
NCD Alliance General Assembly



Language English

The General Assembly is the supreme decision-making body of the NCD Alliance.

As defined by its Constitution, the NCD Alliance convenes every two years a meeting of the General Assembly which elects the NCD Alliance President-Elect and the Board of Directors.

Composed of NCD Alliance members, the NCD Alliance General Assembly (GA) is the organisation's supreme decision-making body. The next meeting will take place in May 2027.

The GA meets every two years, and elects NCD Alliance's President and Board of Directors. It can amend the constitution and receives and adopts the NCD Alliance's reports and financial accounts.

There are four founding members of the NCD Alliance: [International Diabetes Federation](#) [1], [World Heart Federation](#) [2], [Union for International Cancer Control](#) [3] and [The Union](#) [4]. Founding members can vote at the General Assembly and can nominate individuals for election as NCD Alliance President and Board members. In addition, founding members are entitled to a permanent seat on the Board.

Full NCD Alliance members are entitled to attend and vote at the GA and can nominate individuals for President and Board. Associate members can attend the GA as observers (but not vote) and can nominate individuals for the Board (not for President).

The first NCD Alliance General Assembly was held on 22 May 2017, in Geneva.

Board of Directors

The President and NCD Alliance Board of Directors provide governance, leadership and strategic direction to NCD Alliance and all its activities, steering the growth and safeguarding the reputation and success of the organisation.

The Board is composed of 14 voting members, including the President who assumes the Chair of the Board of Directors and the President-Elect who is an ex-officio member of the Board for two years preceding his or her term as President.

Current Board of Directors (2025-2027 term)

The [Board of Directors](#) [5], elected in May 2025 by the General Assembly, will serve until May 2027.

- **Leslie Rae Ferat**, Executive Director, Global Alliance for Tobacco Control (President)

- **Saunthari Somasundaram**, President and Medical Director, National Cancer Society Malaysia and Co-Chairperson, NCD Malaysia, Malaysia (President-Elect)
- **Beatriz Champagne**, Executive Director, Coalición Latinoamérica Saludable / Healthy Latin America Coalition, Argentina
- **Cristiana Fonseca**, UICC Board Member and Head of Capacity Building of Portuguese League Against Cancer, Portugal (UICC Founding Member representative)
- **Stefan Islandi**, Director, Danish NCD Alliance, Denmark
- **Ishu Kataria**, Senior Public Health Researcher, RTI International, India
- **Cassandra Kelly-Cirino**, Executive Director, The Union, Switzerland (The Union Founding Member representative)
- **Jackie Maalouf**, IDF Vice-President and Founder and President of DiaLeb, Lebanon (IDF Founding Member representative)
- **Isabel Mestres**, CEO, City Cancer Challenge, Spain
- **Joseph Mucumbitsi**, Chair, Rwanda NCD Alliance and President, East Africa NCD Alliance, Rwanda
- **Chikhulupiriro Stanley Ng'ombe**, Project Officer, NCD Alliance Malawi, Malawi (Lived Experience Board Member)
- **Fausto Pinto**, WHF Past President and Professor of Cardiology, Portugal (WHF Founding Member representative)
- **Pubudu Amarajith Sumanasekara**, Consultant, Sri Lanka Alcohol and Drug Information Centre, Sri Lanka
- **Laura Tucker-Longworth**, Member, Healthy Caribbean Coalition, Belize

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Related Resource: [NCD Alliance Constitution](#) [6]

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[1] <https://idf.org/>

[2] <https://www.world-heart-federation.org/>

[3] <https://www.uicc.org/>

[4] <https://theunion.org>

[5] <https://ncdalliance.org/who-we-are/ncd-alliance-structure/board-of-directors>

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