

Member States Information Session

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The preparatory process towards the fourth High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of NCDs

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bold action
on NCDs**



Fourth UN High-level Meeting on NCDs and mental health Overview

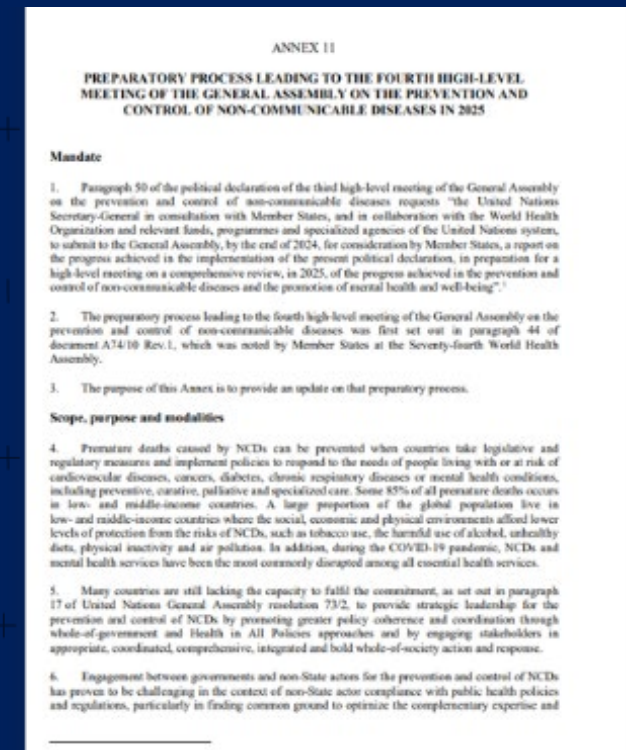
Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of UNGA on the prevention and control of NCDs (**resolution A/RES/73/2**) authorizes the President of the UNGA to convene the fourth high-level meeting on NCDs in 2025.

- **UNGA resolution on the scope, purpose and modalities** of the HLM4, to be negotiated by Member States with the support of two co-facilitators appointed by the President of the United Nations General Assembly
- **Outcome document** to be adopted at the HLM4 will be also negotiated by Member States under the auspices of the same two co-facilitators



Fourth UN High-level Meeting on NCDs and mental health Overview

- **The preparatory process** for the fourth high-level meeting (HLM4) on NCDs is outlined in document A75/10 Add.5 (Annex 11) submitted for and noted by WHA75.
- The process builds on high-level meetings in 2011, 2014 and 2018.
- It includes meetings and consultations co-sponsored by WHO and relevant partners, which may serve as:
 - **input into the negotiations** among Member States on the “modalities” resolution and the outcome document
 - **contribute to the development of recommendations** that may be included in the 2024 progress report of the United Nations Secretary-General to the United Nations General Assembly on the prevention and control of NCDs.



On the Road to 2025: Key high-level events



Sep 2022

1st Gathering of Global Group of HoSG for NCDs & mental health

Jan 2023

SIDS High-level technical meeting on NCDs & mental health

Sep 2023

2nd Gathering of Global Group of HoSG for NCDs & mental health

April 2024

1st Symposium on Meaningful Engagement

June (20-21) 2024

International Dialogue on sustainable financing for NCD and mental health

Jan 2025
Executive Board

Mar (25-27) 2025
2nd International Conference on Air Pollution

2022

2023

2024

2025

April 2022
International Strategic Dialogue on NCDs – **Global NCD Compact**

Dec 2022
Global and regional technical meeting on NCDs in emergencies

June 2023
SIDS Ministerial Conference on NCDs and mental health – **2023 Bridgetown declaration** on NCDs and Mental Health in the SIDS

Feb (27-29) 2024
Global Meeting on NCDs in emergencies

May (27-30) 2024
4th Intl SIDS Conference
World Health Assembly

Nov 2024
2nd General Meeting of Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs (GCM)

Nov (26-29) 2024
Global Meeting on Oral Health

May 2025
World Health Assembly



September 2025

4th UN High-level meeting on NCDs and mental health

International Strategic Dialogue on NCDs

April 2022, Ghana

Launch of the Global NCD Compact 2020-2030

Five Commitments

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| 1. Save lives of 50 million people from dying prematurely of NCDs. | 3. Cover all people with quality essential health services and medicines and health products for NCD prevention and control by integrating NCDs into PHC and UHC. |
| 2. Protect lives of 1.7 billion people living with NCDs during humanitarian emergencies , through preparedness and health emergency risk management. | 4. Cover all countries with comprehensive NCD surveillance and monitoring actions. |
| | 5. Meaningfully engage 1.7 billion people living with NCDs and mental health conditions to encourage Governments to develop more ambitious national NCD responses. |



