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WHO GCM/NCD Newsletter



Dialogue Meetings

First pre-Dialogue stakeholder meeting on NCDs and youth during the International Federation of Medical Students' Association (IFMSA) General Assembly, Budva, Montenegro

2-8 March – The International Federation of Medical Students' Association (IFMSA) hosted a pre-Dialogue caucus meeting on NCDs and youth. The meeting was held during the IFMSA General Assembly that was held in Budva, Montenegro this year. The event engaged medical students from all parts of the world to increase awareness and encourage advocacy and meaningful youth participation at all levels of society on NCDs. It focused on NCDs as a global burden and the role of medical education and medical students to be prepared to tackle NCDs in the SDG era. The NCD Youth Caucus is a pre-Dialogue stakeholder meeting leading up to the Global Dialogue meeting organized by WHO and hosted by the Government of Uruguay on 18-20 October 2017 in Montevideo.

One result of the NCD Youth Caucus was the *Budva Youth Declaration: A Call to Action on Noncommunicable Diseases*. The main call to action of the declaration is to increase financial investments to address NCDs in order to curb the economic and social impact of these diseases and to strengthen the curriculum to increase the preparedness for medical students to become future responders of the NCDs through public health measures in a multisectoral and multistakeholder environment.

[More information](#)



Communities of Practice NCDs and the Next Generation

The first virtual discussion conducted on the WHO GCM/NCD Community of Practice (CoP) on 'NCDs and the Next Generation' was held between 14 and 15 March 2017. Over 100 members signed-up, spanning 35 countries and territories, and encompassing all six WHO regions. Participants included members of civil society, academics, researchers, doctors, medical students, patients and other stakeholders interested in generating collaborative discussion and action toward 2018 focused on engaging the emerging and future leaders in health.

The next virtual discussion is being held between 6 and 7 April 2017 to coincide with the World Congress on Public Health. A summary of the first discussion will be shared during this discussion and the following three themes will be addressed moving forward:

1. Communication: how to communicate effectively about NCDs; communication as a tool to beat NCDs; and current NCD campaign models,
2. CoP action plan (outcome document): what are our expectations for this document? Ideas include a timeline leading up to 2018, calls to action, advocacy tools, a background to NCDs and UN processes, and the different roles of actors,
3. The perception of youth: challenges and opportunities in intergenerational collaboration to beat NCDs.

Register your interest [here](#) to participate in the discussion and join a closed network of individuals with professional/academic experience, expertise in volunteering, or advocacy for the right to protection from NCDs and their risk factors.

[More information on the WHO GCM/NCD Communities of Practice](#)

[Register to become a member of the Community of Practice](#)

[NCDs and me – Join the campaign by sharing your story](#)

News and Events



GCM/NCD at the UN Commission on the Status of Women, New York

21 March - The 61st Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York hosted an interactive panel discussion, “Expanding women’s and adolescents’ health: Integrating noncommunicable diseases through a lifecourse approach”.

The event was organized and co-sponsored by the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on NCD, Colombia, Japan, Zambia, Every Woman Every Child, UNICEF, NCD Child, Conference of NGOs in consultative relationship with the UN (CoNGO), and the Taskforce on Women and NCDs. The event was well attended with approximately 120 participants. The distinguished speakers included the First Lady of the Republic of Zambia, and the Ambassadors to the UN in New York of Colombia and Japan.

[More information on the side event](#)

[CSW 61 Statement delivered on behalf of WHO](#)



Seminar on human rights at the 8th meeting of the UN Interagency Task Force

20 February - The GCM/NCD co-organized a seminar on noncommunicable diseases and human rights with the United Nations Interagency Task Force that was held on 20 February 2017 at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) before the start of the 8th meeting of the UN Interagency Task Force 21-23 February 2017.

The seminar explored how human rights are relevant to the response to NCDs and highlighted areas where action may be needed with a view to facilitating the development of more specific guidance on how human rights may be more integrated into the response to NCDs and the development of more specific guidance for UN agencies.

[More information and background documents here](#)



Save the Date - Informal Breakfast for Participants: How the WHO GCM/NCD adds value now and in the future, Seventieth World Health Assembly

The WHO GCM/NCD is hosting an informal breakfast in the margins of the 70th World Health Assembly on Thursday, 25 May 2017. The breakfast will convene various stakeholders and participants of the Mechanism from Member States, NGOs, the United Nations, Philanthropy, the Private Sector and Academia.

Collectively with Dr Bente Mikkelsen, Head of the Secretariat for the GCM/NCD, participants and selected key note speakers will respond to the added value of the GCM/NCD now and in the future. They will also reflect on the renewed strategic focus necessary to ensure the GCM/NCD can be utilised to its fullest potential towards achieving the targets outlined by the Global NCD Action Plan 2013–2020 and Goal 3.4 of the Sustainable Development Agenda.

The breakfast will be held between 7.00 and 8.45 at the Restaurant of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

For more information please note the official [Save the Date](#) with invitations to follow.

RSVP via the following [link](#)
