



2014-2019: 5 Years of The Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs

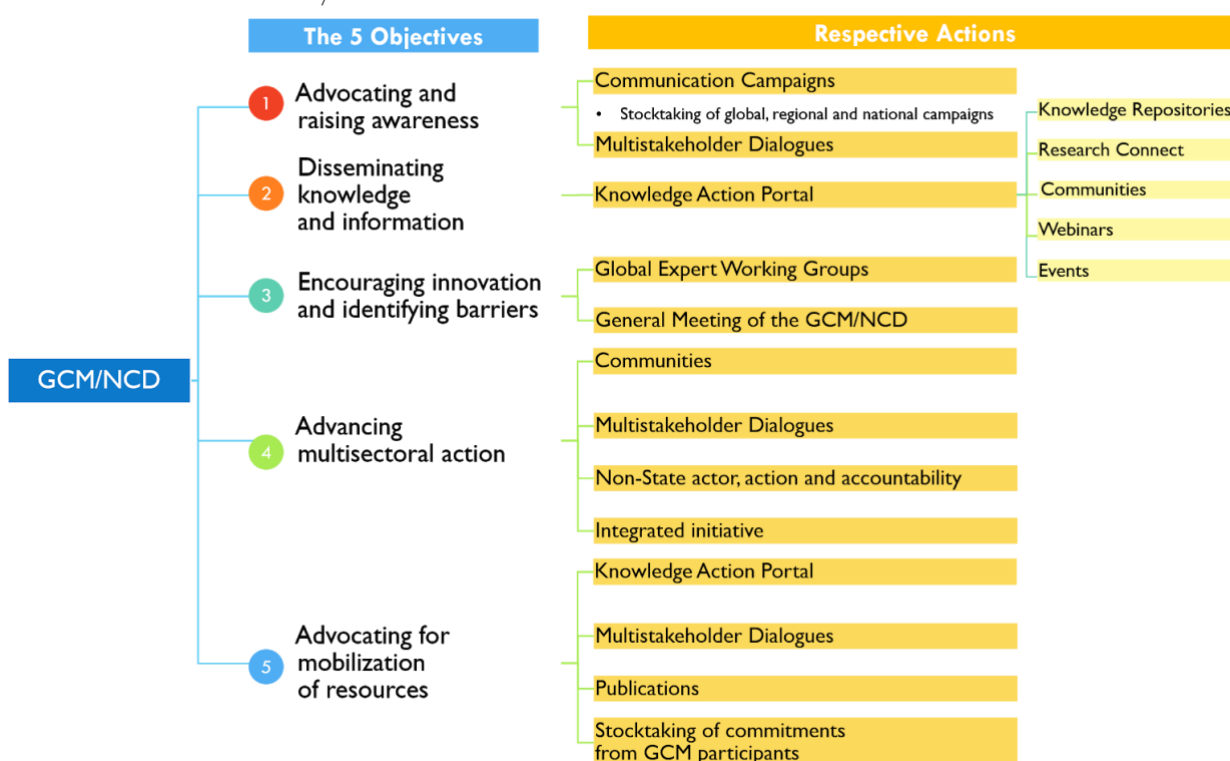
The GCM/NCD is a global Member State-led coordinating and engagement platform, established in 2014 by the World Health Assembly to help counteract the growing global health threat of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).

Mandate of the WHO GCM/NCD

The scope and purpose of the GCM/NCD is to enhance the coordination of activities, multi-stakeholder engagement and action across sectors in order to contribute to the implementation of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013–2020 while avoiding duplication of efforts, using resources in an efficient and results-oriented way, and safeguarding WHO and public health from any undue influence by any form of real, perceived or potential conflicts of interest.

Functions of the WHO GCM/NCD

Guided by, and in line with, the five objectives of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013–2020, the functions of the WHO GCM/NCD are:



Background

The GCM/NCD connects and convenes a diverse group of more than 450 participants comprising WHO Member States, United Nations organizations and non-State actors around a shared goal to support countries on a sustainable path to reducing premature mortality and unnecessary suffering from NCDs.

- [Terms of reference for the GCM/NCD](#)
- [Global action plan for the prevention and control of NCDs 2013-2020 \(GAP on NCDs\)](#)
- [GCM/NCD Work plan 2014-2015](#)

- [GCM/NCD Work plan 2016-2017](#)
- [GCM/NCD Work plan 2018-2019](#)
- [GCM/NCD Progress Report 2014-2016](#)
- [The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)
- [Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, 2011](#)
- [Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of NCDs, 2018](#)
- [Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of NCDs, 2014](#)
- [Time to Deliver: Report of the WHO Independent High-Level Commission on Noncommunicable Diseases](#)
- Preliminary Evaluation

Projects

Communication Campaigns

Deliverables

These campaigns aim to raise awareness and demonstrate the feasibility of achieving the nine voluntary global NCD targets and the NCD-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- **Beat NCDs**
[Link to website](#)
- **NCDs & Me**
[Link to website](#)
- **Campaigns KAP**
[Link to the KAP page](#)

Multistakeholder Dialogues

Through these fora, key stakeholders discuss strategies aimed at helping countries to realize their high-level political commitments, and supporting national efforts to develop and implement domestic solutions and mobilize resources to prevent premature deaths from NCDs.

