## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

### Interactive Hearing

as part of the preparatory process toward the
third High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on NCDs

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United Nations Headquarters, New York

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| 10:00-10:30| Opening segment                  | Welcoming remarks by H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the General Assembly  
Speakers:  
- Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Deputy Director-General for Programmes, World Health Organization (WHO)  
- Dr. Sania Nishtar, Co-chair, WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs  
- Mr. James Chau, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for SDGs and Health |
| 10:30-11:45| Panel 1 | Scaling up action for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases | This panel will focus on the role of identifying and implementing a specific set of priorities within the overall NCD agenda with a view to implementing effective national responses for the prevention and control of NCDs, including by achieving universal health coverage. According to WHO, prioritization of best buy interventions is key to achieving quick results to help scale up approaches that countries need to implement to achieve SDG target 3.4. The session will also explore good practices to protect vulnerable people from NCDs.  
Moderator: Dr. Svetlana Axelrod, Assistant Director-General for NCDs and Mental Health, WHO  
Stakeholder Panelists:  
- Dr. Chamari Warnapura, Deputy Medical Director - National Diabetes Centre, Diabetes Association of Sri Lanka  
- Ms. Katie Dain, CEO, NCD Alliance  
- Professor Alafia Samuels, Director, George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre, University of the West Indies  
- Dr. Adam Karpati, Senior Vice President, Vital Strategies |
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NCDs threaten progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Developing countries bear a disproportionate burden, and in particular, low- and middle-income countries are increasingly affected with over 80% of premature deaths from NCDs occurring in those countries\(^1\). Greater investment in NCD responses is required. This panel will explore opportunities to attract innovative and traditional funding sources in all countries through domestic, bilateral and multilateral channels.

Moderator: Dr. Etienne Krug, Director of the Management of Noncommunicable Diseases, Disability, Violence and Injury Prevention Department, WHO

Stakeholder Panelists:
- Dr. Mukesh Kapila, CEO, Defeat-NCD Partnership
- Dr. Ala Alwan, Fellow, Chatham House
- Ms. Elizabeth Denyoh, President of the Diabetes Association in Ghana, living with diabetes
- Ms. Blanca Llorente, Economist, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia

Interactive Q&A

\(^1\) [http://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/noncommunicable-diseases](http://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/noncommunicable-diseases)
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| 16:20-17:40 | Panel 4 | Political leadership and accountability | This panel will focus on creating ownership at national level for developing and implementing national NCDs policies to reach SDG target 3.4 by 2030. This panel will also address the role of a whole-of-government approach towards the prevention and control of NCDs. This session will further seek to explore how to promote accountability at the national level as well as the potential role of a global accountability framework, including the role of relevant stakeholders.  
Moderator: James Chau, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for SDGs and Health  
Keynote:  
- H.E. Mr. Festus Gontebanye Mogae, Commissioner of the WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs  
Stakeholder Panelists:  
- Dr. Mary Nyamongo, Chair, NCD Alliance Kenya  
- Mr. Jan Peloza, Co-founder, No Excuse Slovenia  
- Dr. Ilona Kickbusch, Director, Global Health Institute, Graduate Institute  
- Dr. Beatriz Champagne, Healthy Latin America Coalition CLAS / Interamerican Heart Foundation  
Interactive Q&A |
| 17:40-18:00 | Closing segment | Speakers:  
- H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the General Assembly  
- H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy, Co-facilitator  
- H. E. Mr. Elbio Rosselli, Permanent Representative of Uruguay, Co-facilitator |