



# 2018 UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs: WHY, WHAT, AND HOW?

# WHAT IS A UN HIGH-LEVEL MEETING?

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) is the **main decision-making body** of the UN, representing all 193 Member States.

## Past UN HLMs

HIV/AIDS (2001, 2011)

NCDs (2011, 2014)

Disability (2013)

AMR (2016)

## UN High-Level Meetings (UN HLMs)

- Convene **Heads of Government / State** in New York
- Focus on **global issues** that require political dialogue and international cooperation/solutions
- Serve to **increase awareness** of the issue and build consensus and commitment on the way forward
- Result in a consensus statement  
*e.g. political declaration / outcome document / chair's statement*

# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

UN HLMs are global **RALLYING POINTS** – windows of opportunity

**PROCESS** is as important as the actual meeting – stimulates dialogue, builds consensus, mobilises the community

At highest **POLITICAL LEVEL** – beyond Ministers of Health to Heads of State and Government

Opportunity to focus **GLOBAL AND NATIONAL ATTENTION** on NCDs – it is national governments that make up the UNGA

Review progress, renew **POLITICAL COMMITMENTS**, make new ones

Ensure **ACCOUNTABILITY** for progress / lack of progress on NCDs

# UN HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS ON NCDs

2011

**Political Declaration**

First High-Level Meeting on NCDs  
(World leaders)

2014

**Outcome Document**

Second High-Level Meeting on NCDs  
(Ministers)

2018

Third High-Level Meeting on NCDs



# Summary of previous UN HLMs for NCDs

## 2011

34 Heads of State/Government

UN Civil Society Task Force

UN Political Declaration on NCDs

- NCDs declared a major global development challenge
- 4 x 4 definition, plus co-morbidities
- 22 political commitments
- Global assignments: WHO to develop Global Monitoring Framework and global multi-sectoral partnership

→ *Next HLM in 2014*

## 2014

No Heads of State/Government

No UN Civil Society Task Force

UN Outcome Document on NCDs

- Progress insufficient/highly uneven
- Shift from global to national action
- 4 time-bound national commitments, national plans and targets, implement best buys for prevention and health systems
- International commitments, such as an OECD DAC purpose code for NCDs

→ *Next HLM in 2018*

# Participation of Heads of State and Government

2011

1<sup>st</sup> UN HLM on NCDs

34

Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Congo, Ivory Coast, Fiji, Hungary, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nigeria, Palau, Rwanda, St Kitts & Nevis, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Africa, Suriname, Swaziland, Switzerland, Trinidad & Tobago, Tuvalu, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe

2014

2<sup>nd</sup> UN HLM on NCDs

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No Heads of State or Government

6 Ministers of Health attended

2017

WHO Global Conference on NCDs

6

Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Zimbabwe

2018

3<sup>rd</sup> UN HLM on NCDs

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# NCD Alliance priorities for the UN HLM modalities process

No formal decision on modalities of HLM yet  
–will likely be agreed in February 2018