Global Dialogues

- 2015 Global Dialogue meeting on how to encourage the continued inclusion of non-communicable diseases in development cooperation agendas and initiatives, internationally agreed development goals, economic development policies, sustainable development frameworks and poverty reduction strategies.
[Link to more information](#); [Link to report](#)
- 2015 Global Dialogue meeting on how to strengthen international cooperation on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases within the framework of North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation.
[Link to more information](#); [Link to report](#)

- 2016 Global Dialogue meeting on the role of non-State actors in supporting the Member States in their national efforts to tackle noncommunicable diseases as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
[Link to more information](#); [Link to report](#)
- 2017 WHO Global Conference on Noncommunicable diseases: Enhancing policy coherence between different spheres of policymaking that have a bearing on attaining SDG target 3.4 on NCDs by 2030
[Link to more information](#); [Link to report](#)
- 2018 WHO Global Dialogue on Partnerships for Sustainable Financing of Noncommunicable Disease (NCD) Prevention and Control
[Link to more information](#); [Link to report](#)

Strategic Multistakeholder Rountables at regional, subregional & national levels

- To be developed in 2019 - 2020

Knowledge Action Portal

The Knowledge Action Portal (KAP), a community-driven platform presents users with an innovative way to enhance global understanding, interaction, and engagement across sectors for the purpose of fulfilling existing - and initiating new - commitments to NCD prevention and control. The KAP is a curated information service and engagement platform, created for and with those wishing to find the common goals to beat NCDs.

- [Link to Knowledge Action Portal](#)

- **Knowledge Repositories**

Explore a range of NCD topics through our interactive database of resources spanning leading NCD stakeholders from around the world.

- [Link to Knowledge Repositories](#)

- **Research Connect**

The Research Connect is a data visualization tool aiming to connect individual researchers, institutions, organizations and funders. Ahead of the full launch in Spring 2019, one can sign up to join the map and explore a range of WHO Collaborating Centres on NCDs through the beta version of the globe.

- [Link to Research Connect](#)

- **Communities**

Communities, formerly known as Communities of Practice (CoP), are closed online networks of people with emerging and established voices that pertain to a certain theme related to the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs, 2013-2020, and the NCD-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Communities constitute a virtual safe space where researchers, policy-makers, practitioners and other stakeholders working on the NCD response can connect to exchange resource materials, tools, effective practices and experiences.

Communities on KAP:

- [Meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs](#)
- [NCDs, Poverty and Development](#)
- [National NCD focal points](#)
- [NCDs and Health Literacy](#)

- [NCDs, Health and Law](#)
- [NCDs and the Next Generation](#)
- [Multisectoral Action on NCDs](#)
- [Women and NCDs](#)

Communities for the GCM/NCD Working Groups:

- [1. Inclusion of NCDs in other programmatic areas](#)
- [2. Alignment of international cooperation with national plans on NCDs](#)
- [3. Health education and health literacy for NCDs](#)

• Webinars

One of the objectives under the GCM/NCD work plan is on 'knowledge sharing and networking'. Webinars are one of the ways to achieve dissemination and sharing of knowledge and information based on scientific evidence/or best practices regarding implementation of the global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.

- [2015 GCM/NCD Webinars](#)
- [2016 GCM/NCD Webinars](#)
- [2017 GCM/NCD webinars](#)
- [2018 GCM/NCD webinars KAP](#)

• Events

- [News and events 2016](#)
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- [News and events 2018](#)
- [News and events KAP](#)

Working Groups

The Working Groups are tasked with providing recommendations to the WHO Director-General on ways and means of encouraging countries to realize the commitments made by Heads of State and Government at the 2011 UN General Assembly High-level Meeting on NCDs.

The membership of the Working Groups is drawn from a WHO roster of experts of potential Working Group members, nominated by Member States on the basis of their technical and public health expertise and experience and appointed by the WHO Director-General. Composed of leading technical experts nominated by Member States, the Working Groups meet regularly throughout the year to produce reports with actionable recommendations to accelerate implementation of national actions to combat NCDs.

