

## **NCD Alliance welcomes IADR - pushing for better inclusion of oral diseases on global NCD agenda**

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**GENEVA** – The NCD Alliance is pleased to welcome the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) as a Full Member of NCDA, to better articulate the case for the inclusion of oral health in the fight against noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). IADR sought to join the NCD Alliance because **oral diseases are one of the world's most prevalent NCDs**, resulting in considerable health and economic burdens to populations, and do share common risk factors (unhealthy diets high in free sugars, use of tobacco and harmful consumption of alcohol) with the main NCDs (including cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and mental and neurological conditions).

### **Lack of recognition from High-Level Meeting**

Despite oral diseases affecting half the world's population, last month's United Nations (UN) Political Declaration resulting from the Third High-Level Meeting on NCDs failed to acknowledge oral diseases as an NCD, despite them having been recognized in the 2011 UN Political Declaration and addressed in the 2018 Report of the World Health Organization (WHO) High-level Commission on NCDs. IADR joins efforts with the FDI World Dental Federation, already a full member and NGO supporter of the NCD Alliance, to better articulate the case for the inclusion of oral health in the NCD response, together with governments, policy makers, and research funders.

Founded in 2009, the NCD Alliance has developed a unique and robust global network of more than 2,000 organizations in 170 countries across the NCD community, leading the way to a world where everyone has the opportunity for a healthy life, free from preventable suffering, stigma, disability and death caused by NCDs.

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"We are very pleased to welcome IADR to the NCD Alliance network and are thrilled to expand our collaboration with the oral health community. By bringing disease communities together and working towards shared objectives, we can drive change so much quicker than if we go it alone. The NCD Alliance's membership helps create this sense of community and solidarity with civil society organizations committed to advance the global NCD agenda, avoiding disease siloes and supporting stronger and more integrated health systems that put people at the core," said NCD Alliance CEO Katie Dain.

"The IADR is pleased to join the NCD Alliance in the fight against NCDs and support the inclusion of oral health in these important global policy discussions," said IADR Chief Executive Officer Christopher Fox. "IADR is thrilled to join the NCD Alliance and provide the research evidence needed to inform policy in preventing and controlling NCDs and to identify research gaps," added IADR President Rena D'Souza.

## About the NCD Alliance

The NCD Alliance (NCDA) is a unique civil society network, dedicated to improving NCD prevention and control worldwide. Today, our network includes NCDA members, national and regional NCD alliances, over 1,000 member associations of our founding federations, scientific and professional associations, and academic and research institutions. Together with strategic partners, including WHO, the UN and governments, NCDA is transforming the global fight against NCDs. To learn more, visit [www.ncdalliance.org](http://www.ncdalliance.org) [1].

## About the International Association for Dental Research

The International Association for Dental Research (IADR) is a nonprofit organization with over 11,000 individual members worldwide, dedicated to: (1) advancing research and increasing knowledge for the improvement of oral health worldwide, (2) supporting and representing the oral health research community, and (3) facilitating the communication and application of research findings. To learn more, visit [www.iadr.org](http://www.iadr.org) [2].

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