Actions

- Engage
- Accelerate
- Invest
- Align
- Account

Global Group of Heads of State and Government on NCDs

The Global Group of Heads of State and Government meets annually during UNGA, to:

- Raise the priority accorded to the prevention and control of NCDs within the national and international SDG response.
- Deliberate on the [Global NCD Compact 2020-2030](#) and showcase national and international actions on NCD and the SDGs.
- Discuss on how to leverage the collective to inspire and support global action on NCDs and the SDGs
- Discuss how to accelerate national action as part of the NCD Implementation Roadmap 2023-2025



1st Annual Gathering, 21 September 2022



2nd Annual Gathering, 21 September 2023

3rd Annual Gathering, September 2024 – Date TBC

Action on NCDs and mental health in SIDS

SIDS have specific, pronounced vulnerabilities affecting health

- Geographical remoteness, small domestic markets & undiversified economies
- Aggravated effects of climate change
- Dependent on international trade
- High burdens of obesity, greater risk of food insecurity
- Commercial determinants of health
- Limited health system capacity (e.g. workforce migration)

SIDS have shown strong leadership on NCDs and mental health

- Port of Spain Declaration (2007)
- SAMOA Pathway (2014)
- Global and regional events



SIDS Ministerial Conference on NCDs and mental health

14-16 June 2023, Barbados

Overview



- **75(e) of resolution A/RES/69/15 (SAMOA Pathway)** includes a commitment to “enable cooperation among Small Island Developing States on diseases by using existing international and regional forums to convene joint biennial meetings of ministers of health and other relevant sectors to respond in particular to NCDs.
- **Ambitious agenda** to transform the capability of SIDS countries to proactively respond and effectively deliver health outcomes in relation to NCDs and mental health.
- **Outcome document launched: 2023 Bridgetown Declaration on NCDs and Mental health**
- **SIDS Commitment Page launched** to collect actions to accelerate national actions that will contribute to the achievements of the NCDs Global targets and the SDGs before 2025 and 2030 (SIDS Commitment Page available online).

From Conference, to Action on NCDs and mental health in SIDS



SIDS Technical Meeting
Jan 2023, Barbados

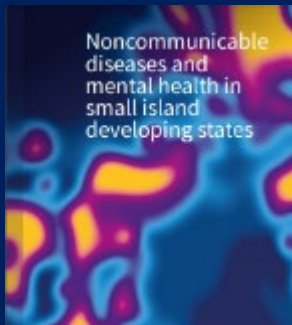


SIDS Ministerial
Conference
June 2023, Barbados

2023 Bridgetown Declaration on NCDs and mental health

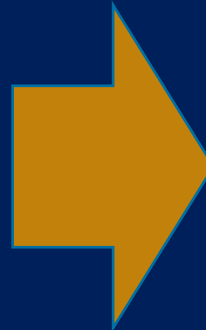


SIDS Commitment Page



Key technical products:

- SIDS Report on NCDs and mental health
- SIDS Data Portal
- Policy briefs



Next steps

- Regular follow-up with countries (3x per year sessions)
- Technical support
- Resource mobilization
- SIDS Newsletter
- SIDS focus in GPW14
- Inputs to Global SIDS meetings
- High Level Policy expert group providing support towards 2025

Fourth International Conference on SIDS (SIDS4)

27-30 May 2024, Antigua and Barbuda

- Member States adopted the **Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS by 2034**, which calls for integrating NCD and mental health services into PHC and addressing risk factors and supports implementation of the 2023 Bridgetown Declaration.
- **Side-event on NCDs and mental health** convened on 30 May
- **Interactive dialogue** on human capital, addressing health crisis in SIDS and building the potential of youth in SIDS co-led by WHO and UNFPA.
- **Key discussions** on Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI), climate finance, data and digital technologies, health system resilience, etc.



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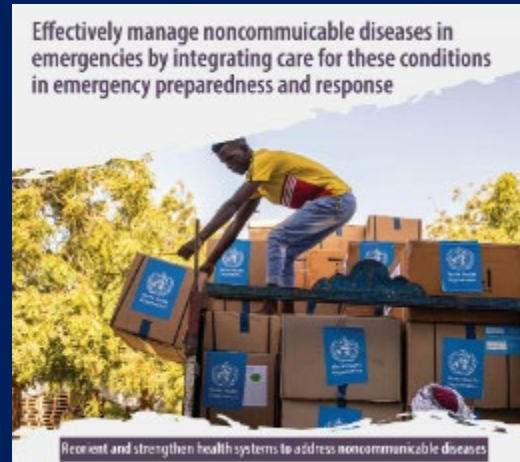
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Global High-Level Technical Meeting on NCDs In Humanitarian Settings

27-29 February 2024, Copenhagen, Denmark

Purpose

To raise global awareness of the need to consider NCDs as part of emergency preparedness and response, and to forge relationships between the NCD, Humanitarian, Refugee and Health Systems communities in advance of the UN High Level Meeting on NCDs in 2025.



