

# REPUBLIC OF KENYA



## 150<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Board

### National Statement

#### **Agenda 7: Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (a), (d), (f) and (j)**

Thank you chair

1. Kenya aligns her statement with that made by Rwanda on behalf of the 47 Member States of the Africa Region.
2. Noncommunicable diseases are a major public health concern in Kenya and contribute to approximately 39% of premature mortality in the country.
3. In view of the disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic on essential services for prevention and management of NCDs, including palliative care and mental health, Kenya support efforts by WHO, civil society and international partners to institute urgent measures to accelerate progress and reverse the negative trends.
4. In this regard, Kenya thanks the WHO Director-General for preparing an implementation road map 2023–2030 for the global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, that aims to guide Member States actions at the country level to align with SDG target 3.4.1 as well as global NCD targets.
5. In line with the action plan, we reiterate the importance of maintaining high level political support to ensure a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to NCD prevention and control. This is critical in mobilizing support for investment in:
  - a) **Building** strong and resilient health systems to accelerate achievement of universal health coverage;
  - b) **Developing** and updating policies for prevention, management and control of NCDs and their risk factors
  - c) **Provision** of health services and infrastructure to treat people living with NCDs, including palliative care and mental health; and,

- d) **Strengthening** of national monitoring and surveillance systems for NCDs and their risk factors for the generation of reliable and timely data.
6. Last year, H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta was pleased to join the Director General and other global leaders to launch the Diabetes Compact, which is intended to accelerate global progress on this growing concern.
  7. We also take this opportunity to laud the efforts of UNDP, UNICEF and WHO for establishing the Multi-Partner Trust Fund to Catalyze Country Action for NCDs and Mental Health. This innovative approach will mobilize development financing to promote the implementation of cost-effective strategies, increase domestic funding and improve policies, legislation and regulation for NCDs in low- and middle-income countries.
  8. Along the same lines, Kenya appreciates the continued role of the Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs in accelerating the implementation of the WHO Global Action Plan on NCDs by fostering high-level commitments to advance multisectoral and multistakeholder engagement in global, regional and national responses.
  9. We therefore support adoption of the draft workplan 2022–2030 for the Global Coordination Mechanism as well as the NCD global action plan road map 2023–2030.
  10. In conclusion Chair, Kenya supports the Africa Group recommendation that activities in the two documents under consideration should be contextualized to different regional and country contexts, based on timely and accurate data on NCDs and their risk factors, which the national monitoring and surveillance systems should be supported to generate.

**I thank you.**