

**68<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly Statement by World Heart Federation on behalf of the NCD Alliance**

**Agenda item 13.4: Follow-up to the 2014 UN Review and Assessment on NCDs**

Honourable chairperson, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of the World Heart Federation and the NCD Alliance, a network of 2,000 civil society organisations united against non-communicable diseases.

We are all aware, and note with profound concern, that the 2014 UN NCD Review indicates that progress on NCDs has been insufficient and highly uneven. The deadline for achieving the commitments made at the 2014 UN NCD Review is only a few short months away. We therefore urge Member States and the WHO to accelerate progress at the country level to ensure that the world is on track to meet the highly ambitious, but nevertheless achievable 25 by 25 NCD targets.

To this end, we urge Member States to pursue these three recommendations:

- 1. Fully implement the time-bound commitments** agreed at the 2014 UN Review. In practical terms, this means, by the end of this year, all Member States to establish and operationalize national NCD targets, national multisectoral NCD plans, and national NCD commissions. Among the time-bound commitments made by Member States, we highlight the further commitment that, by 2016, Member States will prioritize reduction of NCD risk factors and strengthening of health systems to stem the tide of NCDs. We urge you to prioritise these promises and pledge to work with you to achieve them. Civil society will not sit by while commitments go unfulfilled.
- 2. Monitor national progress** and ensure greater accountability ahead of the third UN NCD Review scheduled for 2018. We thank Members States for the progress already made in this regard, and welcome the recent development of 10 NCD process indicators.
- 3. Fully leverage the Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs** and ensure full and meaningful engagement of civil society in all GCM activities, including the 2017 General Meeting. We furthermore appeal to Member States to ensure that all GCM Working Groups and Dialogues deliver concrete, actionable recommendations.

To conclude, let us not delay, but work together so that by 2018, we can report adequate progress towards a world free from the preventable burden of NCDs.

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