

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, GENDER, ELDERLY
AND CHILDREN



STATEMENT BY UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

Agenda 11.2: POLITICAL DECLARATION OF THE THIRD HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

1. **Chairperson**, Tanzania welcomes the two important documents that are key to enable countries to attain NCD targets, as set in the high level General Assembly notably the menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions aiming at promoting mental health and well-being and to reduce the number of premature deaths from NCDs attributed to air pollution; and the document on report of the findings on implementation of the global strategy to reduce harmful use of alcohol.
2. We underscore the importance of mental health, which is crucial public health and development issue in Africa including Tanzania. Due to its importance, Tanzania has included Mental health interventions under the NCD program, which was launched in 2019. As such, the menu of policy options has just come in the right time, and options will be helpful as we embark on implementing interventions under Mental Health.
3. We further wait for the further development of a similar document to address reduction of premature deaths attributable to air pollution.
4. We note with concern the slow progress in policy guidelines towards addressing alcohol as a risk factor for NCD globally, and we look forward towards the web based consultations for the development of an action plan (2022-2030) to effectively implement the Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol as a public health priority.
5. We want to restate our leaders` commitments in providing strategic leadership for NCD responses by promoting health in all policies approaches to address NCD in line with SDG targets.

6. We recognize working with Private Sector is key, and while we have already started initiation of engagements, we request Secretariat to guide us in these engagements to better coordinate NCD response.
7. We take note of the report.
8. **I thank you.**