

The NCD Alliance

Putting non-communicable diseases
on the global agenda

NCD Alliance Webinar Wednesday 8 October 2014



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Opening Remarks



Agenda

- 1. Overview of the 69th UN General Assembly**
 - NCD Alliance activities and announcements
 - Other side events
 - Next steps
- 2. WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs**
 - Update
- 3. Updates on WHO Regional Committee Meetings**
 - Outcomes
 - Upcoming meetings

69th Session of the UN General Assembly



69th UN General Assembly

- Annual high-level General Debate of the UNGA
- Side events began Sunday 21 - Friday 26 Sept
- Official agenda:
 - **Mon 22 Sept:** World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, and ICPD
 - **Tues 23 Sept:** UN Secretary-General's Climate Summit
 - **Weds 24 Sept:** General debate
- SDSN and CGI in the margins
- **Over 30 health-focused side events**



NCD Alliance Advocacy Messages




- **Why UNGA?**

- High-level, multisectoral audiences
- Diverse health and development discussions
- Visibility for NCDs
- Networking

- **Key messages for NCDA**

- Promote outcomes of recent **UN NCD Review**
- Critical timing for championing **NCDs/health in post-2015**
- Launch of **UHC** policy brief, and engage in UHC and health-related discussions
- Announce **national and regional NCDA initiatives**

Big Themes for Global Health

- **Ebola and global health security and preparedness**
 - UN Special Meeting on Ebola on Thursday 25 Sept
 - **Universal health coverage (UHC)**
 - UHC as means for equity in health
 - **Financing for health**
 - Current and potential resources for health?
 - **Accountability and CSO participation**
 - Independent accountability
 - Meaningful CSO participation
 - **Post-2015**
 - Position of health secure...but details still up for discussion
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NCD Alliance Activities: Side Events

A Healthy Future for All: Investing in Early Years for NCDs in Post-2015



Sunday 21 September | NCD Alliance Side Event | New York

The early origins of NCDs | Synergies between NCDs and RMNCH |
Empowering young people for prevention | NCDs in post-2015

NCD Alliance Activities: Side Events

High-level Roundtable: NCDs in the Post-2015 Era: Learning Lessons from Health-related MDGs

Tuesday 23 September | Co-hosted with CARICOM & Denmark

Lessons learnt from HIV/AIDS and RMNCH | Holistic approach to health and NCDs in post-2015 | Importance of CSOs |

Health in Post-2015 NGO Strategy Meeting

Friday 25 September | Co-hosted with UN Foundation, International HIV/AIDS Alliance & Global Health Council

50+ NGO participants | Taking stock of advocacy in past year | Shared priorities for health for final 500 days

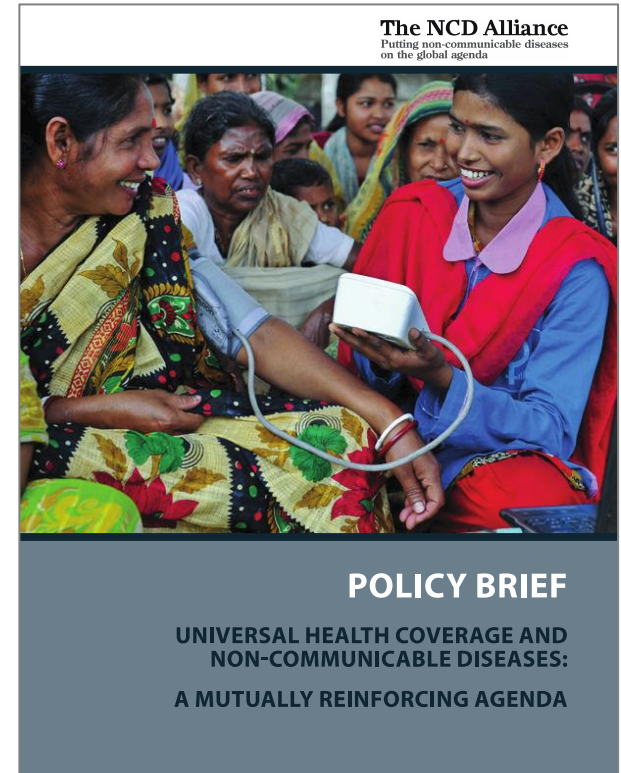


NCD Alliance Activities: New Policy Brief

Universal Health Coverage and NCDs: A Mutually Reinforcing Agenda

Key messages:

