



Informal interactive hearing

with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs)

19 June 2014

**Trusteeship Council Chamber
United Nations, NY**

Concept note

Background

1. Paragraph 65 of General Assembly resolution 66/2 of 19 September, 2011, containing the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable diseases (NCDs), calls for a comprehensive review and assessment in 2014 of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of NCDs.
2. The General Assembly decided in its resolution 68/271 of 13 May, 2014 to convene the comprehensive review and assessment on 10 and 11 July 2014 in order to: (i) take stock of the progress made in implementing the commitments of the 2011 UN Political Declaration on NCDs; (ii) identify and address gaps; and (iii) reaffirm the political commitment in response to the challenge of NCDs. It further decided that the overall theme of the meeting will be “Taking stock of progress in implementing the 2011 UN Political Declaration on NCDs and scaling up of multi-stakeholder and national multisectoral responses to the prevention and control of NCDs, including in the context of the post-2015 development agenda”. It also decided that the high-level meeting will include the adoption of a concise, focused, action-oriented outcome document.
3. The resolution also requested the President of the General Assembly to organize an informal interactive hearing with NGOs, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia to provide an input to the high-level meeting. In accordance with this request, the President of the General Assembly will organize an informal interactive hearing on Thursday, 19 June 2014 in New York. The overall theme of the informal interactive hearing will be “Global Progress, National Action: Moving from commitment to implementation”.

Objectives

4. The hearing will seek views from NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector in response to the following questions:
 - What have been the respective contributions to date from NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector in supporting regional and national efforts to implement the 2011 UN Political Declaration on NCDs and attain the nine global targets for NCDs by 2025? Have these contributions been sufficient?
 - What have been ways and means of measuring and acknowledging the contributions to date from NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector in support of national efforts to address NCDs and towards attainment of the nine global targets for NCDs? Have these ways and means been sufficient? How can NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector participate in public reporting and accountability frameworks?
 - How have NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector demonstrably committed to promoting public health? Have NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector been willing to participate in public reporting and accountability frameworks?
 - Which recommendations from NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector could be considered for inclusion in the outcome document to be adopted at the high-level meeting in July 2014?

- What are the best practices and lessons learned from engagement with NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector to address NCDs, health, and development challenges?
- In what ways can multisectoral and intersectoral partnerships be improved in order to accelerate national and regional actions?
- What can be done to expand/improve the capacity of civil society in the response to NCDs, particularly in low- and middle-income countries?
- How are NGOs, civil society, academic institutions, and the private sector prioritizing NCDs in national and global development agendas, looking toward the post-2015?

Participation

5. A wide range of representatives from NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector are expected to attend the informal interactive hearing.
6. A registration process is organized by the NGO Branch of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, which will enable NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector to pre-register for the hearing¹.
7. Member States and Permanent Observers are encouraged to attend and participate in, as appropriate, the informal interactive hearing.

Format

8. The President of the General Assembly has proposed the following format for the informal interactive hearing:
 - An **Opening Session** with remarks by the President of the General Assembly. An invitation has been extended to the United Nations Secretary-General and to WHO's Assistant Director-General for NCDs and Mental Health to deliver remarks at the opening session. Featured remarks will be delivered by a representative of civil society.
 - **Two consecutive round tables.** H.E. Ms. Bénédicte Frankinet, Permanent Representative of Belgium and H.E. Mr. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica, the co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly to conduct consultations on the outcome document for the high-level meeting, will each chair one of the round tables. Each round table will be comprised of panelists representing NGOs, civil society organizations, a Member State, the UN system, academic/medical profession, and the private sector. Brief presentations by these participants will be followed by an interactive discussion.
 - There will no pre-determined list of speakers during the round tables.
 - A **Closing Session** will involve the presentation of summaries highlighting the views expressed by participants and attendees during the interactive discussion. The summaries will be presented by the Co-Chairs. Closing remarks will be presented by Sir George Alleyne, Director Emeritus, Pan American Health Organization.

¹ More information is available at <http://esango.un.org/irene/?page=viewContent&nr=24064&type=8§ion=8>

Outcome

9. The President of the General Assembly will develop a summary of the main outcomes of the informal interactive hearing, which will be circulated to Member States prior to the start of the high-level meeting on 10 July 2014.

