

Dear members of the NCD Alliance network,

On Friday, the World Health Organization (WHO) released the first draft of the [Global Action Plan on the Prevention and Control of NCDs 2013-2020](#). It is published as an official paper for the upcoming WHO Executive Board meeting, starting on Monday 21 January.

The NCD Alliance has done a [rapid review and analysis](#) of the draft, outlining major changes since the release of the [Zero Draft of the GAP](#) and highlighting key issues.

We understand the remaining timeline of the process to finalise the GAP 2013-2020 is as follows:

- **21-29 January 2013** – Discussion during the WHO EB132 on the draft action plan;
- **February 2013** – WHO will publish a revised draft action plan on their website and hold a web-based consultation for Member States, UN Agencies, relevant NGOs and selected private sector entities;
- **11-12 March 2013** – Informal consultation with Member States and UN Agencies on the revised draft action plan;
- **14 March 2013** – Informal dialogue with relevant NGOs on the revised draft action plan;
- **15 March 2013** – Informal dialogue with selected private sector entities on the revised action plan;
- **April/May 2013** – WHO will publish a final draft action plan ahead of the 66th World Health Assembly in May;
- **20-28 May 2013** – Member States will consider the final draft action plan during the 66th World Health Assembly

We will continue to analyse this draft of the global action plan, develop recommendations for improvement ahead of the consultations, and monitor the process. In addition, the NCD Alliance will be attending the WHO Executive Board meeting, both to observe the discussions on this draft and meet with Member States, the WHO secretariat, and members of other civil society organizations to discuss how best to support the ongoing development of the GAP.

In the meantime, we welcome any feedback you may have on this newly released draft. To comment, please email us at info@ncdalliance.org.

Thank you and best wishes,

The NCD Alliance team