- NCDs post unique challenges to all 3 dimensions of UHC;
- Attainment of UHC will be dependent on prioritizing NCD prevention and control;
- Lessons learnt from the NCD response can help support pathways to UHC
- For post-2015, UHC must be articulated as a means to achieve improved health outcomes



www.ncdalliance.org/UHC

NCD Alliance Activities: Announcement

First Global NCD Alliance Forum

- **Host:** Friends of Cancer Patients (FOCP), with the NCD Alliance
- **When:** November 2015
- **Where:** Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- **What:**
 - A forum to convene representatives from **growing network of national and regional NCD alliances;**
 - Platform for **knowledge exchange, capacity building,** priority setting, and facilitating north-south and south-south cooperation

Network of National/Regional NCD Alliances



*Facilitate and strengthen
the network of
national/regional
NCD alliances*

<http://ncdalliance.org/nationalalliances>

Other side events during UNGA

NCD-related:

- **NCD Child** side events on *Facts for Life* chapter on NCDs
- **Youth Health Programme** side event on NCDs in adolescents
- **Women and Cancer** side event (ACS, PAHO etc)
- **A Toast to UHC** to promote UHC in post-2015

Others:

- **EWEC** events - including launch of the Global Financing Facility (GFF) to Advance Women's and Children's Health
- **iERG 2014 report launch**
- Side events on **UHC, SRHR, HIV/AIDS, and CSO participation in health governance & accountability**

Main Takeaways from UNGA

- **Strong focus on health** throughout the week
- **Bigger focus on NCDs** this year than ever before
- **Insights into ways forward on post-2015** for health:
 - ✓ **NCDs firmly part of the post-2015 discussion and vision**
- **Emphasis on integration** across health issue, and for health in sustainable development context
 - ✓ Shared focus on the **social, environmental and economic determinants** of health



