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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

The UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage



23 September 2019



New York, USA



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[Link to zero-draft Political Declaration](#)



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Also available in Spanish and French!



[Link to UHC2030 resources](#)

The Political Declaration to be adopted at the first United Nations High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (UN HLM on UHC) has been under negotiation for the past few months in New York. While the majority of the text has been provisionally agreed, several delegations continue to raise concerns about the language on sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) and migration which has been diluted from previously agreed language on the same issues. The co-facilitators are continuing to convene meetings between concerned delegations in order to reach agreement on the contentious language in the hope of finalising the Political Declaration shortly. If required, informal negotiations with all Member States will resume in early September.

From an NCD perspective, the Political Declaration brings a balanced approach to prevention and treatment to ensure a continuum of care throughout the lifecourse. Highlights include the following Member State commitments to:

- address the determinants of health, specifically mentioning social, economic and environmental determinants;
- address oral and eye health [*although renal health is not mentioned*], together with rare diseases and neglected tropical diseases as part of UHC;
- implement policy, legislative and regulatory measures to minimise the impact of the main NCD risk factors, including fiscal measures [*the Political Declaration on UHC recognises the dual benefit of fiscal policies and is more ambitious than the 2018 Political Declaration on NCDs*];
- prioritise primary health care (PHC) as a cornerstone of health systems and strengthen the referral system between other levels of care;
- engage all stakeholders and give due regard to addressing and managing conflicts of interest and undue influence;
- mainstream gender perspective on a systems-wide basis;
- mitigate the impact of climate change and other environmental factors on health, food security, clean air, WASH, etc.

However, there is a lack of any financial or time-bound commitments that will help governments achieve the various elements of universal health coverage.

The Political Declaration also establishes that the next High-Level Meeting on UHC will take place in New York in 2023.

Other important events during the UN General Assembly high-level week



23-27 September 2019



New York, USA



[Link to NCDAs calendar of side events during UNGA week](#)

The 74th UN General Assembly high-level week (24-30 September) will officially open the day after the UN HLM on UHC and is where Heads of State and Government participate in the general debate, delivering statements on the current status of progress and challenges in sustainable development and multilateralism.

In addition to the UN HLM on UHC, there are several other high-level events taking place. Registration information for these is forthcoming.

UN Secretary-General's Climate Summit



Monday 23 September 2019



[Link](#)

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, SDG Summit



24-25 September 2019



[Link](#)

High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development (FfD)



Thursday 26 September 2019



[Link](#)

High-level Midterm Review of the SAMOA Pathway



Friday 27 September 2019



[Link](#)

Looking back at the 72nd World Health Assembly



20-28 May 2019



Geneva, Switzerland



[Link to NCDAs summary of WHA72](#)

Watch the recording of NCDAs side events:



Main event on UHC and NCDs



Event on air pollution with Vital Strategies



Event on trans fat elimination with Resolve to Save Lives

New NCDAs President and Board of Directors (2019-2021)



18 May 2019



Geneva, Switzerland



[More information](#)

The 72nd World Health Assembly (WHA72) focused largely on the theme of UHC and the WHA adopted resolutions on primary health care, community health workers and the agenda for the upcoming HLM on UHC in September. Another important issue discussed was access to vaccines and medicines, focusing primarily on the transparency of prices and development costs, with nearly all states agreeing to provide this information.

The WHA adopted the decision of the HLM from last year's UN General Assembly regarding NCD prevention and control. The decision calls on the WHO to provide clear recommendations on action to improve air pollution and mental health, and extends the end date of the global action plan to 2030, in line with the SDGs. Member States agreed on a new global strategy on environment and climate change which details how states can respond to the mounting risks and challenges to health that climate change poses.

Furthermore, the WHA agreed on an action plan to ensure refugees and migrants receive UHC and have access to a defined standard of health. The Secretariat called on stakeholders to increase investment in order to help Member States achieve universal health coverage. No universal agreement was achieved regarding Member States' engagement with non-state actors.

Prior to the 72nd WHA, the NCD Alliance held its second General Assembly, at which Todd Harper, CEO of Cancer Council Victoria, was appointed the new President. He will lead the NCDAs for the 2019-2021 period with the support of a new Board of Directors from a range of backgrounds, areas of expertise across the NCD field and geographical regions.