## NCD Alliance process priorities:

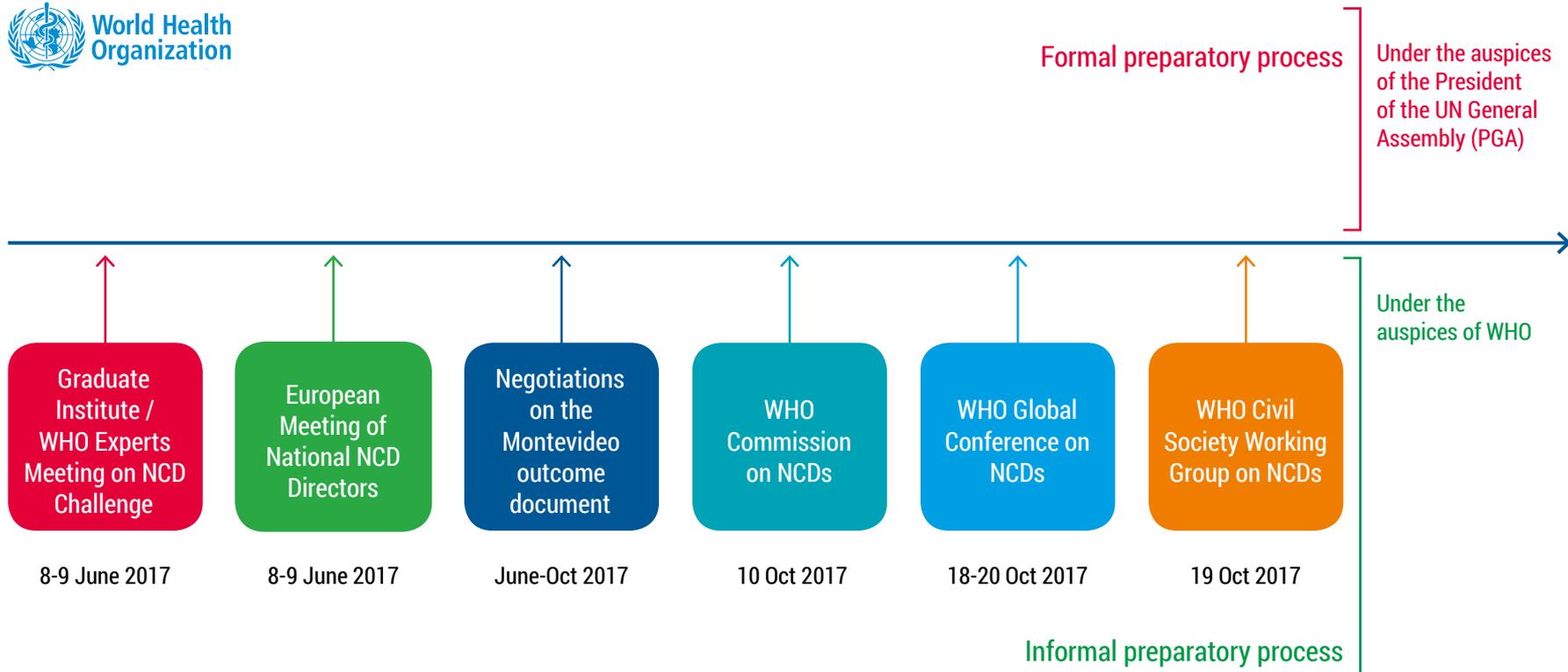
- In **September 2018** in New York (alongside TB UN HLM)
- Entire preparatory process, including **outcome document negotiations**, held in New York
- **Highest political level** (Heads of State/Government)
- **1 day long** – mixture of plenaries and roundtables
- Involvement of **civil society** (establish a civil society task force, hold a civil society hearing)
- Adoption of an **outcome document** with new, bold time-bound commitments

