

Member State Information Session

Preparatory process for
the Fourth UN high-level
meeting on NCDs

24 April 2025



Agenda

5 min	Welcome remarks	Dr Jérôme Salomon ADG, UHC / Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases
30 min	Updates on the preparatory process leading to the 4th High-level Meeting of the UNGA on NCDs - UN Procedural updates - Interactive Multistakeholder Hearing	Dr Guy Fones Director a.i., Noncommunicable diseases, Rehabilitation and Disability (NCD) Ms Dévora Kestel Director, Mental health, brain health and substance use (MSD) Dr Ruediger Krech Director, Health Promotion (HPR) Dr Werner Obermeyer Director, WHO Office to the UN Dr Nick Banatvala, Head of Secretariat, UN Task Force on NCDs Dr Téa Collins Cross-cutting Lead, NCDs
20 min	Moderated discussion with Member States	
5 min	Closing Remarks	Dr Ailan Li ADG, Healthier Populations



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Achievements made through UN high-level meetings (HLM)



2011

HLM1 on NCDs

- NCDs as key development issue
- Main NCDs + shared Risk Factors



2014

HLM2 on NCDs

- Set national targets
- Develop National Multisectorial Action Plans
- Implement the WHO's Best Buys
- Improve health systems



2015
SDGs



2018

HLM3 on NCDs

- Included mental health and air pollution



2019, 2023



2025

HLM4 on NCDs



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WHAT ?

HOW ?

Modalities Resolution: on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the fourth high-level meeting of the General Assembly on NCD

Resolution (A/RES/79/273) adopted on 6 March 2025

“the high-level meeting shall approve a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, with a shared vision to mobilize political will and action at the national, regional and international levels, which builds on the opportunities and challenges in the implementation of previous commitments, including, as appropriate, *the consideration of measurable global targets and objectives*”.



HLM4: Equity and Integration

Transforming lives and livelihoods through leadership and action on noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being

25 September 2025

10:00 – 10:30 | Opening

Statements by PGA, President of the Economic and Social Council, Secretary-General, WHO DG, and eminent champion on NCDs/mental health

10:30 – 17:30 | Plenary

Statements by Member States and observers

17:30 – 18:00 | Closing

Summaries of multi-stakeholder panels and concluding remarks by PGA and person with lived experience

Panel 1: 11:00 – 13:00

Tackling the determinants of NCDs and mental health and well-being through multisectoral and effective governance and collaborative action

Panel 2: 15:00 – 17:00

Reshaping and strengthening health systems and all forms of financing to meet the needs of people living with and at risk of NCDs and mental health conditions

Co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process for the HLM4



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Key high-level events



Sep 2022

1st Gathering of Global Group of HoSG for NCDs & mental health

Jan 2023

SIDS High-level technical meeting on NCDs & mental health

Sep 2023

2nd Gathering of Global Group of HoSG for NCDs & mental health

April 2024

1st Symposium on Meaningful Engagement

June (20-21) 2024

International Dialogue on sustainable financing for NCD and mental health

Nov (26-29) 2024

Global Meeting on Oral Health

April 2025

2nd General Meeting of Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs (GCM)



2022

2023

2024

2025

April 2022

International Strategic Dialogue on NCDs – **Global NCD Compact**

Dec 2022

Global and regional technical meeting on NCDs in emergencies

June 2023

SIDS Ministerial Conference on NCDs and mental health – **2023 Bridgetown declaration** on NCDs and Mental Health in the SIDS

Feb (27-29) 2024

Global Meeting on NCDs in emergencies

May (27-30) 2024

4th Intl SIDS Conference
World Health Assembly

Sep (24) 2024

3rd Gathering of Global Group of HoSG for NCDs & mental health

Jan 2025

Executive Board

Mar (25-27) 2025

2nd Intl. Conference on Air Pollution

May 2025

World Health Assembly

September 2025

4th UN High-level meeting on NCDs and mental health



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Engagement on the road to 2025

Web-based consultation

1 May – 17 June 2024

- General comments on priority areas for the high-level meeting
- Documents for the international dialogue on sustainable financing for NCDs and mental health

Multistakeholder briefings

- **Periodic briefings will be organized for Member States and non-State actors**

Regional consultations

- **Regional consultations held from June – October 2024**
- **Agenda item in Regional Committee meetings**

Thematic dialogue series

- **Monthly sessions (Dec – May) for New York mission representatives who will engage in negotiations.**

Engagement platforms

- Civil society working group
- WHO Youth Council, subgroup on NCDs
- STAG-NCD, MNS
- UNIATF
- High-level Policy Expert Group (SIDS)

Technical inputs



- Annual reporting to World Health Assembly
- Monitoring progress on NCDs

[View the UNSG's report online](#)

Report of the WHO DG informing the UN Secretary General's 2025 report to UNGA on NCD progress

Technical elements paper to support Co-facilitators

Shared with facilitators



Zero draft of Outcome document



Outcome Document negotiated for adoption in September 2025

UN Secretary General's 2025 report to UNGA on NCD progress

Summary

- I. Introduction
- II. Progress towards internationally agreed targets: Where things stand
- III. Progress made in fulfilling the assignments given to WHO
- IV. Progress made in national efforts to prevent and control NCDs and promote mental health and well-being
- V. Progress made in strengthening international cooperation
- VI. **Recommendations for consideration by Member States during the negotiations on the 2025 political declaration on NCDs**

Recommendation areas

Enhance governance

Encourage sustainable financing

Create health-promoting environments

Invest in primary healthcare and health systems strengthening

Strengthen data and surveillance



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Thematic dialogue series on NCDs and mental health (New York)

- Dialogue series hosted by WHO, United Nations Foundation and Member State co-sponsors.
- Series of thematic discussions on key NCD and mental health topics in preparation for the high-level meeting, aimed at New York mission representatives who will engage in the negotiations.
- Informal and forward-looking opportunity for Member States to engage diverse voices and stimulate thinking about persistent challenges in the agenda.

