

Informal interactive hearing with civil society on

The prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

Thursday, 16 June 2011

General Assembly Hall, UN Headquarters, New York

Draft annotated Agenda

Purpose of the hearing: Requested by the General Assembly in A/RES/65/238, the informal interactive hearing is an opportunity for non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia to provide an input to the preparatory process for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, to be held on 19-20 September 2011.

Format for roundtables: The roundtable sessions will each commence with a brief presentation from a speaker, followed by comments from several panelists. The moderator will then call on pre-identified individuals in the audience to speak briefly from the floor. The remainder of each session will be moderated discussion. Those wishing to speak during these sessions will need to sign up on the Speaker's List with the Secretariat at the beginning of each roundtable.

10:00 – 10:45 Opening plenary

Purpose:

- To welcome participants and outline the purpose and format of the meeting
- To update on the preparatory process for the UN high-level meeting on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, 19 and 20 September 2011
- To provide an overview of NCDs in the current global health context, including challenges and opportunities

10:45 – 12:00 Roundtable one: *The scale of the challenge*

Purpose:

- To elicit the views of NGOs, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia on the scale of the NCD challenge
- To discuss the causes of the existing rise in NCDs – social determinants and the 'globalization' of risk factors
- To stress the importance of the economic impact as well as the health and social impact

- To introduce the need for and provide concrete examples of effective multi-sectoral responses
- To explain the linkages between NCDs and MDG health priorities and specific approaches to integrating the response to NCDs into current priorities.

12:00 -13:00 and 15:00-16:30 Roundtable two: *National and local solutions*

Purpose:

- To elicit the views of NGOs, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia on effective national and local solutions
- To discuss the importance of national planning for NCDs and the mechanisms required
- To discuss models of service delivery (prevention, early diagnosis, treatment, technologies, medicines, palliative care)
- To identify evidence-based strategies that have been shown to be effective and to identify those that can be implemented that will have the greatest impact at affordable costs
- To identify sustainable sources of funding, e.g. taxes, solidarity levies, prioritizing health within national budget allocations
- To depict the need for and identify specific health system strengthening actions that impact both NCDs and communicable diseases.

16:30-17:30 Roundtable three: *What is needed to enhance global cooperation?*

Purpose:

- To elicit the views of NGOs, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia on effective ways to enhance global cooperation
- To recommend specific actions to strengthen commitment to implementing existing tools
- To discuss and recommend resource mobilization including sustainable innovative financing mechanisms and integration into existing development assistance frameworks
- To canvass possible UN coordinating mechanisms, linked to WHO, that coordinate follow-up action and monitoring of progress.

17:30 – 18:00 Closing Plenary

Purpose:

- To summarize the views from the day's discussions and identify key messages to be conveyed to Member States and the co-facilitators.
- To inform the participants on how the outcomes of the day will be feed into the preparations for the UN high-level meeting.