

Member State Information Session

Updates from the 4th UN high-level meeting on NCDs and the promotion of mental health and well-being



Agenda

Welcome remarks	Jeremy Farrar, ADG, Division of Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Care
The 4th high-level meeting of the General Assembly on NCDs and the promotion of mental health and well-being: Outcomes and next steps	• Dévora Kestel, Director a.i., Department of NCDs and Mental Health • Etienne Krug, Director, Department of Health Determinants, Promotion, and Prevention • Leanne Riley, Team Lead, Surveillance, Monitoring and Reporting, Department of NCDs and Mental Health
Perspectives from Civil Society Organizations	• NCD Alliance • United for Global Mental Health
Moderated discussion with Member States	• Guy Fones, Unit Head, Cross-cutting and Integration
Closing Remarks	Dévora Kestel, Director a.i., Department of NCDs and Mental Health

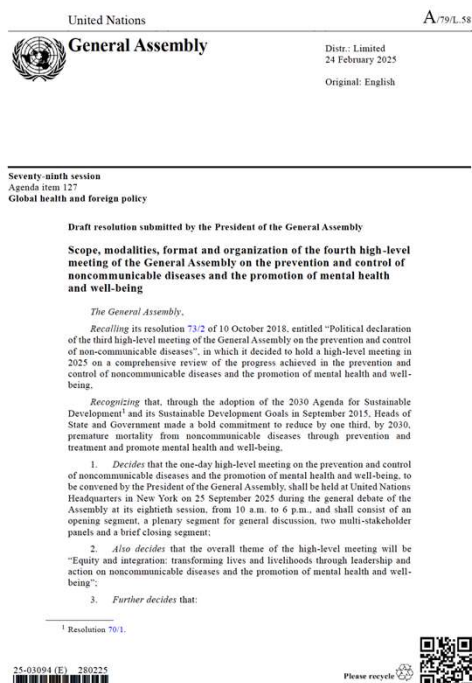
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Outcomes and next steps: The 4th UN high-level meeting on NCDs and the promotion of mental health and well-being

Leanne Riley, Cross-cutting and Integration Unit, Department for Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health



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”.

Co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process for the HLM4



Inga Rhonda King
Permanent Representative
of Saint Vincent and the
Grenadines



Olivier Maes
Permanent Representative
of Luxembourg

Key milestones leading up to UNHLM4

See all the milestones



Sep 2022
1st Gathering of Global Group of HoSG for NCDs & mental health



21 Sep 2023
2nd Gathering of Global Group of HoSG for NCDs & mental health



24 Sept 2024
3rd Gathering of Global Group of HoSG for NCDs & mental health



23-25 April 2025
2nd General Meeting of Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs (GCM)



13 May 2025
PGA and co-facilitators for the HLM open consultation on the Zero Draft Political Declaration



25 Sept 2025
The 4th HLM assembled high-level representatives to review progress and commit to action

Next Step: Adoption
The President of the General will transmit the Political Declaration to the UN General Assembly for adoption

2022

2023

2024

2025

14-16 June 2023
SIDS Ministerial Conference on NCDs and mental health – 2023
Bridgetown declaration



20-21 June 2024
International Dialogue on sustainable financing for NCD and mental health



30 January 2025
UN Secretary General report on the progress made in the prevention and control of NCDs and the promotion of mental health and well-being



2 May 2025
Interactive multistakeholder hearing convened by the President of the General Assembly (PGA)



3 Sept 2025
After inclusive and transparent consultations, the co-facilitators for the HLM release their final version of the Political Declaration



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Web-based consultation

One track of general comments on priority areas for the high-level meeting; One track focused on sustainable financing (1 May – 17 June 2024)

Regional consultations

Regional consultations held from June – October 2024; agenda item in Regional Committee meetings

Thematic dialogue series

Five monthly sessions from December 2024 to April 2025 for the New York mission representatives that were to later engage in negotiation

The High-Level Meeting: 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

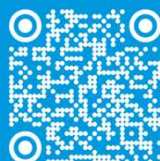
Statements by PGA, President of the Economic and Social Council, Deputy Secretary-General, WHO DG, and eminent champion on NCDs/mental health