The Board of Directors for 2019-2021 is made up of:

- **Todd Harper**, CEO, Cancer Council Victoria, Australia (President)
- **Cary Adams**, CEO, Union for International Cancer Control, Switzerland
- **Monika Arora**, Executive Director, HRIDAY (Healthy India Alliance), India
- **José Luis Castro**, President and CEO, Vital Strategies, France
- **Deborah Chen**, Executive Director, The Heart Foundation of Jamaica, Jamaica
- **Jean-Luc Eiselé**, CEO, World Heart Federation, Switzerland
- **Ibtihal Fadhil**, Founder and Chair, Eastern Mediterranean NCD Alliance, Bahrain
- **Trevor Hassell**, President, Healthy Caribbean Coalition, Barbados

- **Paula Johns**, Director, ACT Promoção da Saúde, Brazil
- **I.D. Rusen**, Director of Research and Development, The Union, France
- **Anne Lise Ryel**, Secretary General, Norwegian Cancer Society, Norway
- **Gerald Yonga**, President, East Africa NCD Alliance, Kenya

G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration



28-29 June 2019



Osaka, Japan



[Link to final G20 Declaration](#)



[More information](#)

Leaders from 19 countries and the European Union (EU) gathered in Osaka for the first G20 Summit under the Japanese presidency. The summit's focus has evolved over the years to encompass issues beyond trade and the economy, and the final Osaka Leaders' Declaration addressed a wide range of global topics, including NCDs.

The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to moving towards achieving UHC while strengthening health system capacity in light of the impact of an ageing population on the labour market and global economy. Other key issues discussed during the meeting were the upcoming UN HLM on UHC, the gender pay gap in unpaid care work and the need to promote active ageing through the prevention and control of communicable diseases and NCDs, as well as better long-term healthcare.

Manifesto calling for emergency action to secure a healthy planet for all



31 July 2019



London, United Kingdom



[Link to the Manifesto](#)



[More information](#)

The *Manifesto to Secure a Healthy Planet for All - A Call for Emergency Action* led by the InterAction Council – was recently launched in response to the increasing international and United Nations evidence and understanding of the severity of our global climate and environmental crisis. The overall aim is to secure a healthy planet for the wellbeing of future generations for all by placing the health of the planet at the heart of decision-making and establishing emergency response mechanisms at global, national and community levels.

First WHO Global Report on Epilepsy



20 June 2019



Geneva, Switzerland



[Link to the Global Report](#)

Produced by the WHO in collaboration with the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) and the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE), this first global report focusing on epilepsy highlights that this chronic noncommunicable disease of the brain is a public health imperative and requires coordinated action to reduce its burden and ensure access to care for every affected person.

WHO/Europe Conference and Statement on Health Equity



11-13 June 2019



Ljubljana, Slovenia



[Link to Ljubljana Statement](#)



[More information](#)

The Government of Slovenia hosted the WHO High-level Conference on Accelerating Progress Towards Healthy and Prosperous Lives for All in Ljubljana. The conference was a unique opportunity for Member States, international organisations and civil society in Europe to identify and discuss ways to accelerate progress towards health equity in the context of the Health 2020 — the European health policy framework — and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Ljubljana Statement was adopted by Member States and non-state actors represented at the conference. Other technical and policy documents, speaker presentations and related publications can be consulted on the dedicated webpage for more information.

Global consultations: ALCOHOL



[More information](#)

A consultation to prepare the report on the first decade of the Global Strategy on the Harmful Use of Alcohol was launched in June 2019, using the second WHO Forum on alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours (27-28 June) for initial consultation.

In August and September, further consultation will be undertaken at the Regional Committee Meetings, and the NCD Alliance is aiming to reach out to members to gather feedback on different alcohol policy aspects, such as:

- awareness of the Alcohol Best Buys, Global Alcohol Strategy and SAFER initiatives;
- the country situation on alcohol strategy and policy landscape;
- enablers, barriers and requirements for implementation at country level;
- the role of different stakeholders in advancing progress on alcohol policy.

If you wish to participate in NCDA's internal consultation, please write to Lucy Westerman at lwesterman@ncdalliance.org.

On 21 October, the WHO will publish a discussion paper and open a web-based consultation, which will close on 4 November. Integrating input from our internal consultation, NCDA will feed into the WHO consultation. On 12 November, the WHO will submit an addendum for discussion at the 146th session of the WHO Executive Board (EB146, 3-8 February 2020), and the report on the first decade of the Global Strategy on the Harmful Use of Alcohol will be prepared between December 2019 and January 2020 in advance of EB146 and WHA73, 17-21 May 2020.

Global consultations: NUTRITION

 [More information](#)

Following the 2nd International Conference on Nutrition's (ICN2, 2014) Rome Declaration on Nutrition and the 60 Framework for Action recommendations, the Secretary-General is preparing the ICN2 biannual report for the 2018-2019 period, to be discussed at the 73rd World Health Assembly (WHA73, 17-21 May 2020) and the FAO's 2020 Conference and then presented to the UN General Assembly. Short civil society submissions on practical advancements during the 2018-2019 period are welcome, in particular on:

- sustainable, resilient food systems for healthy diets;
- aligned health systems providing universal coverage of essential nutrition actions;
- social protection and nutrition education;
- trade and investment for improved nutrition;
- safe and supportive environments for nutrition at all ages;
- strengthened governance and accountability for nutrition;
- contributions by non-state actors (including civil society).

The consultation will take place until the end of August, and the report will be finalised by the WHO/FAO in September 2019. To learn more about opportunities to feed into the consultation, **please contact Lucy Westerman at lwesterman@ncdalliance.org**.

