

NCD Alliance Statement at the 70th World Health Assembly
Agenda Item 15.2: Draft global action plan on the public health response to dementia

Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to make this statement on behalf of the International Diabetes Federation supported by NCD Alliance.

The NCD Alliance aligns itself with the statement of Alzheimer's Disease International. We welcome the draft Global Action Plan on Dementia and commend the Secretariat for highlighting the close links between dementias and NCDs and potential for integrated action on NCDs and mental and neurological health.

We welcome the plan's scope across seven action areas and targets, including efforts to improve detection, diagnosis and care all the way through to palliative care. We especially appreciate the efforts taken to align the plan's targets with those of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020.

As Member States will now prepare to adapt this Global Plan at the national level, we strongly encourage Member States to directly involve persons living with dementia in national planning. We urge Member States to take steps to develop integrated national plans with costed activities and adequate budgets, and time-bound targets to drive and monitor and progress. We encourage the WHO Secretariat to provide the necessary technical assistance to support governments.

Thank you for your attention.