Objectives

1. Review current NCD related responses in countries during the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergencies and humanitarian crises, across WHO Regions, based on a series of regional consultations held in 2022 and 2023.
2. Recommend strategic and integrated approaches to improve technical assistance to countries across preparedness, response, and recovery phases and agree on practical steps to better address NCD and the health of displaced persons in acute and protracted emergencies.
3. Inform the report to the UN Secretary General before the UN High Level meeting on NCDs in 2025, drawing on WHO recommendations endorsed during the 75th session of the World Health Assembly.

Global High-Level Technical Meeting on NCDs In Humanitarian Settings

Policy recommendations

- Embed **NCD prevention, diagnosis, treatment and palliation in primary care services and in emergency risk-management policies and strategies.**
- **Adapt legislation to ensure that IDPs and refugees have access to the full range of NCD services within the national benefits package.**
- Ensure that resourcing for NCD care is maintained during acute and protracted emergencies, through to resilient recovery. This may require **blending of domestic, humanitarian and overseas development assistance funding to ensure continuity of services** initiated during crises.

Operational recommendations

- Emergency coordination
- Community engagement
- Addressing supply-chain barriers
- Models of care / service packages
- Data and information

International Dialogue on Sustainable Financing for Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health

20-21 June 2024, Washington DC, USA

Objective

The International Dialogue on Sustainable Financing for NCDs and Mental Health will explore approaches on how to include NCDs and mental health responses within national health and financing plans.

Outcomes

- 1. Actionable strategies**
Including a measurement approach defining how each strategy contributes to ensuring that sufficient budget is allocated to the prevention and management of NCDs and mental health conditions
- 2. Policy recommendations**



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International Dialogue on Sustainable Financing for Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health

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Technical background papers

Health spending on NCDs & mental health and role of National Health Accounts

External financing and role of Development Assistance for Health

Domestic financing and the role of health taxes and other fiscal measures

Domestic financing: priorities, purchasing and provider payments

Financial protection for NCDs & mental health

Human resources for health

Role of civil society

Synthesis paper



WHO Symposium on Meaningful Engagement

Purpose

The WHO Symposium on Meaningful Engagement will serve as a platform to advance the greater involvement of people with lived experience in the preparatory process for the 4HLM on NCDs - ensuring clear attention to operationalizing meaningful engagement in the outcome document.

Timeline



Outcomes

Advocacy activities

Stakeholder mapping and development of strategy for advocacy activities that increase meaningful engagement of people with lived experience (PWLE) in 4HLM process

Knowledge exchange and codesign

Provide platform for dialogue and codesign between PWLE, WHO, WHO Member States and other relevant partners to support the development of an equitable outcome document

Coalition-building and policy coherence

Strengthen coalitions for collective action between PWLE across NCD-related public health and policy agendas

Format

- Up to 3 Symposium events, which will build key calls to action from lived experience community.
- Structure and format will be co-designed through the input of a Symposium Steering Committee of PLWE experts.

Second General Meeting of the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs

Purpose

The Second General Meeting of the WHO GCM/NCD aims to generate discussions and recommendations on multisectoral and multistakeholder engagement towards the global NCD response as strategic inputs to the preparatory process for HLM4 and for broader use by the global health community.

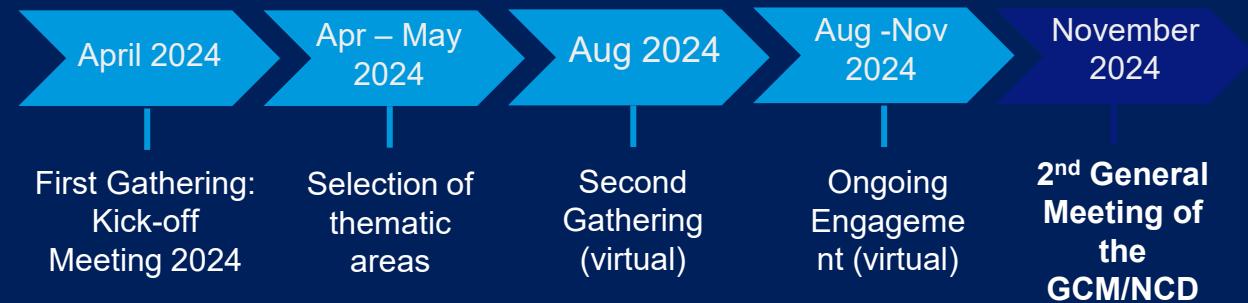
Process

The road to the Second General Meeting will be marked by an inclusive preparatory process and collective reflections, insights and expertise of GCM Participants (i.e.; Member States, UN and NSAs). The process includes a series of engagement opportunities for and with GCM participants, both virtual and in-person.