In addition, the **Mid-term Review of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025** will soon take place. The report will debrief on progress with a forward-looking approach. The consultative process will take place in 2019 and 2020, including dialogue during Regional Committee Meetings and an online consultation to inform the revision of the Decade of Action Work Programme. The background paper with the basis for the consultation is due this September. The review process will assess and evaluate the achievements of the first half of the Decade of Action through the ICN2 Framework for Action from 2016-2020, highlighting specific advances, initiatives and partnerships and identifying constraints. In addition, it will seek to identify expectations, priorities and actions required for the second half of the Nutrition Decade (2020-2025). There will be a possible convening in 2020 focused on the Mid-term Review.

Global consultations: MENTAL HEALTH

 [More information](#)

An expert consultation on the development of a menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions to promote mental health and wellbeing will take place on 20-21 August. The WHO will publish a discussion paper to undertake a web-based consultation between 2-20 September, open to Member States, the UN and other international organisations and non-state actors. Note that the feedback will be published on the WHO website. On 30 September, the WHO Secretariat will report to the WHO Governing Bodies proposing a menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions on mental health and wellbeing, to be considered by the EB146. At the WHA73, Member States will take into account the EB guidance and the WHA will consider a menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions.

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On the Ground Country Updates

NCDA 2019 Our Views, Our Voices train-the- trainer workshop



Switzerland



More information

This three-day peer-led interactive workshop brought together 22 people living with NCDs and representatives from national and regional alliances from 11 different countries, seeking to equip them with the necessary skills to become effective spokespersons, share their lived experiences to amplify the Advocacy Agenda of People Living with NCDs at all levels, and build a powerful narrative for action on NCDs. The train-the-trainer workshop will be followed by training sessions in countries with wider groups of people living with NCDs, to be planned and delivered by the peer trainers with the support of their national/ regional NCD alliances.

Civil society calls for food labelling implementation in Latin America



Argentina



Link to statement
(in Spanish)



More information
(in English)

A statement led by the InterAmerican Heart Foundation Argentina (FIC Argentina) calling on Latin American governments to implement effective food labelling warning regulations to tackle the alarming increase in obesity and overweight in the continent has attracted support from over 100 civil society organisations and public health experts from around the world, including the NCD Alliance.

Promoting civil society coalitions for NCDs in Francophone Africa



Senegal



Link to regional
mapping report



More information

NCDA organised a two-day regional workshop in French for Francophone sub-Saharan African countries in Dakar, Senegal on 12-13 June to explore, together with 20 different civil society and alliance representatives from eight countries in the region, the opportunity to collectively accelerate NCD prevention and control. A report entitled Mapping of NCD CSOs in Francophone sub-Saharan Africa was subsequently published, identifying the challenges, gaps, solutions and opportunities for civil society organisations to advance the NCD agenda in Francophone sub-Saharan Africa. A significant outcome of the workshop is the Dakar Declaration, signed by all participants and the NCD Alliance, which will soon be shared with the global NCD community.

Six Spanish organisations launch coalition to address NCDs



Spain



More information
(in Spanish)

The Spanish Association Against Cancer (AECC), the Spanish Red Cross, the Federation of Community Nursing Associations (FAECAP), the Spanish Heart Foundation (FEC), the Spanish Diabetes Society (SED) and the Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine (semFYC) have joined forces to form RedENT, a collaborative network aimed at preventing premature deaths caused by NCDs. Dr María Neira, Director of the Department of Public Health and Environment at the WHO, praised this collaboration, calling it an “an example of how to work on the prevention of NCDs in an integrated, intersectoral and interprofessional way”.

Exploring the potential of digital health for NCDs with civil society



Senegal



Link to working
document



French version



More information

In June, NCDA convened a roundtable with different stakeholders from the Senegalese and global health and IT communities to discuss the opportunities of digital health for NCDs. During the roundtable, participants considered ways in which they could use digital technologies to advance their work and create a stronger structure to bolster NCD healthcare in Senegal, including by involving civil society more actively. A new working document highlighting the potential of digital health for NCDs and the ways in which civil society can play a role in advancing digital health was published as a result.

Integrating NCD prevention in reproductive health programmes



Tanzania



More information

Women and girls’ reproductive health (RH) is often neglected in NCD control measures and vice versa. TANCDA encourages the integration of NCD policies in other health programmes by engaging and empowering secondary schoolgirls and women affected by or at risk of developing RH-related NCDs to become advocates and agents for change in their local communities. This intervention aims to lay the foundations for future cross-cutting projects that can support and improve the lives of many girls and women who are at risk of developing RH-related NCDs and ensure that no more women and girls face premature death from preventable RH-related NCDs.

