Meeting Background & Agenda

On the occasion of the second annual Gathering of the Global Group of Heads of State and Government for the prevention and control of Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) for the Global NCD Compact, to be held in the margins of the second UN High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (UHC), WHO, NCD Alliance and the World Diabetes Foundation will co-host the second Multistakeholder Gathering to Accelerate Action on SDG 3.4 and UHC.

Spurring progress towards reducing premature mortality from NCDs and achieving UHC

Only a handful of countries are on track to reduce the premature mortality from NCDs by one third by 2030 and achieve SDG target 3.4. WHO has identified and supports cost-effective and affordable solutions to curb NCDs, including a menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of NCDs (the WHO ‘best-buys’). Pathway analyses in the NCD Countdown 2030 report showed that, in 2021, all countries still had opportunities for achieving SDG target 3.4 by 2030.

The Global Group of Heads of State and Government and the Global NCD Compact 2020-2030

The multi-year aim of the Global Group of Heads of State and Government for the prevention and control of NCDs, launched in April 2022, is to accelerate progress towards SDG 3.4 and achieving UHC through SDG 3.8 by 2030.

At their first annual Gathering, on the occasion of the 77th High-level General Debate of the United Nations General Assembly in 2022, the Global Group of Heads of State and Government committed to the Global NCD Compact and offered strategic leadership to promote greater policy coherence and coordination through a whole-of-government approach and engaging with non-State actors in an appropriate, coordinated, comprehensive and integrated response. This year, their second Gathering will mark the kick-off of the Global Week for Action on NCDs, a multistakeholder campaign calling for integration of NCDs into UHC packages.

Multisectoral action for a whole-of-government approach

The Multistakeholder Gathering will feature the launch of the WHO Global mapping report on multisectoral actions to strengthen the prevention and control of NCDs and mental health conditions, coordinated by the Global NCD Platform Department, showcasing how countries are implementing multisectoral actions across government sectors and engaging with diverse stakeholders.
## Agenda

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| 13:00 – 13:10 | Welcome message & introductory video             | Svetlana Akselrod  
Director, Global NCD Platform, UCN, WHO                                                                 |
| 13:10 – 13:25 | Opening remarks                                  | Jérôme Salomon,  
Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage/Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases (UCN), WHO  
Heather Koga  
Person with lived experience of NCDs and mental health conditions  
Katie Dain  
CEO, NCD Alliance  
Bent Lautrup-Nielsen,  
Head, Global Advocacy, World Diabetes Foundation  
Svetlana Akselrod (Moderator) |
| 13:30 – 13:40 | Insights from countries & regional perspectives  | Gauden Galea  
Strategic Advisor to the Regional Director, WHO/Europe  
Anselm Hennis  
Director Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, AMRO/PAHO  
Guy Fones (Moderator), Head, Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs, GNP, UCN, WHO |
Ilesh Vinodrai Jani  
Deputy Minister of Health  
Palau: National Coordinating Mechanism for NCDs  
Gaafar J. Uherbelau  
Hon Minister of Health and Human Services  
Australia: Healthy Tasmania Plan  
Scott McKeown  
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Sumudu Seneviratne  
Paediatric Endocrinologist/ Senior Lecturer/ Director  
Centre for complex hormonal disorders  
Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo  

Tanzania: National NCD Programme and Diabetes Prevention  
Kaushik Ramaiya  
Hon General Secretary, Tanzania NCD Alliance  

Brazil: Tackling childhood obesity through multisectoral action  
Ranata Couto  
Executive Director, Instituto Desiderata |
| 14:10 – 14:25 | Panel III – Perspectives from governments beyond health               | Canada: Multisectoral Quality of Life Framework  
Josée Bégin  
Assistant Chief Statistician  
Social Health and Labour Statistics Field, Statistics Canada  

Philippines: Active transport and healthy open spaces programmes  
Anneli R. Lontoc  
Undersecretary, Road Transport and Infrastructure Department of Transportation  

Colombia (Municipality of Paipa): An Integrated Information System for Public Management  
Fabio Medrano  
Mayor of Paipa |
Technical Officer (Partnerships), Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs, GNP, UCN, WHO |
| 14:35 – 14:50 | Moderated Q&A                                                           |                                                                                           |
| 14:50 – 15:00 | Reflection and Closing remarks                                          | Svetlana Akselrod *(Moderator)*  
Bente Mikkelsen  
Director, NCD Department, UCN, WHO  
Kate Dain  
Bent Lautrup-Nielsen |