Outcomes

- **Formulate ambitious yet attainable recommendations on accelerating multisectoral and multistakeholder action**, including mobilization of resources and expertise, building capacity for multistakeholder partnerships, and knowledge sharing to propel country, regional and global NCD responses.
- **Identify and disseminate stories of impactful multisectoral and multistakeholder collaboration** by GCM Participants for NCD prevention and control.

Timeline



WHO Global Oral Health Meeting: Universal Health Coverage for Oral Health by 2030

26-29 November 2024, Thailand

Overall objectives

- To reaffirm political commitment by Member States based on the Resolution on Oral Health in 2021 and
- To accelerate and scale up national efforts to prevent and control NCDs with a focus on oral diseases to achieve UHC for all by 2030
- To contribute to the preparatory process leading to the fourth High-level Meeting on NCDs in 2025.



Host: Government of the Kingdom of Thailand

Venue: Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld, Bangkok, Thailand

Format: A three-day technical meeting and a half-day high-level segment

Participants: 400 expected in-person: Member States, UN, NSAs, donors and funding agencies



WHO Global Oral Health Meeting: Universal Health Coverage for Oral Health by 2030

Expected outcomes

1

Meeting report developed with recommendations outlining the potential for countries to achieve essential oral health care services as part of UHC



2

Bangkok Declaration endorsed by the Member States delegations reaffirming MS commitment on oral health & informing the WHO DG's report in preparation of the UNHLM on NCDs in 2025



3

National oral health roadmaps aligned with the GOHAP 2023-2030



4

Global Coalition for oral health formed including a platform of commitments from Member States and partners to support the implementation of the GOHAP 2023-2030



2nd Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health

25-27 March 2025, Cartagena, Colombia

Objective

Accelerating action for clean air, clean energy access and climate mitigation through evidence-based, coordinated multi-sectoral interventions in cities, countries and regions, aiming to prevent communicable and noncommunicable disease, save lives and protect child health and limit climate change across the world.

The conference aims to:

- Share latest evidence and raise awareness on health impacts of air pollution, including on NCDs
- Share solutions and ambitions through powerful policies and triple-wins for health, air pollution, and climate change
- Garner high-level commitments from Ministers, Heads of UN organizations and CSOs



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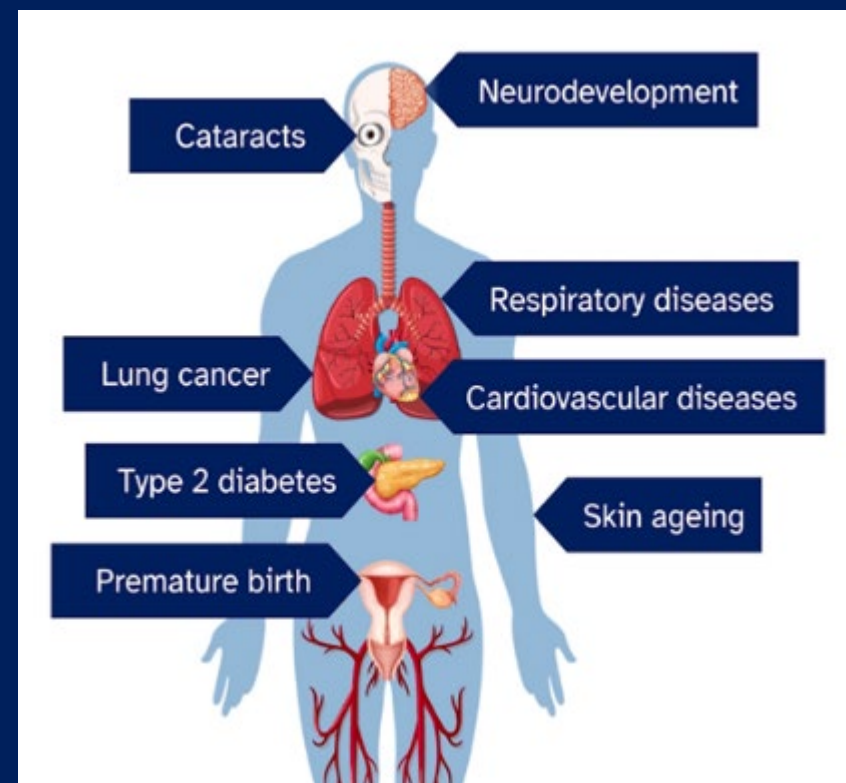
Outcomes

