2018 UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs: WHY, WHAT, AND HOW?
WHAT IS A UN HIGH-LEVEL MEETING?

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) is the main decision-making body of the UN, representing all 193 Member States.

Past UN HLMs
NCDs (2011, 2014)
Disability (2013)
AMR (2016)

UN High-Level Meetings (UN HLMs)

• Convene Heads of Government / State in New York
• Focus on global issues that require political dialogue and international cooperation/solutions
• Serve to increase awareness of the issue and build consensus and commitment on the way forward
• Result in a consensus statement
  e.g. political declaration / outcome document / chair’s statement
UN HLMs are global **RALLYING POINTS** – windows of opportunity

**PROCESS** is as important as the actual meeting – stimulates dialogue, builds consensus, mobilises the community

At highest **POLITICAL LEVEL** – beyond Ministers of Health to Heads of State and Government

Opportunity to focus **GLOBAL AND NATIONAL ATTENTION** on NCDs – it is national governments that make up the UNGA

Review progress, renew **POLITICAL COMMITMENTS**, make new ones

Ensure **ACCOUNTABILITY** for progress / lack of progress on NCDs
Summary of previous UN HLMs for NCDs

2011
34 Heads of State/Government
UN Civil Society Task Force
UN Political Declaration on NCDs
• NCDs declared a major global development challenge
• 4 x 4 definition, plus co-morbidities
• 22 political commitments
• Global assignments: WHO to develop Global Monitoring Framework and global multi-sectoral partnership

2014
No Heads of State/Government
No UN Civil Society Task Force
UN Outcome Document on NCDs
• Progress insufficient/highly uneven
• Shift from global to national action
• 4 time-bound national commitments, national plans and targets, implement best buys for prevention and health systems
• International commitments, such as an OECD DAC purpose code for NCDs
## Participation of Heads of State and Government

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- Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Congo, Ivory Coast, Fiji, Hungary, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nigeria, Palau, Rwanda, St Kitts & Nevis, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Africa, Suriname, Swaziland, Switzerland, Trinidad & Tobago, Tuvalu, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe

- No Heads of State or Government
- 6 Ministers of Health attended
- Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Zimbabwe
**NCD Alliance process priorities:**

- In **September 2018** in New York (alongside TB UN HLM)
- Entire preparatory process, including outcome document negotiations, held in New York
- **Highest political level** (Heads of State/Government)
- **1 day long** – mixture of plenaries and roundtables
- Involvement of **civil society** (establish a civil society task force, hold a civil society hearing)
- Adoption of an **outcome document** with new, bold time-bound commitments
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<td>High-level meeting resulting in Montevideo Roadmap, hosted by President of Uruguay</td>
<td>Assessment of progress since 2011 and 2014, recommendations on way forward</td>
<td>Resolution to determine scope, format, outcome adopted at UN in NYC</td>
<td>Led by permanent representatives in NYC, with advice from government capitals</td>
<td>Report of the WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs</td>
<td>Civil society meeting in NYC to share views and priorities for the HLM Outcome Document with Member States</td>
<td>Meeting in NYC, adoption of Outcome Document</td>
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NCD Alliance
Preparatory process leading to 2018

Formal preparatory process

- WHO will submit the progress report to UNS
  - Jan 2018: UNS will publish WHO report
  - Jan 2018: PGA will appoint two co-facilitators in New York
  - Jan 2018: MS will review the report (at UNGA New York)
  - Feb 2018: MS will negotiate modalities resolution (New York)
  - 9-12 Apr 2018: ESOSOC progress report Task Force NCDs
  - May 2018: Interactive hearing with civil society and private sector
  - June 2018: MS will start negotiations on outcome document (New York)

- First report of the WHO Commission on NCDs
- Report of the Bloomberg Fiscal Policy Commission on NCDs
- WHO/Bloomberg Business Case on NCDs

Informal preparatory process

- Launch of the Bloomberg Fiscal Policy Commission on NCDs
- EB142 report on NCDs + mid-term evaluation of GCM/NCDs
- SG's progress report on NCDs

