

The NCD Alliance

Putting non-communicable diseases
on the global agenda

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Statement by the Union for International Cancer Control, speaking on behalf of the International Diabetes Federation, the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, the World Heart Federation, and 2,000 leading civil society organizations, who together form the NCD Alliance.

Chairperson, Honorable Ministers, Director-General, distinguished delegates, colleagues,

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of the Union for International Cancer Control, the NCD Alliance, and 2,000 civil society organisations working collectively to transform the fight against non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

The NCD Alliance wishes to commend the leadership of Member States and WHO in fulfilling the commitments made in the UN Political Declaration on the Prevention and Control of NCDs. After an extensive consultation period, Member States have the opportunity at this World Health Assembly to consolidate the three pillars of the global NCD architecture – accountability; action; and coordination.

Therefore, we call on Member States to take bold decisions in three areas:

One: Secure accountability for the millions of people at risk or living with NCDs worldwide

By adopting the Global Monitoring Framework for NCDs at this WHA, including the nine global voluntary targets and 25 indicators, we herald in a new era of accountability for people with NCDs. The “25 by 25” mortality target provides our vision for what we want to achieve. These targets will improve data collection and inspire improvements in prevention, treatment, and care people with NCDs worldwide, now and in the future.

Two: Determine action for the next phase of the global NCD response

By endorsing the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs 2013–2020, Member States will provide an ambitious roadmap for operationalising the Political Declaration and mobilising a whole-of-government and whole-of-society response to NCDs. We urge Member States to remember the valuable role relevant international partners and civil society organisations play in national implementation.

Three: Agree a mechanism that will drive global multisectoral action on NCDs

We strongly urge Member States to agree to establish in principle a global coordination mechanism (GCM) for NCDs this week. The absence of a mechanism to catalyse global multisectoral UN, government, and civil society action on NCDs has been a critical weakness in the NCD response. We cannot afford to delay this decision any longer. WHA is the opportunity to fulfill the promise made by all Member States at the UN High-Level Meeting to strengthen and facilitate global multisectoral action on NCDs.

Finally, the global NCD architecture cannot stand in isolation. We urge Member States to fully integrate these elements into global health and development agendas, including the post-2015 development framework. And to inspire real change, we must continue to strive towards long-term, predictable, and sustainable financing for NCDs at national and global levels.

Please be assured that the NCD Alliance and our global network stand ready to support Member States and WHO in translating these commitments into action. Together, we can secure a healthy future for all.

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