Multi-stakeholder meeting on trans fat elimination in Mexico



Mexico



[Link to NCD Alliance Trans Fat Free by 2023 report](#)



[Spanish version](#)

The Mexico Salud-Hable coalition held a stakeholder meeting on 19 July in Mexico City in collaboration with the PAHO Mexican country office and with the support of the National Commission on Disease Prevention (CENPRECE), an agency of the Ministry of Health. Participants included representatives of the PAHO, the NCD Alliance, RESOLVE, various government agencies and medical associations, as well as academics and civil society representatives. During the meeting, the situational analysis on trans fats in Mexico was presented, as well as the NCD Alliance Trans Fat Free by 2023 report with case studies of countries that have already taken action on trans fat elimination. The need for policy action was discussed, including regulatory and advocacy options available to stakeholders in Mexico to eliminate trans fats from the food supply.

Multi-stakeholder meeting on trans fat elimination in Pakistan



Pakistan



[More information](#)

Heartfile co-hosted a dissemination event on 11 July in Islamabad with the WHO Pakistan country office and the nutrition wing of the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (MoNHSRC) to present findings from research on trans fats in Pakistan to key government and non-government stakeholders, with the aim of arriving at a common understanding on the regulatory steps required for trans fat elimination in the country. The two-part event consisted of presentations and workshops, during which a set of regulatory and advocacy measures were developed. The work will be taken forward by a technical working group hosted by the MoNHSRC.

Flat taxes on unhealthy commodities in Pakistan



Pakistan



[More information](#)

A new health tax on cigarettes and carbonated drinks was included in Pakistan's 2019/2020 fiscal budget, marking the first time the Pakistani Government has implemented measures to discourage tobacco use. The tax revenues will be earmarked for the development of the health sector in Pakistan, reducing the budget deficit and funding health insurance. The income generated is expected to be upwards of Rs 40 billion. Historically in Pakistan, tobacco prices have been kept low to maximise tax return, but the new government stands with this decision and hopes to induce a change in unhealthy consumer habits.

San Francisco takes action against vaping



United States



More information from the BBC



More information from Reuters

The legislative body of the city of San Francisco has decided to ban the physical and online retailing of e-cigarettes until they have approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). E-cigarette companies have until 2021 to get their products evaluated and approved by the FDA. For the city's attorney, Dennis Herrera, the ban was a necessary move to counteract the abdication of responsibility by the FDA. San Francisco hopes that this drastic measure will encourage other cities to follow and restrict access to e-cigarettes, especially among high school students, among whom recent data showed a 78% increase in use from 2017 to 2018. Juul, together with other corporate opponents, argues that this measure will only force vape users to return to their former smoking habits, and claims that it intends to introduce measures that limit accessibility by the youth market whilst keeping its products on the market for adult users.

Nigeria to ensure the implementation of the National Tobacco Control Act



Nigeria



More information

The Federal Ministry of Health of Nigeria announced on World No Tobacco Day (31 May) that the Nigerian National Assembly has accepted the 2018 National Tobacco Regulations, opening the way to the effective implementation of the 2015 National Tobacco Control Act. The Permanent Secretary, Alhaji Abdulaziz Mashi Abdullahi, expressed his support of the act to save the lives of thousands of Nigerians by committing to access to tobacco-free air.

Vietnam's new law to reduce harmful use of alcohol



Vietnam



More information

The National Assembly of the Social Republic of Vietnam recently approved the Law for the prevention and control of alcohol-related harm, seeking stronger regulation through a no-drinking-and-driving policy, increased alcohol taxation, restriction of exposure to marketing across multiple platforms around alcohol products, and reduced availability through limiting sales locations. Advertising will be restricted to certain hours and will be banned from containing images, logos, music and film talents that target young people. It prohibits alcohol being sold within 100 metres of healthcare facilities and schools and has raised the selling age to 18. The law also provides funding to relevant agencies for implementation and establishes their role in the process.

However, implementation of the law is pending subject to the national health budget. The national NCD Alliance in Vietnam (NCDs-VN), in part supported by an NCDA Advocacy Institute seed grant, advocated this law, has been following the process closely and will continue to do so with regard to its implementation. NCDs-VN has also advocated the strengthening of the law, involving multidisciplinary experts, engaging the media and integrating anti-corruption messages in its advocacy efforts among other activities.

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Your Say Engage with Us

2nd Global Week for Action on NCDs



2-8 September

The 2019 Global Week for Action on NCDs in the first week of September will harness the strengths of the NCD community and momentum towards the UN High-Level Meeting on UHC on 23 September.

NCDA invites supporters to share their views and any plans for the week through the [ENOUGH Map of Impact](https://enoughncds.com) on the [enoughncds.com website](https://enoughncds.com). The theme for this year is NCDs and UHC: Achieving Healthy Lives for All, focusing on the NCDA's five UHC HLM campaign priorities: prevention, primary healthcare (PHC), equitable access to medicines, sustainable financing and investment, and engaged and empowered communities.

