

**Statement of the NCD Alliance at the 70th World Health Assembly
Agenda Item 16.3: Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016-2030):
adolescents' health**

Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of the Union for International Cancer Control supported by NCD Alliance.

NCDs claim the lives of 18 million women and 1.2 million people under age 20 annually, and cause disability for many more. We commend the new Global Strategy for integrating NCDs, as the Strategy will achieve its vision only with concerted efforts to reach its NCD-related targets.

We welcome the focus on adolescents' health and hope to capitalise on this focus to better integrate RMNCAH and NCD agendas. Adolescence is a critical period for forming health-seeking behaviours, and education and prevention measures during this period promise life-long benefits. We call on Member States to:

- 1. Develop and implement integrated policies** that build on interlinkages between the RMNCAH and NCD agendas. Implementing cost-effective NCD interventions as set forth in Appendix III of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan will result in gains for women, children, adolescents and young adults.
- 2. Develop sustainable strategies to maximise and increase the use of domestic resources for health**, guided by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and through increased funds to the Global Financing Facility.
- 3. Strengthen the capacity of the Global Health Data Collaborative to include disaggregated NCD data.** To achieve the Strategy's NCD targets and to design policies that reach those furthest behind, data collection on NCD prevention and control for women, children, and adolescents is urgently required.
- 4. Promote and support meaningful engagement of civil society** in country-led multisectoral action, building new and utilising existing alliances.

We pledge to work with the RMNCAH community to safeguard the health and well-being of women, children, and adolescents.