Dialogue on strengthening international cooperation on noncommunicable diseases

Executive Boardroom, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
**Monday, 30 November**

**08:00-09:15: Registration and welcome coffee**

**09:30-10:00: Opening session**

*Dr Oleg Chestnov, Assistant Director-General, WHO*

**Co-chairs:**

*H.E. Ambassador, Jorge Lomónaco, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations*

*Carl Reaich, Deputy Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations*

*Dr Bente Mikkelsen, Head a.i. of the Secretariat for the Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO*

**10:00-11:00: Session One**

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and strengthening international cooperation on NCDs

**Introductory speaker:** *Dr Richard Horton, Editor-in-Chief of the Lancet*

**Keynote speakers:**

- NCDs in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals
  *Dr Douglas Bettcher, Director, Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO*

- International Cooperation on NCDs as part of a broader development agenda
  *Sir George Alleyne, Director Emeritus, Pan American Health Organization*

**Plenary debate**

**11:00-11:20: Coffee**

**11:20-12:30: Session Two**

Feedback from the Caucuses: taking into consideration the integrated and indivisible nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, what will you do differently to combat NCDs?

**Introductory speaker:** *Dr Soon-Young Yoon, International Alliance of Women*

**Testimonials from NCD Champions:**

- Communities living with NCDs: surviving cancer
  *Abish Romero, National Institute of Public Health, Mexico*

- NCD healthcare provider: supporting NCD patients in the Ebola emergency in West Africa
  *John Ly, Last Mile Health*

- Defender of women living with NCDs: championing the rights to health care for women living in remote and poor areas of Belize
  *Laura Tucker-Longsworth, Belize Cancer Society*

**Representatives of the Caucuses:**

- Nongovernmental organizations and the next generation: advocacy and accountability for NCDs
### 12:30-14:00: Lunch

### 14:00-15:15: Session Three

**After Addis: financing national NCD responses in the post-2015 era**

**Introductory speaker:** Dr Mariam Al-Jalahma, National Health Regulatory Authority, Bahrain

**Keynote speakers:**

- Stimulating international cooperation to finance the prevention and control of NCDs
  - Colin McIff, US Senior Health Attaché; Dr Rachel Nugent, Department of Global Health, University of Washington

- The mobilization of financial resources through tobacco taxation to implement national action plans on NCDs
  - Jeremias Paul, Department of Finance, Republic of the Philippines

- Building the business case for addressing NCDs in the 'base of the pyramid': presentation on a public-private partnership
  - Martin Bille Hermann, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark; Charlotte Ersbøll, Global Health Council affiliate

- The role of the UN system: how multidonor trust funds and loans can contribute to NCD prevention
  - Seenithamby Manoharan, World Bank

**Reactions from panellists:**

- Helen McGuire, PATH
- Paurvi Bhatt, Global Health Council affiliate

**Plenary debate**

### 15:15-15:35: Coffee

### 15:35-16:50: Session Four

**Making the investment case for donors to enhance NCD prevention in their bilateral and multilateral official development assistance (ODA) policies**

**Introductory speaker:** Professor Rob Moodie, College of Medicine, University of Malawi

**Keynote speakers:**

- Linking the demand for resources (technical, human, financial) to the available supply in order to support national NCD responses
  - Dr Sania Nishtar, Heartfile

- Addressing NCDs through ODA: JICA's strategy
  - Tatsuya Ashida, Japan International Cooperation Agency
Reactions from panellists:
- Sanne Fournier-Wendes, UNITAID
- Geoff Adlige, GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance
- Timothy Poletti, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
- USAID Global Health Speaker: TBD

Plenary debate

16:50-17:00: Summary of Day One

Summary remarks by the co-chairs

17:00-19:00: Reception at WHO (the main cafeteria)

**Tuesday, 1 December**

09:30-10:45: High-level segment

Taking stock of the international cooperation architecture's “fitness” in the sustainable development era to support countries in addressing NCDs: what needs to change in order to align it with national plans

- Dr Oleg Chestnov, Assistant Director-General, WHO
- Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General, WHO (TBC)
- H. E. Ambassador Yvette Stevens, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations
- H. E. Ambassador Carsten Staur, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations
- H. E. Ambassador John Quinn, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations
- Erik Solheim, Chair of the Development Assistance Committee, OECD

Plenary debate

10:45-11:15: Official photo and coffee

11:15-12:30: Session Five

International cooperation on trade and health: the case for coherence between health and trade policies for sustainable development

Introductory speaker: Benn McGrady, Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO

Keynote speakers:
- Challenges in the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC): the experience of Uruguay
  - H.E. Ambassador, Ricardo Gonzalez Arenas, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations
- The technical barriers to trade regulations regarding NCDs
  - Erik Wijkström, World Trade Organization

Reactions from panellists:
- Guillermo Valles, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- Dr Cary Adams, Union for International Cancer Control, McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer
Plenary debate

12:30-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:10: Session Six

How can NCDs be integrated into international cooperation programmes in other development areas?

Introductory speaker: Nina Schwalbe, United Nations Children's Fund

Keynote speakers:

- Addressing NCDs through a climate change preventive lens
  Bahijjahtu Abubakar, Nigerian Ministry of Environment

- The NCD-poverty nexus: presentation of evidence from a systematic review
  Dr Kremlin Wickramasinghe, WHO Collaborating Centre on Population Approaches for NCD Prevention, Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford

Reactions from panellists:

- Professor Sir Andy Haines, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Dr Gene Bukhman, Program in Global NCDs and Social Change, Harvard Medical School
- Dr Sandeep Kishore, Young Professionals Chronic Disease Network

Plenary debate

15:10-15:30: Coffee

15:30-16:40: Session Six (continued)

Keynote speakers:

- Building on HIV/AIDS investments for NCD prevention and control
  Dr Timothy Mastro, FHI 360

- Information and communications technology for development
  Kemal Huseinovic, International Telecommunication Union

Reactions from panellists:

- Dr Raad Shakir, World Federation of Neurology
- Dr Fiona Adshead, International Telecommunication Union partner for Be He@lthy Be Mobile
- Lucy Sullivan, 1,000 Days

Plenary debate

16:40-17:00: Summary by the co-chairs

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The role of non-State actors in supporting Member States in their national efforts to tackle noncommunicable diseases in the post-2015 era

Date and venue to be determined