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The Government of Denmark, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the United Republic of Tanzania,
and the NCD Alliance are pleased to invite you to attend a high-level side event on:

Securing a Healthy Future: Sustainable Financing for NCDs in the Post-2015 Agenda

Tuesday, 14 July 2015
Elilly Hotel, Board Room
Guinea Conarky Street, Addis Ababa

1:00- 1:30 pm: Lunch
1:30 – 2:45 pm: Programme

Remarks by:

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State Secretary for Development Policy, Denmark

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Moderator:

Mr. Simon Bland

Director, UNAIDS New York Office

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Background

Realizing the ambitions of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda will require all countries to maintain, and in many countries, dramatically scale up, the financial and other resources allocated for health. A major part of this effort will be increasing resources for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). NCDs are one of the major challenges for sustainable development today, causing disability and claiming approximately 38 million lives per year worldwide. Immediate actions to reduce the burden caused by NCDs, including improving access to care and reducing exposure to the main risk factors (tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diets, and physical inactivity), can be very cost-effective even for low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), with price tags as low as \$.20 USD per capita/year. These interventions are particularly effective when implemented as part of larger efforts to improve national health systems. Yet, many countries lack the necessary resources.

Against the backdrop of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD) in Addis Ababa, this side-event will provide an opportunity to examine the challenges and opportunities for sustainable financing for NCDs and health. The discussion will place equal emphasis on known best practices for raising domestic revenue, including the taxation of tobacco and other unhealthy products, mobilizing bilateral resources, and innovative financing mechanisms including leveraging public-private partnerships. Strategies for maximizing the efficiency of available resources, including implementing universal health coverage (UHC) to safeguard investments made in health programmes over the last decade, will also be considered.

Emphasis will also be placed on innovative mechanisms for financing for NCDs and health in order to supplement traditional resource flows, and how to best leverage the capacity of partnerships with the private sector to foster healthy environments. Finally, the event will consider the role of international public financing for NCDs, particularly integration of NCDs into multilateral and bilateral development assistance. In short, all means of financing and resources must be closely scrutinized if we are to effectively prevent and control NCDs and improve health outcomes beyond 2015.

The discussion will draw upon recent data and publications focused on financing for health and NCDs, country case studies, and the ongoing work of the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism for NCDs.

Format

Five key speakers will set the scene for the discussion with short remarks. Afterwards the floor will be open for discussion between all participants. High-level representatives from Member States, UN agencies, civil society organisations and the private sector have been invited to attend this roundtable discussion.