



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 June 2018

Excellency,

Further to my letter of 11 June 2018 and in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 72/274 on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the third high-level meeting on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, I have the honour to enclose herewith the agenda of the interactive hearing to be held on 5 July 2018 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The hearing will take place in the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

I encourage representatives of Member States to participate in the hearing.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Miroslav Lajčák

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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

5 July 2018  
Trusteeship Council Chamber  
United Nations Headquarters, New York

<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Opening segment</b>  Welcoming remarks by H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the General Assembly  Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Deputy Director-General for Programmes, World Health Organization (WHO)</li><li>• Dr. Sania Nishtar, Co-chair, WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs</li><li>• Mr. James Chau, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for SDGs and Health</li></ul>
<b>10:30-11:45</b>	<b>Panel 1   Scaling up action for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases</b>  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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Chamari Warnapura, Deputy Medical Director - National Diabetes Centre, Diabetes Association of Sri Lanka</li><li>• Ms. Katie Dain, CEO, NCD Alliance</li><li>• Professor Alafia Samuels, Director, George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre, University of the West Indies</li><li>• Dr. Adam Karpati, Senior Vice President, Resolve to Save Lives</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Habibe Millat, Member of Parliament, Bangladesh, Chair of IPU Advisory Group on Health</li> </ul> <p>Interactive Q&amp;A</p>
<p><b>11:45-13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 2   Financing for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases</b></p> <p>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<sup>1</sup>. 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.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Etienne Krug, Director of the Management of Noncommunicable Diseases, Disability, Violence and Injury Prevention Department, WHO</p> <p>Stakeholder Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Mukesh Kapila, CEO, Defeat-NCD Partnership</li> <li>• Dr. Ala Alwan, Fellow, Chatham House</li> <li>• Ms. Elizabeth Denyoh, President of the Diabetes Association in Ghana, living with diabetes</li> <li>• Ms. Blanca Llorente, Economist, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia</li> </ul> <p>Interactive Q&amp;A</p>
<p><b>15:00-16:20</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 3   Promotion of multisectoral partnerships for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases</b></p> <p>The panel will explore the opportunities and challenges of engagement with the private sector, academia, civil society, and communities for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, taking into account the importance of a whole-of-society approach. Speakers will share experiences, good practices and challenges to reach SDG target 3.4.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Doug Webb, Cluster Leader, HIV Health and Development Group, UNDP</p> <p>Stakeholder Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Johanna Ralston, CEO, World Obesity Federation</li> <li>• Mr. Rocco Renaldi, Secretary-General, International Food and Beverage Alliance</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/noncommunicable-diseases>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Thomas Cueni, Director General, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations</li> <li>• Professor Agnes Binagwaho, University of Global Health Equity, Rwanda</li> </ul> <p>Interactive Q&amp;A</p>
<b>16:20-17:40</b>	<p><b>Panel 4   Political leadership and accountability</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator: James Chau, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for SDGs and Health</p> <p>Keynote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Festus Gontebanye Mogae, Commissioner of the WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs</li> </ul> <p>Stakeholder Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Mary Nyamongo, Chair, NCD Alliance Kenya</li> <li>• Mr. Jan Peloza, Director, Institute for Mobility and Youth Information</li> <li>• Dr. Ilona Kickbusch, Director, Global Health Institute, Graduate Institute</li> <li>• Dr. Beatriz Champagne, Healthy Latin America Coalition CLAS / Interamerican Heart Foundation</li> </ul> <p>Interactive Q&amp;A</p>
<b>17:40-18:00</b>	<p><b>Closing segment</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the General Assembly</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy, Co-facilitator</li> <li>• H. E. Mr. Elbio Rosselli, Permanent Representative of Uruguay, Co-facilitator</li> </ul>