

## NCD Alliance Updates and Announcements

Dear Members of the NCD Alliance network,

This update includes items on:

- World Heart Day – 29 September
- Date of next NCD Alliance webinar
- News from the opening of the UN General Assembly, including a new WHO briefing paper on health in the post-2015 agenda
- WHO Regional Committee meetings, including an African regional meeting on NCDs
- WHO Consultations – reform, mental health, NCD targets and indicators

World Heart Day – Saturday 29 September

Tomorrow is World Heart Day! This year's theme is "One World, One Heart, One Home," with a focus on women and children and cardiovascular disease. [Learn more](#) from the World Heart Federation, and be sure to follow #worldheartday and #HeartChat on Twitter.

Next NCD Alliance webinar

The NCD Alliance will be holding two webinars on Tuesday 23 October at 9am and 4.30pm CET to cater for network members in different time zones. Invitations to the webinar will be sent out on Monday. If you do not receive an invitation and would like to join, please email [info@ncdalliance.org](mailto:info@ncdalliance.org).

Opening of the UN General Assembly

Heads of State and Government arrived in New York this week for the opening of the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of UN General Assembly. Much of the dialogue this week around health was focused on maternal and child health, with the notable announcement by the Every Woman, Every Child initiative of an additional [\\$20 billion in new funds](#). Significant commitments were also announced for efforts to eradicate polio, improve nutrition, and maintain progress toward achieving MDGs 4, 5, and 6.

The High-level Panel to examine the post-2015 development agenda held their first meeting on Tuesday and spoke at briefings for both civil society and Member States. There was a strong emphasis on ensuring that the future development framework:

- does not compromise the progress of the past decade
- focuses on poverty eradication and inequalities
- allows for national ownership of development priorities.

Several civil society organisations convened events and discussions to explore the possibility of universal health coverage as the overarching health goal. WHO has also released [a first briefing paper](#) on health in the post-2015 agenda.

WHO Regional Committees tackle NCDs

The WHO Regional Committee Meetings are still underway. PAHO met last week, and the WPRO meeting is taking place this week. The NCD Alliance has coordinated representation at those meetings to ensure a strong civil society voice is present, and developed a [Statement](#) to be delivered at each Regional Meeting.

PAHO Regional Committee Meeting

A [regional strategy](#) on NCDs was adopted at the PAHO Regional Meeting that emphasizes the need to raise of level of attention.

For other PAHO Initiatives please visit our [website](#) for more information

Upcoming Meetings:

24-28 Sep: WPRO Regional Committee Meeting, Hanoi  
1-4 Oct: EMRO Regional Committee Meeting, Cairo  
8-10 Oct: AFRO Workshop on NCDs in the African Region, Nairobi (See below)  
Wk beg 22 Oct: AFRO Regional Committee meeting, Luanda (tbc)

## AFRO Regional Consultations on NCDs

The WHO Regional Office for Africa is organising a regional workshop for NCDs Directors/Focal Points on addressing NCDs in countries of the Region. The consultation will contribute to the development of global strategies and action plans, strengthen multi-sectoral actions, and enhance NCD prevention and control at the primary care level. The NCD Alliance has been formally invited to participate in this consultation.

## WHO Consultations

### Reform Programme

In May at the WHA, an additional non-Member State stakeholders' consultation on the Draft Twelfth General Programme of Work of WHO was scheduled from 30 August till 15 October 2012. The web consultation is announced on the WHO reform [webpage](#). The NCD Alliance is preparing a submission to this consultation and will share this once it has been finalised. If you are preparing a submission or would like to suggest content for ours, please email us at [info@ncdalliance.org](mailto:info@ncdalliance.org).

### Global Mental Action Plan

WHO has developed a 'zero draft' 2013-2020 Global Mental Health Action Plan which presents a transformative agenda for the global mental health response. A [consultation](#) on the draft is open to Member States and other stakeholders, and runs till 19 October. The NCD Alliance is preparing a submission to this consultation and will share this once it has been finalised.

### Global Monitoring Framework and Targets for NCDs

Thanks to those NGOs and experts who have provided feedback for the NCD Alliance submission based on our [August briefing paper](#). We are working on the final submission now and hope to make it available by 8 October for the 19 October deadline.

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

Best wishes,

The NCD Alliance Team