- **Declaration**
- **Launch of commitments**

Programme highlights

- **Three-day agenda** focusing on strong evidence and ambitious high-level segment with launch of commitments
- **Additional activities** based on availability of resources:
 - **Science “deep-dive”** (TEDx style) event(s)
 - **Health care facility** electrification installation
 - **Green space inauguration**
 - **Pollution Pods** – interactive air pollution exhibit
 - **Science & art exhibits** on air pollution and health

Health effects of particulate matter



NCD global monitoring framework and targets

- In 2013 the WHA adopted the NCD GMF and 9 global targets – these ambitious but achievable targets were intended to drive change in prevention and control of NCDs
- The current GMF and targets are until 2025, and the upcoming 4th UNHLM is an opportunity to review progress and look beyond 2025 with an updated GMF and targets
- WHO will facilitate a process for updating and agreeing the post-2025 GMF and targets, ensuring opportunity and reflection to refine, recalibrate and renew a new GMF aligned to emerging NCD challenges
- The process will engage experts, Member States, NSAs, and will align with the processes and preparations for the 4th UNHLM



Expert reference group for GMF updating

An **Expert Reference Group (ERG)** will provide technical guidance and recommendations to WHO for updating the NCD global monitoring framework and targets towards 2050 through 2030. The group will draw upon diverse expertise to provide feedback to ensure latest scientific insights into the updated framework are provided.

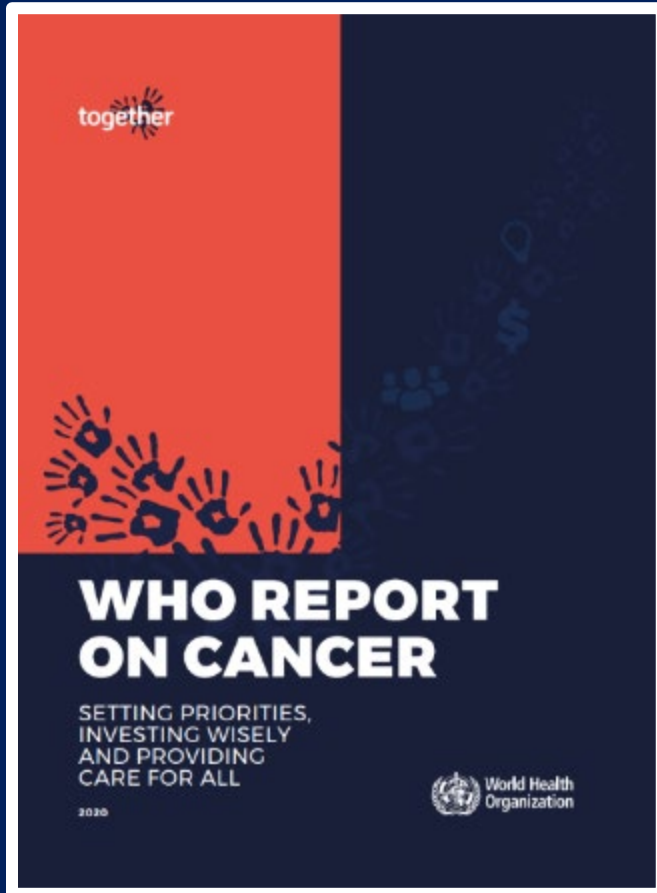
Terms of reference:

1. Review the current WHO NCD global monitoring framework and targets in the context of the SDGs, GPW indicators, progress indicators and disease and condition specific targets as well as current epidemiological shifts and the 5 by 5 agenda.
2. Identify gaps, emerging issues, and areas for improvement based on recent evidence and global health trends.
3. Propose updates and revisions to the global NCD monitoring framework and targets to strengthen relevance, feasibility, and impact.
4. Integrate the progress indicators into the framework.
5. Ensure alignment with international commitments, such as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Implementation Roadmap for the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs, the 5 by 5 agenda and disease specific targets.