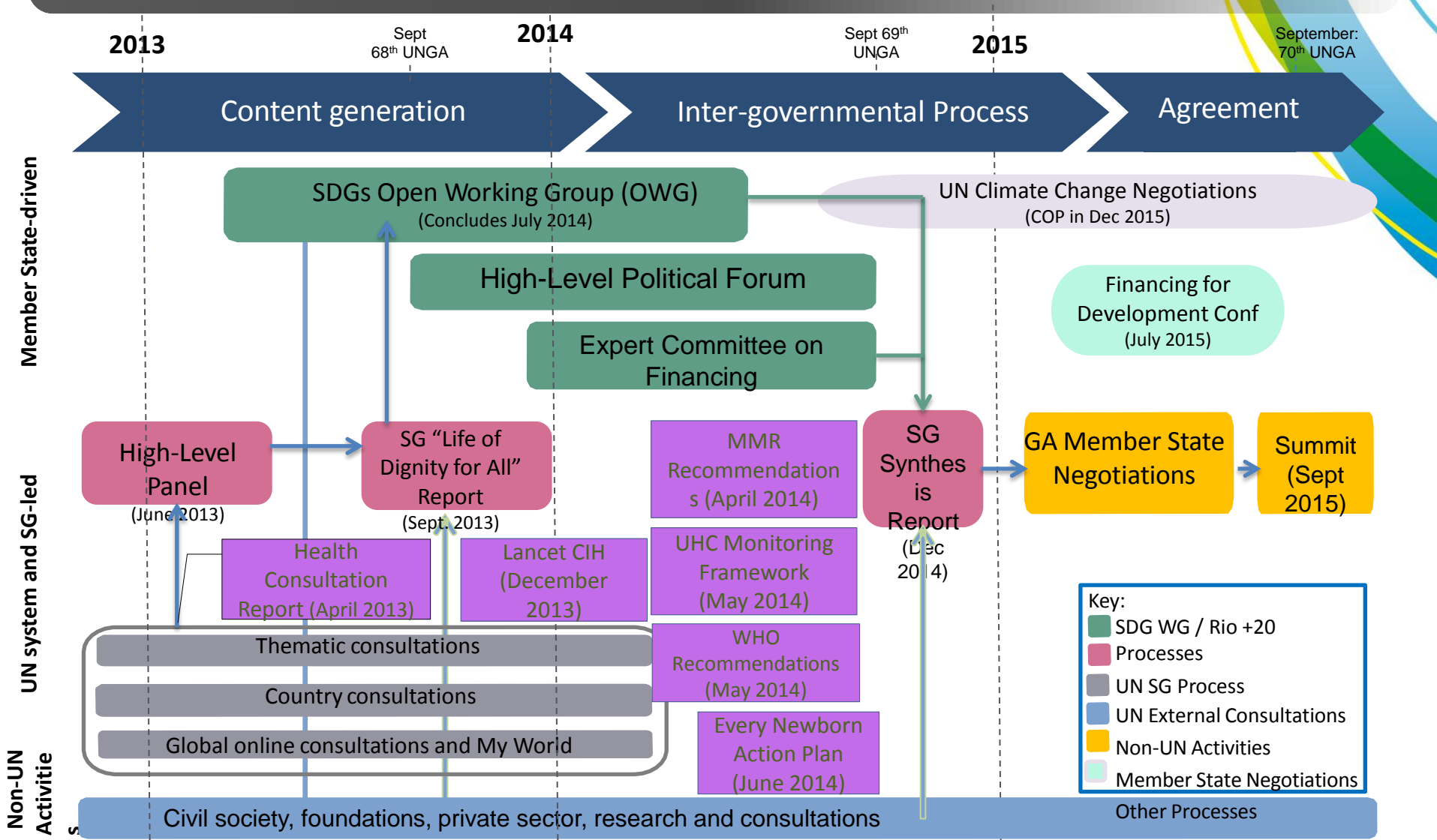
Post-2015 Update

- 68th UNGA adopted resolution - **OWG the main basis for next phase of post-2015 debate**
- Opening of 69th UNGA formally launched **intergovernmental process**
- Modalities for September 2015 Summit now agreed
- **Overall:**
 - Strong buy-in and support for standalone health goal
 - Health CSOs generally satisfied with framing of OWG
 - Fault lines for health: SDoH, integrating health in all goals, SRHR, vulnerable populations, HSS, financing/MoI for health

Next Steps in Post-2015 Process

- **UNSG's synthesis report on post-2015:**
 - Late Nov / early Dec 2014
 - 4 themes: narrative, process to-date, means of implementation, and accountability
 - Lots of discussion on what SG will recommend
- **Intergovernmental negotiations:**
 - Modalities decided by UNGA before Dec 2014
 - Expected to begin in January 2015
 - MoFA in capitals / negotiating in regional blocs

Post-2015 Process snapshot



NCD Alliance Next Steps

- **Tracking:** UNSG report, intergov process
- **Technical:** Indicators for NCD target, UHC, NCD-related indicators across other SDG dimensions
- **Advocacy and outreach:** National, regional blocs

We need your support!



Q&A



WHO Global Coordination Mechanism (GCM/NCD)



Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs Overview



- **GCM/NCD ToRs and work plan agreed at WHA 2014:**
 - **Purpose/scope:** *facilitating* and enhancing *coordination*...to contribute to implementation of GAP
 - **Functions:** advocacy; knowledge exchange; innovation; multisectoral action; financing
 - **Participants:** led by Member States; UN, IGOs and NSAs *participants*
 - **Structure:** WHO secretariat, working groups, general meeting
 - **Lifespan:** 2014-2020
 - **Budget:** \$1.8 million

<http://www.who.int/nmh/events/ncd-coordination-mechanism/en/>

Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs

Participants

- **Participants:**
 - GCM is Member-State led
 - But...other participants may include UN agencies, intergovernmental orgs, and non-state actors (NGOs and private sector)
- **Process:**
 - WHO establishing eligibility criteria for NSA involvement
 - Conduct open-ended call for interest of NSAs (**now open**);
 - Conduct screening of interested NSAs to avoid COI /ensure commitment
- **Eligibility criteria:**
 - **NGOs:** official relations with WHO OR participated in informal WHO dialogues
 - **Private sector:** business associations participated in informal dialogue
 - **WHO collaborating centres:** or academic institutions working in partnership with WHO and/or Member States to support NCD work
 - **Philanthropic foundation:** working in partnership with WHO and/or MS

Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs

Working Groups 2014-2015

- **Two working groups:**
 - **Accelerating action and accountability by the private sector:** recommend *“means of encouraging implementation of para 44 in UN Political Declaration”*
 - **Exploring provision of adequate, predictable and sustained resources for NCDs:** recommend *“means of encouraging implementation of para 45 in UN Political Declaration”*
- **Composition:**
 - 12 members per working group (serve in personal capacity)
 - Two co-chairs (one from developed country; one from developing country)
- **Selection process:**
 - Appointed by WHO DG
 - Drawn from a roster of NCD experts – nominated by WHO regions



Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs

Working Groups cont.