10:30 – 17:30 | Plenary

Statements by Member States and observers

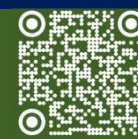
17:30 – 18:00 | Closing

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



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During the high-level meeting, the assembled world leaders voiced overwhelming support for the political declaration on noncommunicable diseases and mental health

Strategic vision: 2025, 2030 and beyond

Role of the Political Declaration: Secure concrete, time-bound commitments with specific targets and financing mechanisms to catalyze action on NCDs and mental health toward SDG targets while establishing momentum and meaningful accountability frameworks that can carry progress forward toward 2030 and beyond

Supporting broader high priority goals

- Integrate across development agendas and mainstream action on NCDs and mental health
- Embed NCD prevention and care and mental health promotion within UHC and primary health care and address multimorbidity
- Focus on vulnerable populations including addressing social determinants and reducing access inequities for essential medicines, health technologies, and care
- Address commercial determinants with robust regulation of health-harming products and efforts to address undue industry influence

Make the commitments concrete: implementation

- Translate global commitments to local action; strengthen monitoring systems; build capacity for integrated care delivery
- Mobilize whole-of-society; meaningful community engagement; translate commitments to national action

HLM4 and the Political Declaration build on the previous UN high-level meetings (HLM) on NCDs and Mental Health



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

HLM3 on NCDs

- Included mental health and air pollution



2018



2019, 2023

HLM4 on NCDs and Mental Health

- Fully integrates the response to NCDs and mental health
- Sets ambitious yet achievable global targets
- Integrates the lessons of the COVID-19 and responds to new global challenges



2025

Political Declaration: Assessment of progress and actions needed

Recognises that:

- While progress has been made, there are many areas where greater and accelerated action is needed
- The costs of inaction will be severe for human wellbeing, economic prosperity and development, and health system sustainability
- People living with NCDs and mental health conditions, their families and caregivers have unique experiences and need to be centred
- Scarce resources and increasing prices mean the most affordable and feasible interventions must be prioritised
- Cost-effective and evidence-based solutions exist across prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and care
- National ownership is crucial and it has primary role of governments to determine their own path



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Political declaration of the fourth high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being

Equity and integration: transforming lives and livelihoods through leadership and action on noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being

We, Heads of State and Government and representatives of States and Governments, assembled at the United Nations on 25 September 2025 to review progress achieved in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being, commit to accelerating the implementation of a priority set of evidence-based, cost-effective and affordable actions, and in this regard we:

- Strongly reaffirm our commitment to reduce by one third premature mortality from noncommunicable diseases by 2030 through the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, and the promotion of mental health and well-being, by accelerating the implementation of the political declarations and outcome document approved by the previous high-level meetings of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases held in 2011, 2014, and 2018;
- Reaffirm General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", stressing the need for a comprehensive and people-centred approach, with a view to leaving no one behind, reaching the furthest behind first, and the importance of health across all the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which are integrated and indivisible;
- Reaffirm General Assembly resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which reaffirmed strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity, as well as General Assembly resolution 70/223 of 25 August 2025 on the Sevilla Commitment of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development;
- Reaffirm the right of every human being, without distinction of any kind, to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and recognize that health is a precondition for, and an outcome and indicator of, all three dimensions of sustainable development;
- Recall the political declarations of the high-level meetings of the General Assembly on Universal Health Coverage held in 2019 and 2023, on Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention and Response in 2023, on Tuberculosis in 2023, and on Antimicrobial

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Declaration



Political Declaration: Three outcome targets



Reaffirms the overarching target of reducing premature mortality from NCDs by one-third by 2030 while setting three measurable time-bound outcome targets on tobacco, hypertension and mental health care:

- 150 million fewer people using tobacco
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Political Declaration: Sets five interconnected strategic directions

The text is structured around the five following strategic directions:



Create health-promoting environments by addressing determinants and implementing policies on tobacco, alcohol, diet, air pollution and suicide prevention



Strengthen primary healthcare by expanding primary health care services for prevention, screening, diagnosis and treatment, integrate care, and scale up cardiovascular, cancer, diabetes, respiratory, oral health and mental health services



Mobilise adequate and sustainable financing by allocating predictable resources through domestic and international channels, reducing out-of-pocket expenditure and coordinating global health financing



Strengthen governance by developing multisectoral national plans, integrating NCDs into emergency preparedness and addressing misinformation