Under the auspices of the President of the UN General Assembly (PGA)

Dates TBC
OUTCOME DOCUMENT NEGOTIATIONS

- **Intergovernmental process** in New York at UN
- From **April – July 2018** (TBC)
- Two co-facilitators will be appointed to steer/guide process
- **Permanent missions** in NYC negotiate, with advice from their country capitals (Ministry of Health / Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- **WHO** provides technical input where required
- **MS** often negotiate in **political blocs** (G77, EU, etc.)
- **Iterative process** – “zero draft”, multiple new versions incorporating comments from MS

*Not a simple process! Stalemates quite frequent*
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<td>UN High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis</td>
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Co-facilitators (tbc):

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WHO Independent High-Level Commission on NCDs

ESTABLISHED

10 October 2017 for a period of 2 years

20 high-level members, including HoS/HoG and Ministers, UN agencies, NGOs, philanthropic foundations, academia and private sector

Co-Chairs

Dr Tabaré Vázquez, President of Uruguay

Dr Sania Nishtar, CEO, NGO Heartfile

Advise WHO Director-General on how to accelerate progress towards SDG target 3.4 on NCDs and make recommendations on:

- How to ensure 2018 UN HLM on NCDs is a tipping point for the response
- How to operationalise commitments from the 2018 UN HLM on NCDs
- Submit first report to WHO Director-General in May 2018

READ MORE
www.who.int/ncds/governance/high-level-commission/en/
WHO Civil Society Working Group on NCDs

ESTABLISHED
19 October 2017
27 civil society representatives from across regions, diseases and risk factors

Co-Chairs

Ms Katie Dain, CEO, NCD Alliance
Dr Svetlana Axelrod, WHO, Assistant Director General for Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health

- Advise WHO Director-General on meaningful involvement of civil society and people living with NCDs in the 3rd UN HLM on NCDs
- Help mobilise high-level attendance and help establish a network of political champions for NCDs to drive Heads of State/Government participation at the 3rd UN HLM on NCDs

READ MORE
www.who.int/ncds/governance/high-level-meetings/working-group-third-high-level-meeting/en/
OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Opportunities

• Review NCDs within the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
• Recognise linkages and opportunities for shared solutions
• Include outcomes of Conference on Financing for NCDs
• UN HLM on TB a chance to highlight synergies and co-morbidities, present unified health civil society to UN Member States
• Stronger NCD civil society movement at global and national level and greater pressure from CS to agree strong outcomes

Challenges

• Multiple events: Nelson Mandela Peace Summit, HLM on TB, UNGA
• Limited technical capacity in NY missions
• Commercial interests obstructing ambitious commitments; e.g. on Best Buys
• Competition for media space with HLM on TB, UNGA, etc.
CALL TO ACTION

How can you help prepare for the 2018 UN HLM on NCDs?

CAMPAIGN TO MOBILISE YOUR GOVERNMENT and call for your Head of State/Government to attend the 2018 UN HLM in September.

CHAMPION MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT of civil society, including via a UN Civil Society Task Force and a civil society hearing, no later than June.

WORK WITH A BROAD COALITION of civil society partners, including TB civil society, to enhance coordination for the 2018 UN HLM.

BEGIN TO SENSITISE LOCAL/NATIONAL (and global, where relevant) media on the issue of NCDs and the opportunity of the UN HLM.

NCDAlliance
CALL TO ACTION

ADVOCATE for the NCD Alliance Campaign Priorities!

1. PUT PEOPLE FIRST
2. BOOST NCD INVESTMENT
3. STEP UP ACTION ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY
4. ADOPT SMART FISCAL POLICIES THAT PROMOTE HEALTH
5. SAVE LIVES THROUGH EQUITABLE ACCESS TO NCD TREATMENT AND UHC
6. IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROGRESS, RESULTS AND RESOURCES
THANK YOU

SHARE. DISCUSS. ENGAGE. CHANGE.

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MAKING NCD PREVENTION AND CONTROL A PRIORITY, EVERYWHERE.