Issues to be discussed

10. Round table 1 10:45 a.m.-13:00 p.m.

Enhancing international cooperation for NCDs: Mobilizing domestic, bilateral, regional, and multilateral resources, and building capacities for sustainable human development

Purpose: To seek the views of NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector on their role and responsibilities in (1) supporting national efforts to address NCDs, recognizing the primary role and responsibility of Governments in responding to the challenges of NCDs, and (2) enhancing international cooperation for NCDs. In particular:

- What have been the respective contributions to date from NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector in supporting national efforts to implement the 2011 UN Political Declaration on NCDs and attain the nine global targets for NCDs by 2025? Have these contributions been sufficient?
- What have been ways and means of measuring and acknowledging the contributions to date from NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector in support of national efforts to address NCDs and towards attainment of the nine global targets for NCDs? Have these ways and means been sufficient?
- How have NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector demonstrably committed to promoting public health? Have NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector been willing to participate in public reporting and accountability frameworks?
- Which recommendations from NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector on how to enhance international cooperation for NCDs could be considered for inclusion in the outcome document to be adopted at the high-level meeting in July 2014?

11. Round table 2 – 15:00 -17:30

Mobilizing whole-of-society efforts for NCD prevention and control at national and regional levels: gaps, solutions, innovations and collaborative multisectoral partnerships, and fostering private sector and non-health sector engagement

Purpose: To seek the views of NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector on their role and responsibilities in (1) mobilizing whole-of-society efforts for NCD prevention and control, recognizing the primary role and responsibility of Governments in responding to the challenge of NCDs; and (2) promoting and facilitating international and intercountry collaboration for exchange of best practices in the areas of health-in-all-policies, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, legislation, regulation, health system strengthening and training of health personnel, so as to disseminate learning from experiences of Member States in meeting the NCD challenges. In particular:

- What are the lessons learnt from engaging with NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector in national efforts to mobilize whole-of-society efforts to address NCDs?
- Which recommendations from NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector on how to mobilize whole-of-society efforts to address NCDs could be considered for inclusion in the outcome document to be adopted at the high-level meeting in July 2014?

Media arrangements

12. Accredited correspondents may cover the informal interactive hearing. The hearing will also be broadcast through a live webcast, which will be publicly accessible at <http://webtv.un.org>

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**Proposed arrangements for the informal interactive hearing with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs)
(19 June 2014, New York)**

Information Note

I. Introduction

General Assembly resolution 66/2 of 19 September 2011, containing the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases called for the convening of a comprehensive review and assessment in 2014 of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

The General Assembly, by its resolution 68/271 of 13 May 2014, decided to convene a high-level meeting to undertake a comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases on 10 and 11 July 2014. The overall theme of the meeting will be “Taking stock of progress in implementing the Political Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and scaling up of multi-stakeholder and national multi-sectoral responses to the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases including in the context of the post-2015 development agenda”.

By operative paragraph 10 of resolution 68/271, the General Assembly also requested the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than June 2014, in consultation with representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia, an informal interactive hearing with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia to provide input to the comprehensive review and assessment.

II. Objective of the informal interactive hearing

The overarching theme of the informal interactive hearing is: ***Global Progress, National Action: Moving from commitment to implementation.***

Three years after the 2011 Political Declaration, the international community now has a clear roadmap, a Comprehensive Global Monitoring Framework for the Prevention and Control of NCDs, including a set of 9 voluntary global targets to be attained by 2025 and 25 appropriate indicators, the WHO Global NCD Action Plan (2013-2020), the UN Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs and a Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of NCDs. The implementation of this roadmap must be augmented by the ongoing work done by civil society and responsible commitment by the private sector.

While the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization¹, as a basis for the 2014 Review, sets out clear progress made by Member States, WHO, and UN agencies in implementing the 2011 Political Declaration, it also highlights that progress made in relation to NGOs and private sector entities is not well documented. Hence, such a focus will add value to, and benefit the discussions on the outcome document.

