

NCD Alliance Updates and Announcements

Dear Members of the NCD Alliance network,

This update includes items on:

- WHO consultations on: Global Monitoring Framework; Global Mental Health Action Plan; Reform Process
- New WHO Discussion Paper on health in post-2015 development agenda
- Update on WHO regional meetings: EMRO and AFRO
- Reminders on Economist Conference and next week's NCD Alliance webinars

WHO Consultations

Global Monitoring Framework

Today we have made our [submission](#) to the WHO consultation on the proposed global monitoring framework, targets and indicators for NCDs. We really need you to contact your government to encourage them to support this position during the formal Member State consultations, taking place 5-7 November 2012 at WHO Headquarters in Geneva. Here is a [template letter](#) for you to amend and send as soon as possible – and please follow up and get back to us.

Global Mental Health Action Plan

WHO has developed a 'zero draft' 2013-2020 Global Mental Health Action Plan, which outlines a transformative agenda for the global mental health response. More details and the zero draft can be found [here](#). The NCD Alliance's submission on the draft plan can be found [here](#).

WHO Reform

WHO is currently undergoing a reform process which will shape WHO's programmes, priorities and resources from 2014-2019. A stakeholders' consultation on the Draft Twelfth General Programme of Work of WHO has just concluded. The NCD Alliance has made a [submission](#) to this consultation and is following the reform process closely.

NEW Briefing Paper from WHO on post-2015

This short paper, [Positioning Health in the Post-2015 Development Agenda](#), provides useful insights into WHO's current thinking about how health can feature post-2015 – particularly in relation to Universal Health Coverage.

WHO Regional Meetings on NCDs

The WHO Regional Committee Meetings have been completed except for the African region, which is expected to be in Luanda from 19-22 November. However WHO AFRO did hold an important 3-day meeting in Nairobi on the prevention and control of NCDs in the region. The meeting was attended by representatives from ministries of health, research and academic institutions, development partners and civil society. The NCD Alliance was formally invited to participate and sent representation to the workshop.

The AFRO meeting on NCDs concluded with:

- overall agreement for a strategy to reduce risk factors
- a call for multisectoral partnerships given the resource constraints in African countries
- strong support to ensure adequate access to medicines and technologies recognizing the gap that their nations have in treating and care for people with NCDs

EMRO demonstrates leadership again

An important [paper with very useful regional information](#) on NCDs was prepared for the EMRO Regional Meeting that urged all governments in the region to:

- establish, by 2013, multisectoral national plans to address NCDs
- begin following through on their commitments made in the Political Declaration, including an emphasis on surveillance, prevention and health care.

The NCD Alliance is preparing a summary and analysis of the 2012 Regional Committees conclusions on NCDs that will be ready shortly.

Reminders

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.

Places at this invitation-only forum are now extremely limited, but at no charge. To request an invitation or further information, please email ncds@economist.com. The conference will be streamed live from 15.20 CET. To sign up for live streaming, register [here](#).

Next NCD Alliance webinar

The NCD Alliance will hold two webinars on Tuesday 23 October at 9am and 5pm Geneva time to cater for different time zones. Invitations to the webinar were sent via email last week. If you did not receive an invitation and would like to join, please email info@ncdalliance.org.

As always, thank you for your interest and we look forward to updating again soon.

Best wishes,

The NCD Alliance Team