Timeline

July 2024	Establishment of external expert reference group
July to Sept 2024	Regional consultations with Member States and other stakeholders
by Oct 2024	Review of indicators and targets
by Dec 2024	Delphi review conducted
Dec 2024	Meeting of expert reference group
Jan 2025	Background paper developed
April or Oct 2025?	Formal Member State meeting
Sept 2025	UNLHM on NCDs
Jan and May 2026	EB/WHA

WHO Global status report on cancer 2025



Mandate

- **WHA 70.12 (2017):** progress on implementation of cancer programmes
- **WHA 73.2 (2020):** cervical cancer progress report

Objectives

- **Present current best practices**, inequalities in cancer control including mapping of childhood cancer
- **Gather and present MS with models and tools** to improve outcomes through an integrated approach
- **Promote incorporation of key indicators** for WHO cancer initiatives into routine national NCD reporting

Anticipated Outputs

- Stock takes to be presented to EB 154 (2024) in annual NCD report
- WHO global status report - EB 156 (2025)
- Updated mandate / programme of work for 2024-2025

Process

- **Phase 1: Preparatory - COMPLETE**
Methodology & stakeholder engagement including UN agencies & NSA
- **Phase 2: Drafting - ONGOING**
Data collection and synthesis
Multi-sectoral working groups
- **Phase 3: Production**
Report on mapping and implementation support - EB 156 (2025)

Launch May 2025

WHO Global status report on cancer 2025

Workstreams

Global Cancer M&E framework

To develop a list of high priority indicators that reflect outcomes of interest and can inform a theory of change

To develop a M&E framework for Cancer Programs

To develop M&E framework for WHO cancer initiatives

Current Status of Global Cancer Control

Overlaps

Epidemiology; societal economic burden of cancer

Primary Prevention

Cancer Continuum incl. Screening, Treatment and Palliative care

Cancer Economics/Health Systems

Cancer Workforce

Research and Innovation

Humanitarian Settings

Stakeholder Perspective Including Lived Experience of People With Cancer

Threats, hopes, priorities
Community stakeholders survey
Health professional survey
MS consultation

Private sector dialogue (TBC)

Lived Experience: findings from WHO survey(s)

WHO Cancer Initiatives: GBCI, GICC, CCEI, and GICR

Partnership



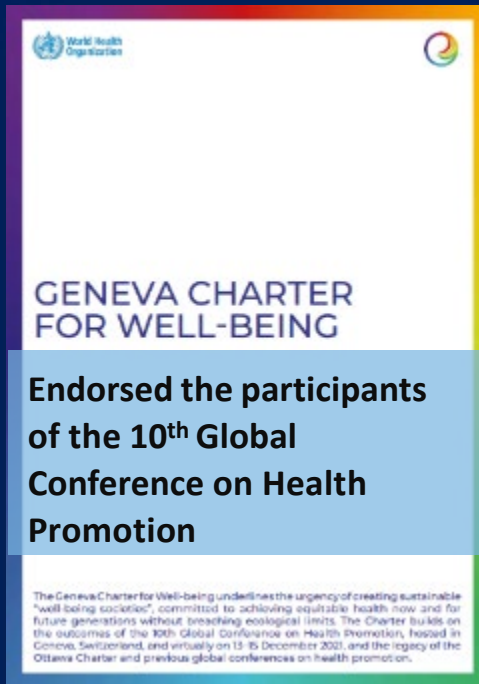
Collaborators (as part of working groups)

- 45 Stakeholders
- 70 Experts

Advisors (informal)

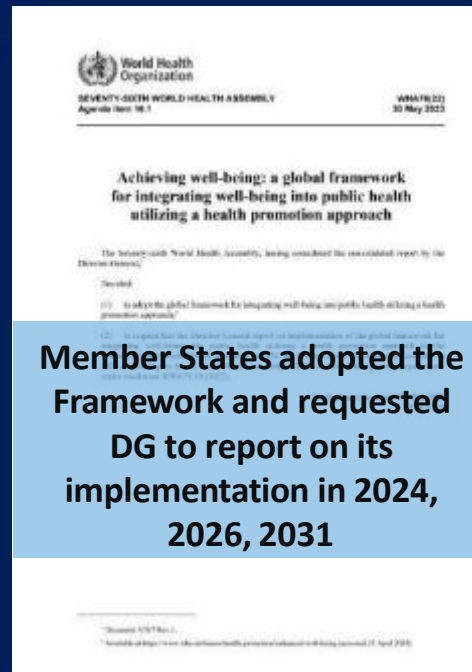
Reducing NCD risk factors through a well-being agenda