III. Information for participation

A. Date and venue

The informal interactive hearing (hereafter “the hearing”) will be held on Thursday, 19 June 2014 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

B. Format and outcome

The hearing will consist of an opening and closing session, and two sequential informal interactive roundtables. The President of the General Assembly will chair the opening and closing sessions. Opening remarks will be delivered by the President of the General Assembly, the Assistant Director-General of WHO, and a featured speaker. The closing session will include the presentation of summaries of the roundtables by the respective chairs and remarks by a representative of civil society.

C. Participants

Participation and seating

The hearing is open to representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and invited non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia. Member States and Permanent Observers are invited to participate in the hearing.

The list of invited participants will be determined by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia.

Remaining representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC and other registered non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia will be seated on a first come first-served basis.

D. Programme and speakers

The themes for the two roundtables will be:

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Roundtable 1: Enhancing international cooperation for NCDs: Mobilizing domestic, bilateral, regional, and multilateral resources, and building capacities for sustainable human development.

Roundtable 2: Mobilizing whole of society efforts for NCD prevention and control at national and regional levels: gaps, solutions, innovations and collaborative multi-sectoral partnerships, and fostering private sector and non-health sector engagement

Each of the roundtables will be chaired by H.E. Ms. Benedicte Frankinet, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, the two co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly to conduct consultations on the outcome document for the high-level meeting. Each roundtable will be comprised of panellists representing non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, a member State, a UN agency, the private sector and academia. Brief presentations by these participants will be followed by an interactive discussion from the floor. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers from the floor during the roundtables.

IV. Outcome of the hearing

In accordance with operative paragraph 10 of resolution 68/271, the hearing will provide input to the comprehensive review and assessment.

V. Media arrangements

The hearing, including the informal interactive roundtables, will be open to the media and will be broadcast via live webcast.

VI. List of invited representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations

The list of invited non-governmental and civil society organizations will be posted on http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/68/events/hIm_ncd.shtml.

PROGRAMME

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Morning	
10:00 – 10:30 am	<p>Opening Session: Chaired by H.E. Dr. John W. Ashe, President of the General Assembly</p> <p>Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe, President of the General Assembly• Dr. Oleg Chestnov, Assistant Director-General – Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO <p>Featured speaker:</p> <p>Ms. Sally G. Cowal, Senior Vice President, Global Health, American Cancer Society</p>
10:30 am – 1:00 pm	<p>Roundtable 1: <i>Enhancing international cooperation for NCDs: Mobilizing domestic, bilateral, regional, and multilateral resources, and building capacities for sustainable human development</i></p> <p>Chair: H.E. Mr. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Gerald Yonga, Aga Khan University (Kenya)• Ms. Katie Dain, Executive Director NCD Alliance• Professor Giorgio Calabrese, Nutrition and Dietary Studies, Naples <i>Federico II</i> University (Italy)
Afternoon	
3:00 – 5:30 pm	<p>Roundtable 2: <i>Mobilizing whole of society efforts for NCD prevention and control at national and regional levels: gaps, solutions, innovations and collaborative multi-sectoral partnerships, and fostering private sector and non-health sector engagement</i></p> <p>Chair: H.E. Ms. Benedicte Frankinet, Permanent Representative of Belgium</p> <p>Panellists:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jacob Gayle, Vice President, Medtronic Philanthropy • Mr. Jason Hatke, Alzheimer’s Disease International • Dr. Douglas Bettcher, Director, Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases (PND), WHO
<p>5:30 – 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Closing Session Chaired by H.E. Mr. Collin D. Beck, Vice President of the General Assembly</p> <p>Co-chair’s summary of Roundtable 1 H.E. Mr. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica</p> <p>Co-chair’s summary of Roundtable 2 H.E. Ms. Benedicte Frankinet, Permanent Representative of Belgium</p> <p>Closing remarks: Sir George Alleyne, Director Emeritus, PAHO</p>

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List of registered organizations

