

**Statement of the NCD Alliance at the 70th World Health Assembly
Agenda Item 16.1 Progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda**

Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of the World Heart Federation supported by NCD Alliance.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a framework for global health and development which recognises that ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all requires joint action to address NCDs. We therefore call on Member States to:

1. **Use the upcoming UN High-Level Political Forum in July to promote health-in-all policies and commit to take action to improve policy coherence** across sectors for best possible NCD, health and development outcomes. Health discussions at the UN High-Level Political Forum should make reference to the 2018 High-level Meeting on NCDs. The UNHLM itself must be framed around the inclusion of NCDs in the 2030 Agenda to ensure a complementary, comprehensive process that builds on existing commitments and NCD frameworks.
2. **Deliver on the commitments made in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.** NCDs severely lack adequate, predictable, and sustained resources at global and national levels. Closing the resource gap for NCDs will require multiple financing sources, including creating and optimising fiscal space for domestic NCD investment, exploring innovative financing mechanisms, leveraging development aid, and incentivising private sector investment. Tobacco taxation, as recognised in the AAAA, is a win-win solution to decrease consumption and increase revenue, and should extend to other unhealthy commodities such as alcohol and sugar.
3. **Promote and ensure the meaningful engagement of civil society at all levels of implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including follow-up and review.**

We encourage WHO and the new Director-General to take a proactive role in implementing the 2030 Agenda. NCD Alliance and its network stand ready to support WHO in these efforts.