Ways to get involved:

- **#enoughNCDs social media** – schedule daily themed messaging linked to NCD prevention, medicines, care, financing and community voice.
- **Employee volunteer days** – support established local community services such as food banks, cycle repair schemes, hospitals, youth- and gender-oriented health initiatives, community health checks and clinics.
- **Workplace wellness activities** – organise employee activities, e.g. 'Are you taking ENOUGH. steps?' challenges, daily internal communications on NCD prevention and health promotion (smoking cessation, walking meetings, healthy lunches, more active at work weeks, drink less alcohol).
- **Consultations** with people affected by NCDs.
- **Ministerial and other policy-maker meetings.**
- **Launch reports, publications or other NCD-oriented projects.**
- **Media engagement** – TV, blogs, letters to the editor and more!
- **Tell us about your actions through** the Map of Impact at enoughncds.com or email info@enoughncds.com.

Actions you can take now in...

60 seconds

Cut and paste the text below into your social media or [CLICK HERE TO EASILY TWEET.](#)

We're standing with @NCDAlliance and the global #NCDs movement demanding our health. our right. right now. and saying ENOUGH. of preventable suffering. It's time to act on #NCDs and #HealthForAll. Join us and be a voice of change #enoughNCDs https://enoughncds.com/2019_standwithus1/

5 minutes

Have you and others in your organisation added your voices to the [Week for Action Map of Impact?](#)

What do you have to say about NCDs and UHC? What have you had enough of?

Voices will be added to the map and selected voices will be promoted through the NCD Alliance's social media.

10 minutes

Read and share:

[Health for all to all for health](#) – NCDA CEO Katie Dain writing for Devex with five points on what integrating prevention in Universal Health Coverage packages should look like.

Like what you read? Share a highlight through social media and tag with #enoughNCDs.

Check out the [Global Week for Action on NCDs planning guides](#) – hot off the press!

RESOURCES



Link to ENOUGH. [Map of Impact](#)

ENOUGH. Guides



Guide for 2019 theme and more!



Guide for communications



Guide for small yet impactful activities



Guide for public events



[More information](#)

Health for All: preparing for the UN HLM on UHC and UNGA week



Events from
22 to 30 September



New York, USA

Supporters Call

Join the **next Supporters Call on Tuesday 27 August** (08:00-09:30 EDT, 14:00-15:30 CEST) which will also provide more details on the upcoming Global NCD Alliance Forum and our work with BBC StoryWorks. Dial-in details have been shared via a calendar invitation. For those who cannot join, we will share slides with the NCDA Supporters Group.

Webinars

NCDA will host a **pre-HLM webinar on Tuesday 17 September** (09:00-10:30 EDT, 15:00-16:30 CEST), providing an overview of the latest advocacy and policy updates right before the UN HLM on UHC and UNGA week. Save the date and register now!

Find recordings and slides of past NCDA webinars any time at My NCDA Hub.



Register for the September webinar

In the meantime:



Access the July webinar recording

Password: **PDnegotiations**



Access the July webinar slides

UNGA calendar of events



Link to calendar
of events

Download our comprehensive calendar of NCD-related events and activities and RSVP to events of interest during UNGA week!


Please contact Priya Kanayson with any questions at pkamayson@ncdalliance.org

Schedule for supporters

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

Sunday 22 September


08:00-11:00 Walk the Talk New York: The Health for All Challenge

 Central Park, New York

A Walk the Talk will be hosted by the World Health Organization, City of New York and UHC2030 prior to the UN HLM on UHC.

 **More information**


13:00-16:00 NCDA supporters meeting and leadership session

 American Heart Association, 10 East 40th Street, 11th floor, New York

Open only to representatives of the NCDA Supporters Group to coordinate on activities and priorities right before the UN HLM on UHC. The meeting will be followed by a short break with refreshments and healthy snacks before the leadership session commences.

Monday 23 September

UN High-Level Meeting on UHC

 United Nations HQ

09:00-09:30 Opening segment (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

09:30-13:00 Plenary segment (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

11:00-13:00 – Multi-stakeholder Panel 1 (ECOSOC Chamber)

PANEL 1 Universal Health Coverage as a driver of equity, inclusive development and prosperity for all.

13:00-15:00 Lunch break

15:00-17:30 Plenary segment (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

15:00-17:00 – Multi-stakeholder Panel 2 (ECOSOC Chamber)

PANEL 2 Accelerating multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder action and investment for achieving Universal Health Coverage.

17:30-18:00 Closing segment (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

 **Link to official page**

 **Link to logistics note**

 **Link to livestream**

Tuesday 24 September

15:00-17:00 **Partnering for Impact: Innovative Solutions & Novel Business Models to Accelerate Access to NCD Care in LMICs**



Yale Club, 50 Vanderbilt Ave, New York

This invitation-only roundtable will be organised by NCD Alliance with Eli Lilly to explore the innovative and inclusive business models that have proven successful for improving access to care for NCDs in LMICs, including drawing on lessons learnt, exploring the changes in mindset required to shape the future of access to healthcare in LMICs, and approaches to measuring the social impact of these new models. The Chatham House rule will apply so dialogue can be discussed but not attributed.

