

Update from the WHO Executive Board - 22 January 2013

Dear members of the NCD Alliance network,

The [132nd World Health Organization Executive Board](#) started yesterday, and proved to be another important milestone for the NCD movement. We are very pleased to provide this update from the gallery of the EB, including key discussion points, outcomes and next steps of the NCD agenda items.

Global Monitoring Framework for NCDs

In November 2012, Member States agreed [a global monitoring framework \(GMF\) for NCDs](#), including nine global voluntary targets and 25 indicators. The WHO EB was invited to discuss and note the report on the GMF.

During discussion, Member States:

- Recognised the importance of the GMF as an ambitious vision for action;
- Noted varying national capacities to implement the GMF;
- Commended the work of the WHO Secretariat in preparing this framework, and noted with appreciation the role of civil society throughout the consultation process.

Decision: The EB endorsed the GMF, including targets and indicators, and put it forward for adoption by all Member States at the 66th World Health Assembly in May 2013.

The NCD Alliance congratulates Member States, WHO, and above all, our network in ensuring the agreement of a comprehensive global monitoring framework that balances targets on both prevention and treatment.

The Draft Global Action Plan 2013-2020 (GAP)

Yesterday the EB also discussed the [draft Global Action Plan for NCDs 2013-2020](#). This draft is significantly improved from the Zero Draft, but as Member States noted, there is still work to be done to ensure the GAP is truly a roadmap for action for all sectors. ([Click here to read the NCD Alliance rapid review and analysis.](#))

During discussion, Member States:

- Noted with appreciation the inclusion of the GMF in the draft GAP, but suggested further integration of the targets across the objectives;
- Reiterated the need for the GAP to be multisectoral, engaging ministries beyond the health sector, the whole of the UN system, civil society, and the private sector;
- Cited the desire for the draft to reflect how global actions will translate at regional and national levels;
- Recognised the importance of considering the options for strengthening multisectoral action on NCDs through partnership in relation to the GAP.

The NCD Alliance delivered a [statement to the WHO EB](#), outlining our top 5 priorities for the GAP 2013-2020.

Decision: The WHO EB confirmed the process for finalising the GAP. WHO will now begin work on the next draft of the GAP, taking into account the EB discussions, outcomes of a forthcoming web-based consultation in February, and the March in-person informal consultations with Member States, civil society, and the private sector. **For a full timeline and details on the process, [click here.](#)**

Draft Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020

This morning, discussion turned to the [draft mental health action plan](#). Member States emphasised the need for greater synergy and integration between this plan and the global NCD plan. There was general agreement for further work to be done on the targets and indicators in the plan, and for consideration on how to translate global actions into national level plans.

Decision: The WHO EB decided the process for finalising the mental health action plan. WHO will hold an online consultation on the draft plan at the end of February, open to Member States, civil society and

the private sector. Based on this consultation, a revised plan will then submitted to WHA for adoption.

We will update you on other important EB agenda items during the week, and provide a consolidated summary with next steps for the NCD community next week.

Thank you very much for your continued engagement,

The NCD Alliance team