2021 Geneva Charter for Well-being

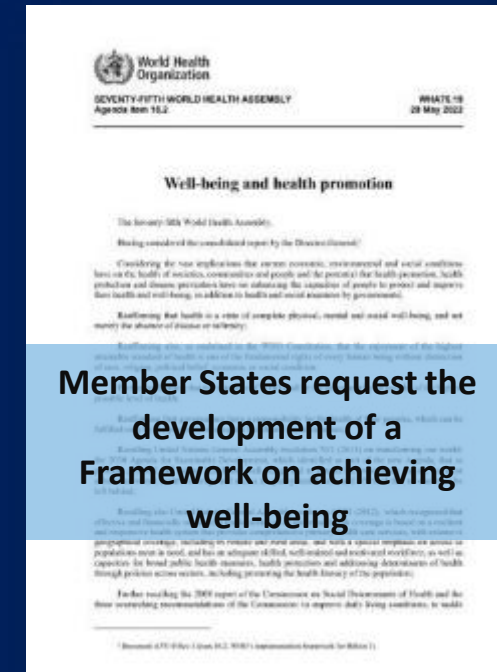


Endorsed the participants of the 10th Global Conference on Health Promotion

2023 World Health Assembly Resolution WHA76(22) on the global well-being framework



2022 World Health Assembly Resolution WHA75.19 on Well-being and health promotion



Applying a well-being approach to address NCD risk factors



Tobacco-free farms
Alternative livelihoods to tobacco growing



Commercial determinants of health
Addressing conflicts of interest and potential co-benefits of private sector action for better health

Consultative process

A large group of women, many wearing colorful headscarves and traditional dresses, are gathered under a large, patterned canopy. They appear to be engaged in a community activity or meeting. The scene is outdoors, and the women are looking towards the camera.

How to get involved

Fourth High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the prevention and control of NCDs



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Consultative process

Web-based consultation

1 May – 17 June 2024

- General comments on priority areas for the high-level meeting
- Documents for the international dialogue on sustainable financing for NCDs and mental health

Sept 2024

- Inputs to inform the fourth high-level meeting on NCDs

Multistakeholder briefings

- **Periodic briefings will be organized for Member States and non-State actors**

Regional consultations

- **Regional consultations to be organized June – September 2024**
- **Agenda item in Regional Committee meetings**

Engagement platforms

- Civil society working group
- WHO Youth Council, subgroup on NCDs
- STAG-NCD, MNS
- UNIATF
- High-level Policy Expert Group (SIDS)



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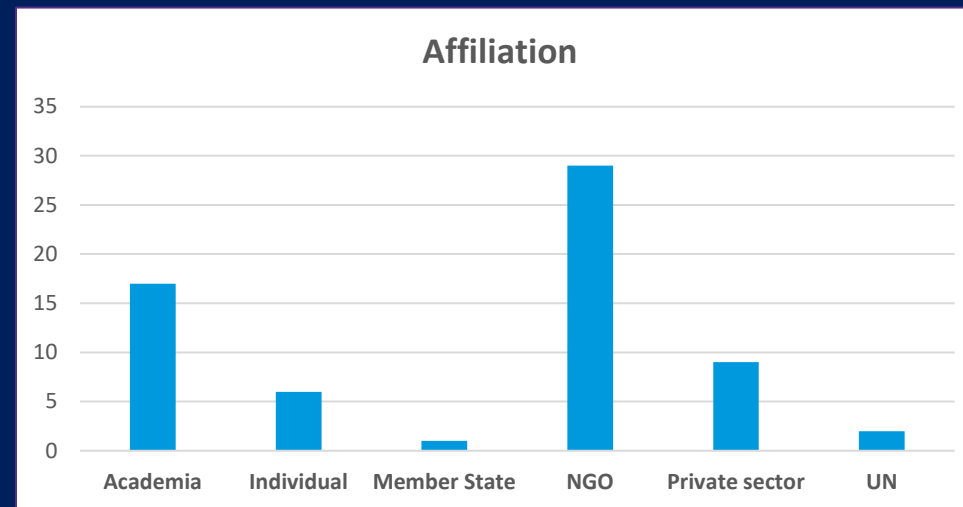
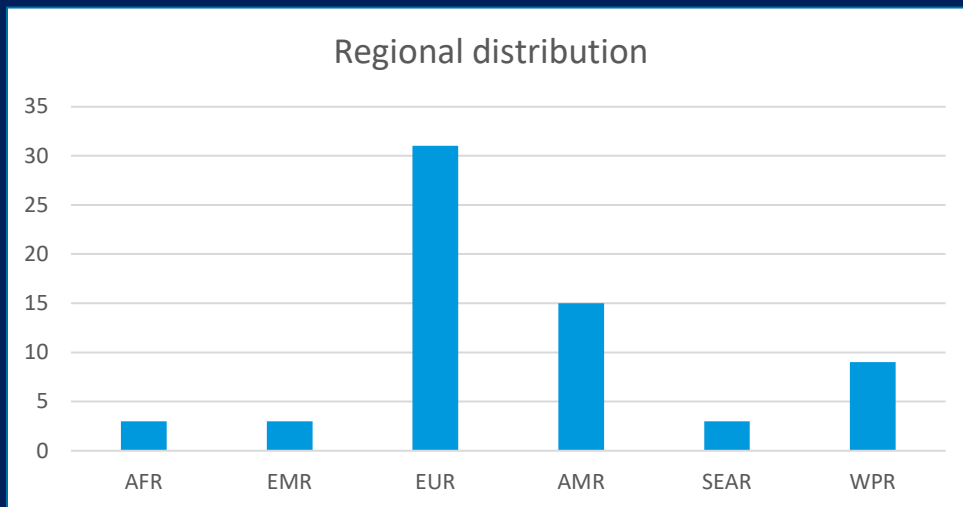
Timeline of consultative process