- **Timeline:**

- **Oct- Nov 2014:** Member States nominate relevant NCD experts for roster.
- **15 Nov 2014:** WHO RDs submit list of experts for consideration by WHO ADG.
- **15 Dec 2014:** WHO DG appoints working group members.
- **Feb 2015:** First meeting of working groups at WHO HQ
- **End of 2015:** 2 working groups will finalise reports by end of 2015, for consideration by WHO DG.



Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs

Other Activities

- **Advocacy and dialogues:**

- 2015: *“How to encourage **the continued inclusion of NCDs in development cooperation agendas and initiatives, and internationally agreed development goals**”;*
- 2015: *“How to **strengthen international cooperation on NCDs within the framework of North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation**”;*

- **Disseminate knowledge:**

- 2014: **Web-based platform** that builds and disseminates evidence base on NCDs, poverty and development;
- 2015: **Web-based platform** that promotes and facilitates international and intercountry collaboration for exchange of practices;
- 2014: Webinar series to support coordinating role of WHO in areas where stakeholders can take concerted action on NCDs



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WHO Regional Committee Meetings



WHO RCMs: Overview

- Important fora for Member States to discuss **regional and national implementation** of global decisions e.g. **World Health Assembly** and **UN Review on NCDs**
- Opportunities to reinforce the importance of health and NCDs in the **post-2015** development agenda
- NCD Alliance coordinating representation to ensure strong **civil society voice** on discussions on NCDs and relevant issues, and delivering **statements**

More information:

<http://ncdalliance.org/who-regional-regional-commitees-2014>

WHO RCMs: Dates

SEARO: 9-12 September, Dhaka, Bangladesh

EURO: 15–18 September, Copenhagen, Denmark

PAHO: 29 September–3 October, Washington, DC

WPRO: 13–17 October, Manila, Philippines

EMRO: 19–22 October, Tunis, Tunisia

AFRO: 3-7 November, Cotonou, Republic of Benin

SEARO RCM, 9-12 September

Speeches / Interventions:

- SEARO Regional Director referenced **growing threat of NCDs to people, health systems and economy**; and WHO DG, UNICEF, ILO

NCD-related Outcomes:

- Noted progress report on regional action plan and targets for **Prevention and Control of NCDs (2013–2020)**
- SEARO Action Plan to implement Global Strategy to **Reduce Harmful Use of Alcohol (2014-2025)** endorsed
- Resolution passed to **strengthen health force education and training**
- Regional Strategy to Strengthen Role of the Health Sector in Improving **Civil Registration and Vital Statistics** endorsed – improved data for NCD advocacy
- Engagement with **non-state actors**: integrity and neutrality of WHO should not be compromised.

NCD Alliance activity:

- NCDA presence and statement delivered by UICC representative

NCD Alliance Statement:

<http://goo.gl/uB7X3T>

EURO RCM, 15-18 September

Speeches / interventions:

- Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark mentioned NCDs as **key health priority for post-2015**

NCD-related Outcomes:

- **European Food and Nutrition Plan 2015-2020** adopted
- **Ashgabat Declaration on NCDs in the Context of Health 2020** endorsed.
- WHO EURO budget for NCDs is increasing – **38%** from 2012-13 to 2016-17
- Focus on inequality

NCD Alliance Activity:

- NCDA presence and statement on NCD framework
- Other statements by ADI and WCRF

NCD Alliance Statement:

<http://goo.gl/u3t4u4>



PAHO RCM, 29 Sept – 3 Oct

NCD-related Outcomes:

- Regional Strategy for **Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage** adopted;
- Plan of Action for the **Prevention of Obesity in Children and Adolescents** endorsed;
- Plan of Action on **Disabilities and Rehabilitation** approved;
- Regional Plan of Action on **Mental Health** adopted;
- No Member State interventions during agenda item for Report on the follow up to the UN GA High-level comprehensive review and assessment of NCDs...
- ...however, statements delivered by NCD Alliance on NCDs and ADI were well received.

Side Event hosted by OAS: NCDs in the Americas: Awareness, Access, Action

NCD Alliance Statement: <http://goo.gl/wkIHWb>

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