



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

17 September 2018

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 16 August 2018, I have the honour to enclose herewith the preliminary programme and concept note of the high-level meeting on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

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 at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

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

High-level meeting on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

27 September 2018

10.00 am – 6.00 pm

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

10.00-11.00 am Conference Room 4	<p><u>Opening segment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H. E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General Assembly- Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization- H. E. Mr. Tabaré Vázquez, President of Uruguay, Co-chair of WHO Independent High-Level Commission on NCDs- HRH Princess Dina Mired, President-elect, Union for International Cancer Control
11.00 am -1.00 pm Conference Room 4	<p><u>Plenary segment</u></p>
11.00 am – 1.00 pm Trusteeship Council Chamber	<p><u>Multi-stakeholder panel 1:</u> Strengthening health systems and financing for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, on each country's path towards achieving universal health coverage, including through sharing evidence-based best practices, scientific knowledge and lessons learned</p> <p>Co-chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H. E. Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia- H. E. Mr. Timothy Harris, Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis <p>Keynote address: Michael Bloomberg, WHO Global Ambassador for NCDs, Founder of Bloomberg Philanthropies</p> <p>Stakeholder panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sania Nishtar, Founding President of NGO Heartfile- Zoleka Mandela, Global Ambassador, Child Health Initiative- Yoshitake Yokokura, President, World Medical Association
3.00 – 5.30 pm Conference Room 4	<p><u>Plenary segment</u></p>
3.00 – 5.00 pm Trusteeship Council Chamber	<p><u>Multi-stakeholder panel 2:</u> Opportunities and challenges in engaging Governments, civil society and the private sector at the global, regional and national levels to promote multisectoral partnerships for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and the promotion of healthy lifestyles</p> <p>Co-chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H. E. Mr. Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica- H. E. Ms. Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health of Canada <p>Stakeholder panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr Natalia Kanem, Executive Director, UNFPA- Ms Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO- Sir Trevor Hassell, President, Healthy Caribbean Coalition- Ms. Gerda Verburg, Coordinator, Scaling-Up Nutrition Movement

5.30 – 6.00 pm

Conference Room 4

Closing segment:

- H. E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General Assembly
- H. E. Mr. Adalberto Campos Fernandes, Minister of Health of Portugal

CONCEPT NOTE

Third High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (New York, 27 September 2018)

Context

- In accordance with resolution 72/274 on the “Scope, modalities, format and organization of the third High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases” (NCDs), the President of the General Assembly will convene a one-day high-level meeting on **27 September 2018** in New York to undertake a comprehensive review of the prevention and control of NCDs.
- The **theme** of the third High-level Meeting on NCDs is “Strengthening health systems and financing for the prevention and control of NCDs, on each country’s path towards achieving UHC, including through sharing evidence-based best practices, scientific knowledge and lessons learned”.
- The third High-level Meeting on NCDs will provide Member States and other stakeholders with an opportunity to contribute to the appraisal of the **progress** achieved in implementing the commitments made at the UN General Assembly high-level meetings in 2011, 2014 and the progress to achieve the relevant SDG targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the target to reduce by one third premature mortality from NCDs through prevention and treatment.
- The High-level Meeting shall approve a Political Declaration on the prevention and control of NCDs.
- The meeting will comprise of an opening segment, a plenary, two consecutive interactive multi-stakeholder panels held in parallel to the plenary, and a closing segment.

Multi-stakeholder Panel 1
Trusteeship Council Chamber

11:00 to 13:00

Background

- Multi-stakeholder Panel 1 will address the theme "Strengthening health systems and financing for the prevention and control of NCDs, on each country's path towards achieving universal health coverage, including through sharing evidence-based best practices, scientific knowledge and lessons learned". Participants will include representatives from Member States, observers, UN entities, civil society, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, the private sector and broader communities.
- Panel 1 will highlight challenges and successes at the national and subnational levels to scale up action to prevent and control NCDs.

Guiding questions

- 1) How can governments ensure that national UHC packages include NCD and mental health services? Examples from countries that have done this successfully?
- 2) What specific steps can countries take to make sure NCDs prevention and control are firmly embedded in primary healthcare?
- 3) What options are available for international financing for NCDs?
- 4) What are the lessons learned from countries that have developed and implemented fiscal policies to finance NCD responses?

Format

- The Panel will be chaired by two high-level representatives of Member States. Following a short introduction by the co-chairs, panellists will deliver their remarks.
- The floor will then be opened for interventions from Member States and other participants. Speakers should limit their interventions to two minutes each.

Outcome

- The outcome will be a summary of the discussions to be presented during the closing segment.

Multi-stakeholder Panel 2
Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 17:00

Background

- ▣ Multi-stakeholder panel 2 will address the theme “Opportunities and challenges in engaging Governments, civil society and the private sector at the global, regional and national levels to promote multisectoral partnerships for the prevention and control of NCDs diseases and the promotion of healthy lifestyles”. Participants will include representatives from Member States, observers, UN entities, civil society organizations, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, the private sector and broader communities.

Guiding questions

- 1) How can governments engage the private sector more effectively to contribute to the implementation of national NCD responses for SDG 3.4? Examples of success from countries?
- 2) What kinds of public-private partnerships can best contribute to national NCD responses? Examples of success from countries?
- 3) How can governments, civil society, and people living with NCDs be engaged to ensure implementation of the WHO best buys for NCDs and other recommended interventions?

Format

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Outcome

- ▣ The outcome will be a summary of the discussions to be presented during the closing segment.