These discussions will inform the development of a discussion paper that will be shared with the NCD Alliance Supporters Group. We invite organisations interested in attending to reach out to the NCD Alliance Partnerships & Membership team.

15:00-17:00 **Turning the Tables: Patient Perspectives on UHC - How we keep people at the center**



Grand Hyatt New York, 109 East 42nd Street, New York

Co-sponsored by the Global Health Council, NCD Alliance, Medtronic Foundation and Rabin Martin, with other partners to be confirmed. This fireside chat event among patients and stakeholders from other sectors, including NGOs, policy-makers and private sector representatives, will focus on the personal perspectives of patients on how the policies developed by Member States will have an impact on the services they access and receive. Their experiences and feedback will help to build upon and ultimately ensure a UHC agenda that truly provides equal access to quality services.

A registration link will be shared with the NCD Alliance Supporters Group soon.

Wednesday 25 September

18:00-20:00 **Planetary Health Action Dialogue: Cross-sectoral learning to reach triple duty actions for health, environment and sustainable development**



Volvo Hall, Scandinavia House, 58 Park Ave, New York

Co-hosted by the NCD Alliance, UNDP, WHO and the IISD, this event will bridge the UN Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit and the UN General Assembly's High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage to demonstrate how environment and health are inextricably linked and how these sectors can collaborate to advance sustainable development. The event will bring together governments, policy-makers, experts, civil society and people from the frontlines of planetary health for mutual learning across sectors about measures that can work to protect the health of people and the planet.

An invitation and registration link will be shared with the NCD Alliance Supporters Group soon.

[Registration is now available here](#)

NCD Cafés



The NCDA will be organising the following NCD Cafés in collaboration with the World Heart Federation and with the support of the NCDA Supporters Group. We hope you will be able to attend some of the sessions.

31 August-3 September

NCD Café at the ESC Congress together with the World Congress of Cardiology



Paris, France

Saturday 31 August **SESSION 1**

12:30-13:30 **Putting people living with NCDs at the centre of UHC**

Sunday 1 September **SESSION 2**

12:30-13:30 **The role of healthcare professionals in strengthening health systems and combating NCDs**

Monday 2 September **SESSION 3**

10:00-11:00 **CVD and Obesity: changing attitudes among healthcare professionals**

12:30-13:30 **SESSION 4**

What's next for rheumatic heart disease?

Tuesday 3 September **SESSION 5**

12:30-13:30 **Air pollution and CVD: a window of opportunity**

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Partners Corner Supporters News

World Heart Federation (WHF)

ESC Congress/ WCC coming up soon!



31 August
4 September 2019



Paris, France



More information



Check the NCD Café
programme



Check the Meet & Share
Forum programme

The ESC Congress will take place together with the World Congress of Cardiology (WCC) from 31 August to 4 September in Paris. Join the WHF for the Meet & Share Forum, a unique platform to share and discuss experiences, challenges and solutions in the civil society response to CVD. During lunch breaks, the NCD Café sessions will offer an opportunity to discuss current challenges in the global health arena for CVD, NCDs and UHC in an open and engaging environment.

World Heart Day 2019



29 September 2019



How to get involved

This year on World Heart Day, we can all be Heart Heroes. The World Heart Federation wants to create a global community of Heart Heroes for World Heart Day 2019, encouraging people to act now to live longer, better, heart-healthy lives by making a promise: My Heart, Your Heart. There are lots of ways you can support WHD 2019 and help raise awareness on staying heart healthy. Learn more about how to get involved on 29 September!

FDI World Dental Federation

Joint session on strengthening inter-professional collaboration



6 September 2019



San Francisco, USA



Register for the joint session



Learn more about the World Dental Congress

The FDI, NCDA and the WHO will host a joint session on 6 September at the ADA FDI World Dental Congress (4-8 September 2019) in San Francisco, USA. The session, entitled Strengthening inter-professional collaboration: Integrated models of care for oral health and NCDs, will explore how to build bridges between oral health and other primary healthcare professionals through IPC to improve the prevention and control of NCD risk factors and comorbidities. Registration for the session is still open!

Vital Strategies

Vital Talks on alcohol and development in September



6 September 2019



New York City, USA



Learn more and register now

Join us for a Vital Talk on alcohol and development on 6 September from 8:30-10:00 in New York City. The discussion will feature the author of Heineken in Africa, Olivier van Beemen, and Boston University Professor David H. Jernigan.

Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)

Let's talk about dementia: ADI prepares for World Alzheimer's Month 2019



September 2019



Access the campaign website



More information

With September fast approaching, Alzheimer's Disease International and its 100 members are preparing for World Alzheimer's Month 2019 under the theme of Let's talk about dementia: End the stigma. An important feature of this year's campaign is the World Alzheimer Report 2019, which will explore people's attitudes towards dementia. The report will use the results from the ADI global survey on attitudes around dementia, which received almost 70,000 responses from more than 140 countries. The report will feature survey results alongside expert essays and case studies, and will be released in September during World Alzheimer's Month.