- December 10, 2024
Investing in NCDs and mental health for UHC (UHC Day)
- January 21, 2025
Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of NCDs and Promotion of Mental Health
- February 19, 2025
Co-morbidities & the Integrated Primary Health Care Approach
- March 25, 2025
Social, Economic, and Commercial Determinants & Fiscal Measures
- April 30, 2025
Environmental Risk Factors for NCDs and Mental Health



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Some issues for Member States to
consider as they enter negotiations
on the political declaration



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Why Heads of State and Government? Some thoughts...

- NCDs and mental health are linked to human capital, building a competitive and secure economy, and delivering broader development goals.
- Scarce resources need to be focused on the most cost-effective and affordable interventions, recognizing that many require action from sectors beyond health.
- Good governance is the key to improving NCD and mental health outcomes.



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Member States need to consider what the political declaration will look like? Some thoughts...

- Be concise and action oriented. Ambitious but realistic. Above all, based on evidence.
- Emphasize the impact of NCDs and mental health conditions on human capital and the drag on national economies. Recognize the impact of changing demography, and the impact of COVID-19.
- Be positive, emphasizing that progress has been made, we know what works, and if these are scaled, we can go a long way towards achieving ambitious efforts to prevent and control NCDs and improve mental health and well-being.
- Focus on a set of interventions where we can make rapid progress, with the right balance across prevention and treatment and control, while highlighting key enabling functions such as governance, finance and strengthening health systems.
- Emphasize the need for action across all age groups.
- Highlight the importance of responses that those with lived experience at the centre.
- A strong accountability framework and mechanism.

Less is more when it comes to commitments. A prioritized and action orientated Political Declaration may be most effective in focusing attention and being credible.

*Build on success:
Member States from all regions and income groups have demonstrated progress in many areas, which everyone can build on.*



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MULTISTAKEHOLDER HEARING

on the Prevention and Control of
Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD) and the
Promotion of Mental Health and Well-being

Date: 02 May 2025, 10am–6pm

Venue: Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ



Objective: To serve as a platform for relevant stakeholders to share perspectives, experiences, and best practices while identifying challenges and proposing actionable solutions.



Format



****The hearing will be webcast live on UN WebTV****

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening segment**

10:40 – 13:00 **Panel discussion 1**

Tackling the determinants of NCDs and mental health and well-being through multisectoral and effective governance and collaborative action.

13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch break**

15:00 – 17:30 **Panel discussion 2**

Reshaping and strengthening health systems and all forms of financing to meet the needs of people living with and at risk of NCDs and mental health conditions.

17:30 – 18:00 **Closing segment**



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Participation

- 1 NGOs with consultative status with ECOSOC, invited civil society organizations, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, and relevant private sector entities; &
- 2 Broader communities, including women, children, youth, indigenous Peoples, people of African descent, persons living with NCDs and mental health conditions, persons with disabilities, and senior representatives from Member States. Observers from the General Assembly, parliamentarians, local government representatives, and relevant United Nations entities will also be involved.

Outcome: PGA's Summary



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Multistakeholder highlights

- **WHO Multistakeholder Hearing for Young Professionals** in the lead-up to the UNGA High-level Meeting on the prevention and control of NCDs and promotion of mental health and well-being (15 April 2025)
- **2nd General Meeting of the Global Coordination Mechanism for NCDs (23-25 April 2025)**
 - 23 April 2025: Building on Progress: GCM/NCD impact and new challenges
 - 24 April 2025: Empowering people and communities: Lived Experience and grassroots Innovations
 - 25 April 2025: HLM4 and beyond: Sustaining multisectoral and multi-stakeholder actions on NCDs
- **Symposium on Meaningful Engagement**
- **WHO Civil Society Working Group on NCDs**



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Accreditation of CSOs for the 4th High level meeting on NCDs

- A special accredited process for the UN High-Level Meeting will be conducted through a new Civil Society Platform at <https://dgccso.un.org>
- The UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service is administering the process and can be reached at npls@un.org
- Applications are open until **20 May 2025**
- Please advise civil society to pre-register



The screenshot shows the 'United Nations Civil Society' registration page. It features a navigation bar with the UN logo and 'Civil Society' text. Below the navigation bar is a progress indicator with steps 1 through 8. Step 1, 'CSO Info', is highlighted. The form fields include: 'Name of Organization *' (text input), 'Organization's Phone Number' (text input with placeholder 'Provide a telephone number'), 'Year Established *' (dropdown menu), 'Website' (text input), 'Languages Spoken' (dropdown menu with placeholder 'Select or search options'), 'HQ Country' (dropdown menu), and 'Organization's Representation Type' (dropdown menu with 'NGO' selected).

Priority next steps

The WHO Secretariat is ready to support:

1. **Coordination of any technical support to the respective Permanent Missions in New York during the preparatory process and at the 4UNHLM on 25 September 2025;**
2. **Prioritization of relevant side events during the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 80);**
3. **Participation from Member States at the level of Head of State and Government at the 4UNHLM, 25 September 2025;**
4. **Support communication activities on milestones, key messages, and priorities.**



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Thank you