1. AARP
2. Abt Associates
3. Acción para la Promoción de Ambientes Libres de Tabaco
4. ACT - Aliança de Controle do Tabagismo
5. Action on Smoking and Health
6. Advancing Synergy LLC
7. African Tobacco Control Alliance
8. Alliance for Cavity Free Future (ACFF Charity)
9. Alzheimers Disease International - The International Federation of Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Societies Inc.
10. American Academy of Pediatrics, The
11. American Cancer Society
12. American College of Cardiology
13. American College of Sports Medicine
14. American Diabetes Association, Inc.
15. American Heart Association, Inc.
16. American Medical Overseas Relief
17. American Medical Student Association
18. American Public Health Association
19. American Society for Nutrition
20. American Society of Clinical Oncology
21. Arogya World
22. Association Togolaise du Diabete
23. Bund für Lebensmittelrecht und Lebensmittelkunde e. V.
24. C3 Collaborating for Health
25. Campaign for tobacco-free kids
26. Canadian Cancer Society
27. Cancer Aid Society
28. Caring & Living as Neighbours
29. Centre for Health IT Development «Mobile Health» (mHealthRussia)
30. Centre for Science in the Public Interest (Canada)
31. Centro para la Investigacion de la Epidemia del Tabaquismo
32. Children's HeartLink
33. Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada

34. Comision Nacional Permanente de Lucha Antitabaquica
35. Communications Coordination Committee for the United Nations
36. Conflict of Interest Coalition/Network
37. Consumers International
38. Corporate Accountability International
39. Deutsche Diabetes Gesellschaft (DDG)
40. DFI, Inc.
41. diabetesDE
42. Dogu Akdeniz Üniversitesi,Saglik Bilimleri Fakültesi
43. Eminence
44. Fondacija Zdravlje i srce
45. Fondation d'Entreprise Sanofi Espoir
46. Forum of International Respiratory Societies
47. Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control
48. Global Alcohol Policy Alliance
49. Global Alcohol Producers Group (GAPG)
50. Global Alliance for Women's Health
51. Gulf Federation for Cancer Control
52. Handicap International
53. HealthBridge Foundation of Canada
54. Healthy Caribbean Coalition
55. HelpAge International
56. Human Rights Watch
57. InterAmerican Heart Foundation
58. International Alliance of Patients' Organizations
59. International Association for Dental Research
60. International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.
61. International Association for the Study of Obesity
62. International Association of Consumer Food Organizations
63. International Center for Alcohol Policies
64. International Chamber of Commerce
65. International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organisations
66. International Council of Nurses
67. International Council of Psychologists
68. International Council on Social Welfare
69. International Dental Federation
70. International Diabetes Federation
71. International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations (IFPMA)
72. International Federation of Psoriasis Associations
73. International Federation of Social Workers
74. International Food and Beverage Alliance (IFBA)
75. International Food Information Council Foundation
76. International Medical Corps
77. International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

78. International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
79. Kapo Seba Sangha (KSS)
80. kathak academy bangladesh(KAB)
81. Kreftforeningen
82. Livestrong (Lance Armstrong Foundation)
83. Management Sciences for Health, Inc.
84. Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Inc.
85. McGill Centre for the Convergence of Health and Economics
86. Medtronic Philanthropy
87. Medtronic, Inc.
88. Microclinic International
89. Mothers Legacy Project
90. NCD Alliance
91. Non-Commercial Partnership on Assistance in Promoting Social Programs in the Healthcare Area "Equal Right to Life"
92. Novo Nordisk
93. Nutrition Communications
94. Oxford Health Alliance
95. Partners in Health a Nonprofit Corporation
96. Pernod Ricard
97. Pfizer Inc
98. Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)
99. Public Health Institute
100. Rabin Martin
101. RTI International
102. Rural Development Organization
103. Suntory Holdings Limited
104. The Danish NCD Alliance
105. The Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance
106. Third World Network
107. Together for Safer Roads
108. UK Health Forum
109. UK Need for Nutrition Education/Innovation Programme
110. Union for International Cancer Control
111. United Nations Foundation Inc
112. Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
113. Università Federico II
114. universite de lausanne, departement de physiology
115. University of Yaounde I
116. Varian Medical Systems
117. Wellbeing Foundation Registered Trust No. 1055/2009
118. World Heart Federation
119. World Lung Foundation
120. World Medical Association
121. World Self-Medication Association

122.	World Stroke Organization
123.	Worldwide Brewing Alliance
124.	Young Health Programme
125.	Young Professionals' Chronic Disease Network