Alzheimer's Report 2018 is out!



Link to **the report**

The World Alzheimer Report 2018, The state of the art of dementia research: New frontiers bring together 21 of the global leading lights in all areas of dementia research. Written by renowned journalist and broadcaster Christina Patterson (Time Magazine, The Guardian, The Sunday Times), this report tackles some of the complex questions surrounding dementia research. It looks at the hopes and frustrations and asks why there have been no major medical treatment breakthroughs for over 20 years.

Resolve to Save Lives

Join LINKS online community to improve cardiovascular health



Join the **LINKS community**

In September 2018 Resolve to Save Lives, in collaboration with WHO and the CDC Foundation, launched LINKS, an online community and resource centre for people working to improve global cardiovascular health. LINKS aims to accelerate implementation of evidence-based strategies targeting three key interventions: hypertension control, elimination of artificial trans fat, and salt reduction. Please visit www.linkscommunity.org, register as a member of the LINKS community and share this new resource with your network! Membership in LINKS is free, and provides opportunities for peer-to-peer contact, participation in webinars and other forums, and applications for technical assistance or funding support.

The Novartis Foundation

Realising the potential of digital health to fight NCDs



[Link to the Broadband Commission's Digital Health report](#)

The Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development Working Group on Digital Health, co-chaired by the Novartis Foundation and Intel, has launched a new report. "The Promise of Digital Health: Addressing Non-communicable Diseases to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage in LMICs" includes practical recommendations and best-practice examples to help countries realise the potential of digital health to fight NCDs. The report was launched alongside the 73rd United Nations General Assembly in September.

AstraZeneca

New Youth and NCDs Data Centre launched



[Link to AstraZeneca's announcement](#)



[Link to the Centre's website](#)

On 24 September, the Population Reference Bureau launched an interactive Data Centre and visualisation tool for the prevalence among youth of the five key risk factors for NCDs: tobacco and alcohol use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and mental health. The Data Centre was set up with support from the AstraZeneca Young Health Programme and brings together data from the Global School-Based Student Health Survey, the Global Youth Tobacco Survey, and the Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children Study. It allows the data to be viewed in map, tabular, trend line and bar chart formats by country, gender, and age or age groups.

Update on NCD Alliance membership

New full members

Academy of Dentistry International



Arogya World



International Association for Dental Research



RTI International



World Cancer Research Fund International



New associate members

Amref Health Africa



APDP - Diabetes Portugal



Pulmonary Vascular Research Institute



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Coming Up Events for your Diary

DECEMBER

5-8 December World Congress of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Health
(with NCD Café), Dubai, UAE



12 December Supporters Call

JANUARY

21-23 January WHO Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the
Executive Board - 29th Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland



22-25 January World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, Davos, Switzerland



28 January-5 February WHO Executive Board - 144th Session, Geneva, Switzerland



29 January-3 February Prince Mahidol Award Conference, theme: "The Political Economy of
NCDs: A Whole of Society Approach", Bangkok, Thailand



MARCH

5-7 March Africa Health Agenda International Conference, Kigali, Rwanda



16-18 March American College of Cardiology's 68th Annual Scientific Session,
New-Orleans, USA



APRIL

7-11 April 23rd World Conference on Health Promotion, Rotorua, New Zealand



12-15 April ISN World Congress of Nephrology, Melbourne, Australia



MAY

15-17 May Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board -
30th Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland

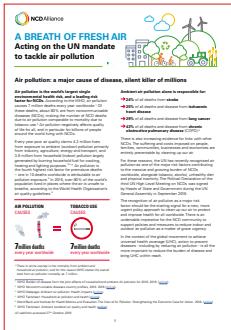
20-28 May 72nd World Health Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland



Latest Publications

Useful Readings and Resources

NCD Resources



NEW

A breath of fresh air



Link to **publication**



Available in
EN

To coincide with the first WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, NCDA has produced a short brief summarising the UN mandate for governments to address air pollution as a core component of the NCD response.



NEW

New report on meaningful involvement of People Living with NCDs



Link to **report**



Available in
EN

This new report, funded by a grant from Medtronic Foundation, was built with people living with NCDs and includes case studies on civil society, government, and health care delivery, from 13 countries. It aims to contribute to the body of knowledge available to stakeholders interested in promoting meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs by sharing a sample of what is taking place around the world and providing a brief guide to getting started.



NEW

New policy brief: Acting on Stroke and NCDs



Link to **policy brief**



Available in
EN

Jointly published by NCDA and WSO, this new brief explores the impact of stroke in society, highlighting the need for awareness on how to prevent and treat it. It provides key actions that health systems and CSOs can implement to improve the response to stroke and NCDs. The brief was presented during the Stroke and NCD Dialogue at the 2018 World Stroke Congress in Montreal, Canada (17-20 October).

Essential and upcoming readings

White Paper for Circulatory Health released at UN HLM



Link to **white paper**

On behalf of the Global Coalition for Circulatory Health, the World Heart Federation launched the White Paper for Circulatory Health on 25 September, during UNGA and just ahead of the HLM on NCDs. The launch took place just four days before World Heart Day 2018 (29 September).

Novel approach to modelling life expectancy, all-cause mortality and cause of death forecasts



Link to **article**

Forecasting life expectancy, years of life lost, and all-cause and cause-specific mortality for 250 causes of death: reference and alternative scenarios for 2016–40 for 195 countries and territories.

Evaluating implementation of the WHO set of recommendations on the marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children



Link to **report**

“Progress, challenges and guidance for next steps in the WHO European Region.” This paper serves to describe the status of the implementation of the Set of Recommendations in countries across the WHO European Region. Policies to limit marketing of unhealthy foods to children have fallen short of protecting their health and rights.

The Lancet Commission on Global Mental Health



Link to **report**

The Lancet Commission aims to seize the opportunity offered by the Sustainable Development Goals to consider future directions for global mental health and outlines a blueprint for action.

The Lancet Commission on Investing in Health



Link to **report**

The Lancet Commission on Investing in Health reflects on global progress towards grand convergence in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals and five years after the publication of Global Health 2035.

The Lancet - Financing the SDGs



Link to **article**

Article on the future of global health financing and how to mobilise and use domestic resources for health and human capital

Global Nutrition Report - To be released on 29 November



Link to **announcement**

The 2018 edition of The Global Nutrition Report on the status of malnutrition around the world will be released during the 'Accelerating the End of Hunger and Malnutrition' conference (28-30 November, Bangkok, Thailand). This report tracks progress on global nutrition targets ranging from diet-related noncommunicable diseases to maternal, infant and young child nutrition.



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