Briefings and consultations	
15 March 2024	1 st Multistakeholder briefing
1 May – 17 June 2024	Web-based consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key priority areas for the high-level meeting (Phase 1)• International dialogue on sustainable financing
Date TBD	2 nd Multistakeholder briefing
June – Sept 2024	Regional consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• South-East Asian Region: 10 / 17 July• African Region: 4 / 11 July• Eastern Mediterranean Region: 13 August• European Region: Ongoing / End September• Western Pacific Region: Focal point meeting June and July• Region for the Americas: Mid-July
Sept 2024 (TBC)	Web-based consultation to collect inputs to inform the fourth high-level meeting on NCDs (Phase 2)
Aug – Oct 2024	Regional Committee meetings

Initial inputs to the web-based consultation



- **Phase 1 consultation** has taken place from 1 May – 17 June 2024 to collect inputs on key priorities across 6 NCD-GAP objectives, and mental health.
- **Over 100** inputs received across regions
- **Full synthesis** will be conducted to provide insights on key priorities for the high-level meeting.



Initial synthesis of inputs

<p>Objective 1. To raise the priority accorded to the prevention and control of NCD in global, regional and national agendas.</p>	<p>Objective 2. To strengthen national capacity, leadership, governance, multisectoral action and partnerships</p>	<p>Objective 3. To reduce modifiable risk factors for NCDs and underlying social determinants through health promoting environments</p>	<p>To promote and protect mental health and well-being, including prevention and management of mental health conditions, as a vital component of achieving SDG target 3.4.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive international cooperation and advocacy for NCDs, including South-South collaboration • Raise priority on breast cancer, liver disease, oral diseases. • Include language on gender 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade agreements on food products and diagnostics. • Engage with civil society, people living with NCDs, indigenous peoples, youth. • Health promotion in cities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involve youth in NCD risk factor control. • Address commercial determinants of health • Train primary health workforce to educate people on modifiable risk factors. • Prioritize climate mitigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-consider terminology (mental health vs. neurological disorders) • Integrate mental health and wellbeing in policies and programs for healthcare design, delivery, M&E across all levels of the health system. • 5x5 framework into policy and practice • Equip all nurses to identify and manage various mental health conditions. • Promote brain health • Promote research on comorbidities • Strengthen support networks; • Spread awareness among all age groups to address stigma • Add mental health and stress management to the NCD GAP.
<p>Objective 4. To strengthen and orient health systems to address NCDs and the underlying social determinants through people-centred PHC and UHC</p>	<p>Objective 5. To promote and support national capacity for high-quality research and development for the prevention and control of NCDs</p>	<p>Objective 6. To monitor the trends and determinants of NCDs and evaluate progress in their prevention and control</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multidisciplinary teams • Technology/AI for virtual care • Emergency care settings • Communicable disease service integration • Rehabilitation, assistive technology, palliative care and oral health services. • Access in rural areas • Digital health literacy • Electronic health records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research capacity • Public-private partnerships to drive R&D • Regional research networks • Monitoring and research on climate change, NCDs and mental health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic health records and robust data sets + digitization • Public health observatories • Standardized evaluation frameworks • Surveillance systems to monitor population-level risk factors. • Oral health indicators • Data disaggregation 	

Member State requests

- **All Member States** encouraged to join the global and regional consultations, to provide inputs into key priority areas for the fourth high-level meeting on NCDs in 2025.
- **All Member States** encouraged to engage in the Global Group of Heads of State and Government on NCDs and in their Third Gathering on 25 September 2024 during UNGA (details to be shared).
- **All SIDS Member States invited to submit commitments and actions** to the SIDS Commitment Page on NCDs and mental health.

Insights from WHO Regional and Country Offices

Member State Discussion

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Closing

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Thank you

Thank you to all teams who have contributed to showcasing key areas of work towards the fourth high-level meeting on NCDs.

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