

Global NCD Framework Campaign Update

Dear Members of the NCD Alliance Network,

Though it may seem hard to believe, next week will mark the first anniversary of the UN High-level Meeting on NCDs. Over the course of the past year, the NCD Alliance has been working to follow up on the mandates in the Political Declaration, including advocating for a single, integrated, and coherent Global NCD Framework. This news update provides details on:

- Submissions on the Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020
- Advocacy at the WHO Regional Committees
- Reminder of the timeline for agreement on the Global Monitoring Framework and targets
- Details of The Economist conference on NCDs on 29 October in Geneva
- Details of The Policy Depot, a new resource for policy professionals

GLOBAL NCD ACTION PLAN 2013-2020 SUBMISSIONS

The NCD Alliance submitted a brief initial response to [WHO's Discussion Paper](#) on the next Global Action Plan on NCDs. You can find more information on the Plan, our submission and those of other NGOs [here](#). WHO plans to release a Zero Draft of the Plan by the end of September/early October. We are looking forward to seeing the Zero Draft, and will send another update as soon as it is published by WHO.

WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEES

The WHO Regional Committee Meetings are underway – SEARO met last week and the EURO meeting is taking place this week. The Regional Committees are an important discussion forum for the Member States on the global NCD Framework. It will give the Member States the opportunity to discuss and comment on both the global NCD targets and the NCD plan. The NCD Alliance has coordinated representation at those meetings to ensure a strong civil society voice is present on any discussions on the NCD Framework, and developed a [Statement](#) to be delivered at each Regional Meeting. A resolution was adopted at the SEARO Regional Meeting urging Member States:

- To ensure participation in all steps of the non communicable diseases follow-up processes
- To collectively advocate for ... global targets ... to cover all major risks, namely, tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and harmful use of alcohol, as well as targets relating to health outcomes and health systems response

Dr. Margaret Chan [addressed](#) the committee with strong admiration on the region's draft strategy for Universal Health Coverage. She also acknowledged the position of health in the post-2015 debate and reiterated that it is a precondition for development.

Upcoming Meetings:

17-21 Sep: PAHO/AMRO Regional Committee Meeting, Washington D.C.
24-28 Sep: WPRO Regional Committee Meeting, Hanoi
1-4 Oct: EMRO Regional Committee Meeting, Cairo

THE ECONOMIST CONFERENCE ON NCDs

The NCD Alliance is supporting a one-day conference on 29 October 2012 in Geneva: [New Responses to NCDs](#), with sessions on strengthening health systems, changing behaviour and getting commitments from governments. It is an invitation-only event, but at no charge.

NEW POLICY TOOL TO BE LAUNCHED ON WORLD HEART DAY

The US-based National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention has developed a new tool called '[Policy Depot](#)' specifically for people working on cardiovascular health policy. Whether you work on policies related to tobacco, alcohol, nutrition, physical activity, or any other risk factors or diseases, the Policy Depot helps facilitate interaction between professionals around the world. This resource has been two years in the making, and will be launched on 29 September, [World Heart Day](#). This will be followed by a [webinar on 1 October](#) to demonstrate the resource.

As always, thank you for your interest and commitment. Please do not hesitate to contact us at info@ncdalliance.org to continue the conversation.

Best wishes,

The NCD Alliance