



Statement at the 71st World Health Assembly
Agenda Item 11.8: Preparation for a High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on ending tuberculosis

Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

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

We welcome the first United Nations High-level meeting on Tuberculosis, scheduled to take place on 26 September, one day before the UN High-level Meeting on NCDs. Tuberculosis increases the risk of developing certain non-communicable diseases, and both responses hold similar challenges and solutions. Successfully achieving commitments to reduce the burden of tuberculosis and improve people's lives requires a lifecourse approach that addresses co-morbidities.

The two high-level meetings on tuberculosis and NCDs, both scheduled to take place during the high-level week of the UN General Assembly in September in New York, provide an opportunity to present a 'One Health' approach that demonstrates co-benefit solutions such as high-level political leadership, health systems strengthening and achieving universal health coverage, and addressing the social and commercial determinants of health.

We urge Member States to capitalize on this opportunity to highlight the linkages between tuberculosis and NCDs. The NCD community stands ready to work with TB colleagues to ensure the successful outcome of both High-Level Meetings, in order to reduce unnecessary death and disability for all people everywhere.

Thank you for your attention.