

Formal Member State Consultation on Global Monitoring Framework,
Indicators and Targets for NCDs

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which together form the NCD Alliance

Chair, esteemed Member State representatives; Deputy Director-General, Assistant Director-General and colleagues from WHO, we thank you for this welcome opportunity to make a statement, and we commend you for your commitment to NCD prevention, treatment and care.

I am Cary Adams, CEO of the Union for International Cancer Control and I also speak as Chair of the NCD Alliance, a network of over 2,000 civil society organisations from over 170 countries.

This meeting is the culmination of more than one year's work by many people inside and outside this room to develop just one element of a comprehensive response to the global NCD epidemic following on from the milestone delivery of the Political Declaration on NCDs last September. For the Global Monitoring Framework with its indicators and targets is only one part of what must become a comprehensive Global NCD Framework.

Over these three days, Member States are agreeing on what must be measured. This will signal a new era of accountability for NCDs globally. Your commitment to measuring our progress and setting realistic and achievable goals, supported by the investment required, will translate into tangible results and make a real difference to those of us who have or will develop NCDs in our lifetime.

It is the new Global Action Plan that will describe how we meet the commitments made in the Political Declaration on NCDs, and how we achieve the already-agreed goal of 25% reduction in preventable NCD deaths by 2025.

Today, we call on Member States to support four recommendations to advance the 25 by 25 goal:

One. Ensure the Global Monitoring Framework is central to the new Global Action Plan, the evolving global partnership arrangements for NCDs, and integrated into the post-2015 development framework. The time for piecemeal approaches to NCDs is over and we need a global approach to the NCD epidemic we all face today.

Two. Support targets on all four major risk factors. This framework will not be credible or comprehensive without all four. In addition, please support health systems targets on drug therapy and the availability of essential quality-assured NCD medicines and technologies. These are critical. To have targets solely on prevention would violate the human rights of people affected and living with NCDs and it is also a recipe for failure. We must balance treatment and prevention targets and indicators.

Three. Agree national reporting every two years to World Health Assembly and the UN General Assembly, not every five years as proposed.

Four. Support the application of appropriate and relevant global targets at regional and national levels. We urge Member States to use the global set of NCD targets and indicators as a template and guidance for national and regional ambitions within fully developed national NCD plans

Finally, I commit on behalf of civil society organisations around the world that we stand ready to help you address NCDs. Please include us fully in the process from now and make the most of our resources, expertise, energy and commitment.