Sanofi

Upcoming forum on advocacy for mental health epilepsy



11-13 September 2019



Versailles, France

Organised by the Institute of Neuro-Epidemiology and Tropical Neurology (IENT), the World Association of Social Psychiatry and Sanofi, the IMPACT Forum will convene key stakeholders working in the field of mental health and epilepsy to discuss specifically *Advocacy: how to create political will for mental health and epilepsy in low & middle income countries.*

Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS)

WLD: A day for lung health advocacy and action - get the tools!



25 September 2019



Access the WLD toolkit



More information

This year for World Lung Day (WLD), FIRS is asking organisations to raise awareness about the burden of respiratory disease whilst advocating for UHC. The global spotlight on UHC represents an opportunity for substantial progress in the fight against lung disease around the world. 25 September will be a day for lung health advocacy and action, an opportunity for us all to unite and promote better lung health globally. Learn more about how to get involved!

Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)

2019 World Cancer Leaders' Summit



15-17 October 2019



Nur-Sultan (Astana),
Kazakhstan



More information

From 15-17 October in Nur-Sultan, 350 key figures in cancer and public health from all sectors will gather to discuss how cancer care, treatment and prevention form an integral component of universal health coverage. The summit aims to make progress towards achieving universal health coverage for all by ensuring that preventative services, treatment and care are accessible to all and to stop avoidable deaths caused by this inequality.

International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA)

Launch of the World Psoriasis Day 2019 theme: Let's get CONNECTED



29 October 2019



More information

The IFPA is preparing for World Psoriasis Day on 29 October. This year's theme, Let's get CONNECTED, aims to connect individuals living with psoriasis to a larger community, to connect psoriasis to the global conversation on universal health coverage and to create meaningful partnerships within the NCD community. At the IFPA General Assembly and Members' Meeting in July, patient advocates prepared for a three-year campaign (CONNECTED, INFORMED, UNITED) and elected a new Board of expert patient advocates. Moreover, exciting news is expected in relation to the UN General Assembly, so stay tuned!

World Stroke Organization (WSO)

World Stroke Day 2019 theme announced: Don't be the One



29 October 2019



More information here soon!

World Stroke Day 2019 will be held on 29 October, and this year's theme focuses on stroke risk and prevention with the slogan Don't be the One. The risk of stroke has risen to one in four people and has largely been shown to be caused by easily avoidable factors. World Stroke Day 2019 seeks to address this and promote the spread of information and tools on lifelong prevention. The WSO looks forward to your participation and engagement with your network in the lead-up to this event to help spread the message.

Pfizer

2019 Global Health Fellows program



More information

The Pfizer Global Health Fellows program works together with key partners by sending expert colleagues to help address their needs in order to build strong community health programmes. Through this programme, Pfizer aims to provide universal healthcare access and create sustainable healthcare systems to address local communities' most pressing issues. This year's 11 fellows will be placed across five different countries in Africa and Asia and partnered with organisations such as Save the Children and Project Hope.

Teva

Teva and NCDA join forces to tackle multimorbidity



Link to Teva's report on
MCCs



More information

The NCD Alliance has recently partnered with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries to tackle the burgeoning epidemic of multimorbidity. Research now clearly demonstrates the phenomenon of NCDs frequently occurring in clusters rather than individually. The report commissioned by Teva, entitled Multiple Chronic Conditions, THE GLOBAL STATE, shows that one in three adults globally has multiple chronic conditions (MCCs). MCCs are a huge burden to global healthcare and the economy and are likely to worsen with an ageing population.

Resolve to Save Lives (RTSL)

Advancing trans fat elimination in the Eastern Mediterranean and beyond



More information

Resolve to Save Lives, the WHO and the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region co-hosted the first regional legal capacity-building training event to eliminate industrially produced trans fat, a four-day course based on the L (Legislate) and E (Enforce) REPLACE modules. Health ministry representatives from 15 countries in the EMRO region identified the best policy option for trans fat elimination in their countries, developed monitoring and enforcement strategies and drafted action plans. RTSL will continue to work with the WHO to adapt and deliver the course to all WHO regions and to provide technical support to participants.

American Heart Association

How to Save 100 Million Lives Through Improved Heart Health



Link to the AHA's study



Link to Vital Strategies
press note

The AHA's Circulation Journal published a study reporting that nearly 100 million lives could be saved by improving blood pressure control, reducing salt intake and eliminating trans fats from the global food supply. The authors used current global figures on blood pressure, salt intake and trans fat consumption to estimate the impact of evidence-based interventions on future death rates. They found that increasing global treatment for high blood pressure to 70% could delay 39.4 million deaths, reaching a 30% reduction in sodium intake could delay an additional 40 million deaths, and eliminating trans fat could delay an additional 14.8 million deaths.

