

Candidates for 2025-2027 NCD Alliance President-Elect and Board of Directors

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The next General Assembly meeting of the NCD Alliance will be held virtually on Tuesday 6 May 2025. At the General Assembly, Founding and Full members will elect the President-Elect, seven (7) general Board of Directors members and one (1) lived experience Board of Directors for the term 2025-2027. A [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) document can be found here](#) [1], which outlines the nominations and shortlisting process, as well as background information on the size of the Board, and the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors and President-Elect.

A [Provisional Agenda](#) [2] of the 2025 General Assembly is now available, as well as the [Minutes](#) [3] of the 2023 General Assembly and an audit of the financial statements for [2023](#) [4] and [2024](#) [5].

This page presents the profile of all candidates for President-Elect, General and Lived Experience Board to inform NCDA members for the election process. The information contained in each of the candidates' profile has been provided by the candidates themselves, and it is intended exclusively for NCDA members. Candidates were required to answer the same questions and adhere to the same maximum word count. Their responses were not edited.

A few important points to note:

- The NCD Alliance Board is composed of 14 seats, including the President and President-Elect. At the 2025 General Assembly meeting, our members will elect **1 President-Elect**, along with **7 general board members** and **1 lived experience board member**.
- This does not include the four permanent seats of the Founding Members (WHF, UICC, IDF and The Union), which are appointed by the Founding members themselves, rather than elected by members. The appointed Founding Member representatives for the term 2025-2027 are provided below, so that members can consider these within the context of your decisions on voting for the other Board candidates:
 - Union for International Cancer Control - Cristiana Fonseca, UICC Board Member and Head of Capacity Building, Portuguese League Against Cancer, Portugal.
 - The International Union Against TB and Lung Disease - Cassandra Kelly-Cirino, Executive Director, The International Union Against TB and Lung Disease, Switzerland.
 - International Diabetes Federation - Jackie Maalouf, IDF Vice-President and Founder and President of DiaLeb, Lebanon.
 - World Heart Federation - Fausto Pinto, WHF Past President and Professor of Cardiology, Portugal.
- The NCD Alliance Nominations Committee met to review the nominations and developed a strong and representative slate of candidates to put forward to our members at the General Assembly. The Committee took into consideration the criteria set out in the [Nominations Policy](#) [6] for the 3 categories, alongside consideration for a balance of geographies, gender, skills and backgrounds. In addition, the Committee also considered the need to balance continuity and renewal of the Board of Directors.
- There are 2 candidates shortlisted for President-Elect, 14 candidates shortlisted for General Board Member and 3 candidates for lived experience Board Members. Please note that as of April 24, 2025, one candidate for lived experience board member, Emily Ong, has withdrawn from the nomination process for personal reasons.
- A [voting practical guide](#) [7] has been created to instruct voting members on navigating the e-voting platform for the NCD Alliance General Assembly 2025. It includes a preview of all of items they need to vote.

[Download the Candidate Booklet](#) [8]

List of candidates for 2025-2027 NCDA President-Elect and Board

Section 1: Candidates for NCDA President-Elect



Eva Njenga

Former Chair and Founding Member, NCD Alliance Kenya

Kenya

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Saunthari Somasundaram

President and Medical Director, National Cancer Society Malaysia and Co-Chairperson, NCD Malaysia (NCDM)

Malaysia

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Section 2: Candidates for NCDA Board of Directors



Jennifer Bae

Executive Director of Global Innovation, American College of Cardiology

United States of America

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Lara Bloom

CEO and President, The Ehlers-Danlos Society

United Kingdom

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Beatriz Champagne

Executive Director, Coalicón Latinoamérica Saludable / Healthy Latin America Coalition (CLAS))

Argentina

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Ratna Devi

CEO, Board Member and Trustee, Dakshama Health and Education and Founding Board Member, Healthy India Alliance (HIA)

India

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Jaime Galvez Tan

Lead Convener, Healthy Philippines Alliance

Philippines

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Stefan Islandi

Director, Danish NCD Alliance (DNCDA)

Denmark

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Ishu Kataria

Senior Public Health Researcher, RTI International

India

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Isabel Mestres

CEO, City Cancer Challenge (C/CAN)

Spain

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Zied Mhirsi

Board Member, Eastern Mediterranean NCD Alliance (EM-NCDA)

Tunisia

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Joseph Mucumbitsi

SChair, Rwanda NCD Alliance and President, East Africa NCD Alliance (EANCDA)

Rwanda

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Haruka Sakamoto

Senior Manager, Health and Global Policy Institute

Japan

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Verónica Schoj

Vice President, Food and Nutritional Programs, Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI)

Argentina

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Pubudu Amarajith Sumanasekara

Consultant, Sri Lanka Alcohol and Drug Information Centre (ADIC)

Sri Lanka

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Laura Tucker-Longsworth

Member, Healthy Caribbean Coalition (HCC)

Belize

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Section 3: Candidates for lived experience Board Member



Chikhulupiro Stanley Ng'ombe

Project Officer, NCD Alliance Malawi

Malawi

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Emily Ong

Board Member, Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)

Singapore

Please note that, due to personal reasons, Emily has withdrawn from the board nomination process.

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Mohammed Seyam

Post Graduate Candidate UCL, Eastern Mediterranean NCD Alliance (EM-NCDA)

State of Palestine

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