- **How to realize governments' commitments to engage with the private sector for the prevention and control of NCDs**
(Working Group 3.1)
[Link to final report with recommendations](#)
[Link to webpage](#)
- **How to realize governments' commitment to providing financing for NCDs** (Working Group 5.1)
[Link to final report with recommendations](#)
[Link to webpage](#)
- **The inclusion of NCDs in other programmatic areas**
(Working Group 3.1, 2016-2017)
[Link to final report with recommendations](#)
[Link to webpage](#)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The alignment of international cooperation with national plans on NCDs (Working Group 3.2, 2016-2017) Link to final report with recommendations; Link to webpage ● Health education and health literacy for NCDs (Working Group 3.3, 2016-2018) Link to the interim report (final report to be available shortly); Link to webpage
General Meeting of the GCM	<p>The General Meeting provided an opportunity for the GCM/NCD Participants, including all Member States, UN Agencies, funds, programmes and organizations, as well as non-State actors (NGOs, academic institutions, philanthropic foundations and business associations) to meet face-to-face to facilitate and enhance coordination of activities, multistakeholder engagement and action across sectors at all levels to promote implementation of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020 and meet the NCD (SDG 3,4) and the NCD-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Link to webpage</p>
Non-State actor, action and accountability	<p>An approach to register, publish and track commitments and contributions from civil society, philanthropic foundations and academic institutions towards the attainment of SDG target 3.4 on NCDs.</p> <p>To be developed in 2019-2020.</p>
Integrated initiative	<p>The WHO Integrated Support Initiative builds upon WHO Transformation towards an integrated approach to support country action and showcase impact at country level: this initiative, in collaboration with relevant WHO technical units and offices, primarily country offices and regional offices, the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force and other stakeholders, aims at ensuring an appropriate, coordinated and comprehensive response to provide support to Member States that are committed to making fast-track progress towards achieving the nine voluntary global targets for noncommunicable diseases by 2025, and the noncommunicable disease-related targets of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 (action 4.3 of the WHO GCM/NCD workplan 2018-2019).</p> <p>For more details on these activities in Bhutan 🇧🇹, Democratic People's Republic of Korea 🇰🇵, Iran 🇮🇷, Jamaica 🇯🇲, Mauritius 🇲🇺, Oman 🇴🇲, Philippines 🇵🇭, Sri Lanka 🇱🇰 and Turkmenistan 🇹🇲, a link will be provided shortly.</p>
Publications	<p>The British Medical Journal (the BMJ) special series on Noncommunicable Diseases – Solutions for NCD Prevention and Control – is a collaboration between the BMJ and the GCM/NCD. This special issue brings together leading experts from the UN, academia and NGOs from across the globe to provide perspectives on the challenges of NCD prevention and control with a focus on multisectoral and multi-stakeholder action in support of the high-level commitments expressed at the three UNGA High-level meetings on NCDs. The collection is guided by a guest expert multistakeholder Editorial Advisory Board and is featured in full open access.</p> <p>Link to BMJ website with published articles</p>

Other GCM-led published articles:

- Poverty and risk factors for non-communicable diseases in developing countries: a systematic review. *The Lancet*. 2016 Nov 30.
- Poverty and development interventions that address behavioural risk factors of non-communicable diseases in low and lower middle income countries: a systematic review. *The Lancet*. 2016 Nov 30.
- Socioeconomic status and alcohol consumption in low-income and lower-middle-income countries: a systematic review. *Alcohol*.
- Engaging the private sector. *Lancet Global Health*. 2016.
- Commercial determinants of health. *Lancet Global Health*. 2016.
- Why is there no funding for Non-Communicable Diseases? *Journal of Global Health Perspectives*. 1 October 2016.
- Beyond drugs: the war on lifestyle disease needs new tactics. *New Scientist*. 13th August 2016, print edition.
- Flying solo weakens chronic disease fight. *SciDevNet*. 5th July 2016.
- Non-communicable disease research. *International Journal of Non-Communicable Diseases*.
- Non-communicable disease funding. *The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology*. December 2016.
- Poverty and NCDs in developing countries: A systematic review. *BMC Public Health*.
- Socioeconomic status and non-communicable disease behavioural risk factors in low-income and lower-middle-income countries: a systematic review. *Lancet Global Health*. February 2017.
- Investing in healthier cities – multistakeholder action to prevent noncommunicable diseases. *Eurohealth* Vol 3, No 3, 2017.
- Interact, engage or partner? Working with the private sector for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases. *Cardiovasc Diagn Ther* 2018.
- The WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of NCDs: Advancing a Multistakeholder Action for NCDs and Sustainable Development. *American Behavioral Scientist* 2018.
- Addressing NCDs: A Unified Agenda for Sustainable Development, *Global Public Health*, 13:9, 1152-1157, 2018.

Stocktaking of commitments from GCM participants

Stocktaking of commitments of GCM/NCD Participants represents an essential component of engagement with GCM/NCD Participants in order to understand how Participants and their work can support the objectives and functions of the GCM/NCD. To support this activity the entities that apply to become GCM/NCD Participants are required to define their “pre-commitments”, that is areas of potential contribution to the GCM/NCD. Once they become GCM/NCD Participants, the entities and GCM/NCD Secretariat engage in dialogues to develop the pre-commitments into “commitments”, concrete areas of collaboration. The stocktaking has been implemented through a continuous outreach to the GCM/NCD Participants, both in the context of GCM/NCD activities as well as in one-on-one dialogues.

Policy Briefs

We have developed a set of two-page policy briefs for policymakers and the general public outlining fast facts, effective policy interventions, and additional resources for each NCD target.

[You can find them here.](#)