The George Institute for Global Health

Major grant for school-based education programme to address salt consumption in China



More information

Researchers at The George Institute in China have been awarded funds by the Medical Research Council and Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases to address salt consumption in China. Over £ 2.5 million have been secured for a new, school-based education programme aimed at reducing excessive salt intake, which is a major contributor to high blood pressure. The EduSaltS project is a collaboration between Queen Mary University of London and The George Institute, China. It will be widely implemented and it is hoped that it will provide an innovative model of successful salt reduction activities for other countries to refer to.

World Obesity Federation

New Global Patient Network, statement on obesity campaign, regional work in Latin America and more!



Link to the Global Patient Network



Link to WOF's statement on obesity campaign



More information about the regional dialogue

Here are a few updates from the World Obesity Federation (WOF) over the past few months:

- WOF has launched a new online patient portal, the Global Patient Network, to support, engage and unite people living with obesity and patient groups around the world. Learn more about this platform and how to join!
- In July, following a campaign by Cancer Research UK, there was healthy public debate about obesity and its link to cancer and other NCDs. While stimulating the debate, there were also negative consequences arising from the campaign, not least that it has perpetuated weight stigma by conflating weight with obesity and not doing enough to refute the myth that obesity is a result of poor individual choices. Read WOF's statement on the campaign!
- On 12 June, the WOF held a regional dialogue in Rio de Janeiro to understand the main issues regarding obesity in Latin American countries including Brazil, Chile and Uruguay. The discussions were structured to aid WOF's development of a World Health Assembly Resolution on obesity.
- WOF has recently partnered with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), agreeing to share common objectives regarding sustainable food systems for healthy diets and the prevention of malnutrition in all its forms.

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Coming Up Events for your Diary

SEPTEMBER 2019

September	World Alzheimer's Month	
31 August - 4 September	ESC Congress 2019 together with the World Congress of Cardiology	
2-6 September	Regional Committee for South-East Asia: 77 nd session	
2-8 September	2 nd Global Week for Action on NCDs	
4-8 September	ADA FDI World Dental Congress	
6 September, 8:30-10:00	Vital Talks: Alcohol and Development	
16-19 September	WHO Regional Committee for Europe: 69th session	
23 September	UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage	
24-30 September	UN General Assembly Debate	
25 September	World Lung Day	
29 September	World Heart Day	

OCTOBER 2019

30 September - 4 October Washington D.C., USA	Regional Committee for the Americas: 71 st session	
7-11 October Manila, Philippines	Regional Committee for the Western Pacific: 70 th session	
10 October	World Mental Health Day	
11 October	World Obesity Day	
14-17 October Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran	Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean: 66 th session	
15-17 October Nur-Sultan (Astana), Kazakhstan	UICC World Leaders' Summit	
29 October	World Stroke Day	
29 October	World Psoriasis Day	

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Latest Publications Useful Readings and Resources

NCDAs resources

ENOUGH. Guides to planning your Global Week for Action on NCDs



Link to **guides**



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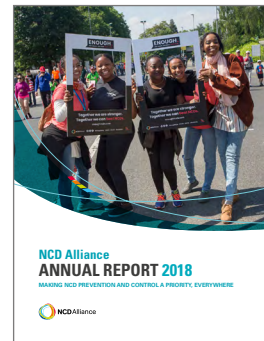
NCDAs Annual Report 2018



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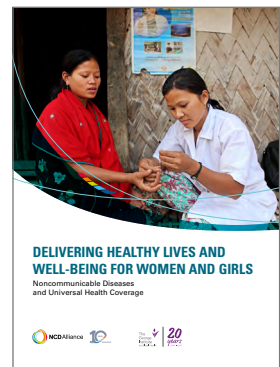
Delivering healthy lives and wellbeing for women and girls



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Mapping of NCD civil society organisations in Francophone sub-Saharan Africa

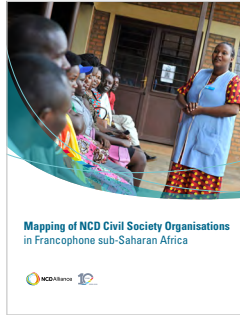


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Realising the promise of digital health for NCDs and UHC: what is the opportunity for civil society?



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Our right to health, our right to clean air: improving air quality to address NCDs



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Trans Fat Free by 2023 Report

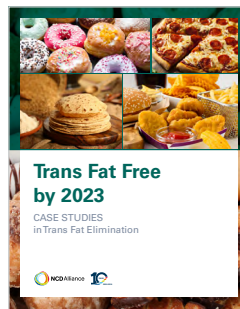


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Essential reading

Opinion: From health for all to all for health



Link to op-ed by Katie Dain

The process of prioritization of non-communicable diseases in the global health policy arena



Link to article on Health Policy and Planning

Diabetes increases the risk of heart failure more in women than men



Link to media release by The George Institute

Youth-led policy brief series: childhood obesity prevention



Link to NCD Child policy brief

Lancet Series on Oral Health



Link to the Lancet Series

Impact of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on global cigarette consumption



Link to BMJ article



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