

Statement at the 140th WHO Executive Board
Agenda Item 11.3: Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health
(2016-2030): adolescents' health

Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to make this statement on behalf of the Union for International Cancer Control and the NCD Alliance.

The Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health marked an important step in recognising that prevention and treatment of NCDs is an essential component of care for women, children, and adolescents.

We welcome the inclusion of NCDs across the 60 indicators to measure progress against the Strategy's Survive, Thrive and Transform objectives and 17 targets, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. We also note the particular relevance of indicators 8, 9 and 12 of the Monitoring Framework's 16 key indicators to NCD prevention and control.

We are pleased to participate in consultations on a *WHO guidance on implementing global accelerated action for the health of adolescents (AA-HA!)* and encourage Member States to **ensure NCDs are adequately reflected in national and regional plans to improve adolescents' health**. Many of the behaviours and exposure to risk factors that lead to developing NCDs begin or are consolidated during adolescence. To adequately guide Member States' investment in adolescent health at the national level, AA-HA! must include adolescent-sensitive health education and services as well as infrastructure changes that promote health-seeking behaviours to reduce tobacco and alcohol use, increase physical activity, encourage healthy diets, reduce exposure to air pollution, and prevent cancer-causing infections through vaccination. We also encourage a focus on the early detection of NCDs, including adolescent cancers, in this population and offer our support in developing this further.

Please accept our full support in achieving the objectives and targets of the Global Strategy.

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