Support research, data and surveillance by maintaining infrastructure, developing capacity for data analysis and establishing accountability mechanisms

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Political Declaration: Process targets for 2030

Sets five process targets aligned with the five strategic directions:



80% of countries implement laws, regulations, policies and fiscal measures for NCD prevention and mental health and well-being promotion



80% of primary health care facilities in all countries have WHO-recommended essential medicines and technologies for NCDs and mental health conditions at affordable prices



60% of countries have financial protection policies covering essential services and health products for NCDs and mental health conditions



80% of countries have operational multisectoral integrated policy strategies or action plans on NCDs and mental health



80% of countries have operational surveillance and monitoring systems for NCDs and mental health

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Political Declaration: Follow-up called for

The Political Declaration calls for:

- Relevant parties to continue normative work, cooperation and partnerships, scale-up support, and strengthen inclusion of NCDs and mental health in programmes
- The private sector to strengthen commitment to NCD prevention and mental health promotion while preventing conflicts of interest
- The Secretary General to submit a progress report on the declaration's implementation by the end of 2030 to inform the next high-level meeting, to be convened in 2031



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KEY OUTCOMES

1

Political Declaration

Most ambitious yet, with concrete targets and commitments by 2030:

- 150 million fewer tobacco users
- 150 million more people with hypertension controlled
- 150 million more people with access to mental health care

2

Strong participation

Over 140 Member States registered to speak at Plenary, including 20 Heads of State and 90 Ministers of Health. Over 400 CSOs registered.

3

Negotiation process and outcome

Broad engagement from Member States in negotiations, and extensive consensus-building efforts amid a difficult geopolitical environment.

4

Welcome visibility on NCDs and mental health

HLM was a platform for Heads of State and Government to review progress, renew commitments, and set a political agenda for the next decade on NCDs and mental health.

LESSONS LEARNED

1

Multilateralism still works

Despite challenges, Member States negotiated a strong declaration with more ambitious targets than ever before.

2

Consensus is difficult

Consensus challenging to achieve in current political climate. Silence procedure broken twice, no consensus prior to HLM. Some MS withheld consensus over language on gender, reproductive rights, IP, trade flexibilities, financing.

3

Technical support critical

WHO's technical and policy support to co-facilitators and PGA was critical to maintaining integrity of health and development framing

4

Strategic communication

Early engagement with Member States, UN agencies, civil society and other partners, and consistent messaging on key issues was valuable to ensure alignment, manage expectations, enhance credibility and widen support.

NEXT STEPS

1

Adoption of Political Declaration

PGA to transmit Political Declaration to GA for adoption by vote, if necessary.

2

Implementation and accountability

Implementation, monitoring and advocacy will be critical to sustaining momentum.

3

Strengthened support to MS

WHO and other UN agencies will support Member States and partners in translating the Pol Declaration commitments into concrete actions through technical assistance, normative guidance and capacity-building.

4

Preparation for 2026 HLMs

Lessons from this HLM should be incorporated in preparations for next year's HLMs on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, HIV and road safety.

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Health promotion and
determinants context: The 4th
UN high-level meeting on
NCDs and the promotion of
mental health and well-being

Etienne Krug, Director, Health
Determinants, Promotion and Prevention
Department



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Perspectives from Civil Society
Organizations: The 4th UN
high-level meeting on NCDs
and the promotion of mental
health and well-being

Katie Dain, NCD Alliance

Sarah Kline, United for Global Mental Health



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Moderated discussion

Facilitated by Guy Fones, Unit Head, Cross-cutting and Integration, Department for Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health



Thank you



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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



Thematic highlights

View online:
On the road
to 2025



Themes highlighted so far



Primary health care: A scalable solution to the NCDs and mental health crisis



Access to essential medicines and health technologies



Sustainably financing the NCD and mental health response



Mental health and NCDs: A shared but differentiated agenda

Upcoming highlights



Multisectoral governance



Addressing air pollution



Addressing commercial determinants of health



NCDs and mental health in emergencies



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Countdown campaign thematic highlights

The UNHLM4 countdown campaign highlights priority areas to accelerate progress in the global NCD and mental health response and address related global health equity challenges.



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

2 May 2025 UNHQ: A platform for relevant stakeholders to share perspectives, experiences, and best practices while identifying challenges and proposing actionable solutions



Panel discussion 1

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