

69th World Health Assembly Statement of World Heart Federation on behalf of the NCD Alliance Agenda Item 13.2 Health in the 2030 Agenda

Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of World Heart Federation and NCD Alliance.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a framework for action for global health and development over the next fifteen years, which recognizes that ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages requires concerted action to address NCDs. We therefore call on Member States to:

- 1. Promote health-in-all policies and ensure policy coherence across the integrated and indivisible agenda of the SDGs for best possible health and development outcomes.
- 2. Define and agree a robust, comprehensive follow-up and review framework to ensure accountability at all levels for the 2030 Agenda. Successful implementation relies on an integrated review framework at local, national, and regional levels to assess progress and address challenges. Indicators for progress should align with existing indicators, such as those in the Global NCD Monitoring Framework to ensure coherency.
- 3. Deliver on the commitments made in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. Financing NCD prevention and control requires increased domestic resource mobilization, including through taxation of unhealthy products, accompanied by sustained official development assistance. Adequate resources are required to strengthen health systems and workforce, ensure access to affordable essential medicines and technologies for NCD treatment and care, and improve collection of disaggregated data for NCDs.
- 4. Promote and ensure meaningful engagement of civil society at all levels of implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including follow-up and review.

Realising sustainable human development will require WHO to take a proactive role in implementing the 2030 Agenda. NCD Alliance therefore supports proposed resolution EB138/CONF./8 on the development of a long-term plan to maximize the impact of the contributions of WHO at all levels toward the achievement of the SDGs and requests active involvement of civil society in this process.