# 2018 HLM – PREPARATORY PROCESS

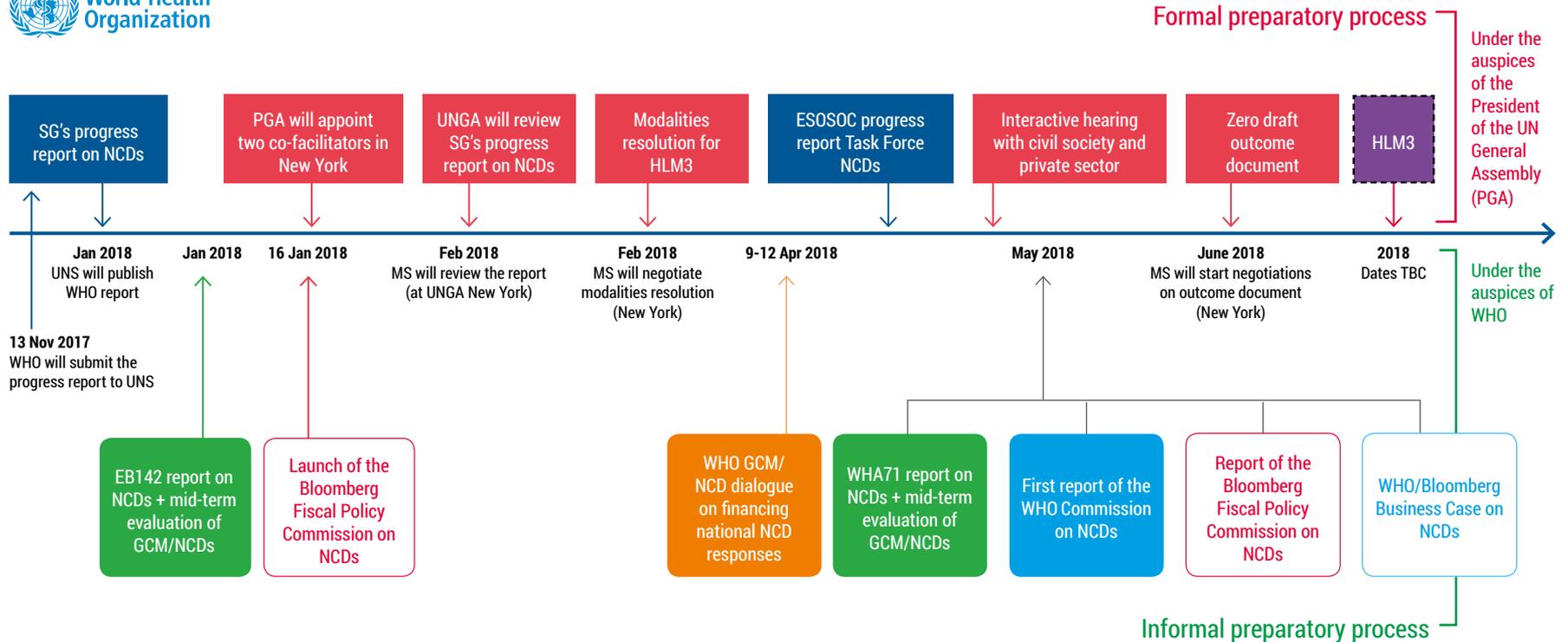
If Member States decide the 2018 UN HLM should be held in September, the preparatory process will likely unfold as outlined here



# Preparatory process leading to 2018



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# OUTCOME DOCUMENT NEGOTIATIONS

- **Intergovernmental process** in New York at UN
- From **April – July 2018** (TBC)
- Two co-facilitators will be appointed to steer/guide process
- **Permanent missions** in NYC negotiate, with advice from their country capitals (Ministry of Health / Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- **WHO** provides technical input where required
- MS often negotiate in **political blocs** (G77, EU, etc.)
- **Iterative process** – “zero draft”, multiple new versions incorporating comments from MS

**Not a simple process! Stalemates quite frequent**

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## September 2018

*Date TBC*

**UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs**

Co-facilitators (tbc):



*Date TBC*

**UN High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis**

Co-facilitators:



Mon 24 Sept

**Nelson Mandela Peace Summit**

Co-facilitators:



Tues 25 Sept

**UN General Assembly Debate opens**



# WHO Independent High-Level Commission on NCDs

## ESTABLISHED

**10 October 2017** for a period of 2 years

**20 high-level members**, including HoS/HoG and Ministers, UN agencies, NGOs, philanthropic foundations, academia and private sector

## Co-Chairs



**Dr Tabaré Vázquez**,  
President of Uruguay



**Dr Sania Nishtar**,  
CEO, NGO Heartfile

Advise WHO Director-General on how to accelerate progress towards SDG target 3.4 on NCDs and make recommendations on:

- How to ensure 2018 UN HLM on NCDs is a tipping point for the response
- How to operationalise commitments from the 2018 UN HLM on NCDs
- Submit first report to WHO Director-General in May 2018

READ MORE

[www.who.int/ncds/governance/high-level-commission/en/](http://www.who.int/ncds/governance/high-level-commission/en/)



# WHO Civil Society Working Group on NCDs

**ESTABLISHED**

**19 October 2017**

**27 civil society representatives**

from across regions, diseases and risk factors

**Co-Chairs**



**Ms Katie Dain,**  
CEO, NCD Alliance



**Dr Svetlana Axelrod,**  
WHO, Assistant Director General for  
Noncommunicable Diseases and  
Mental Health

- Advise WHO Director-General on meaningful involvement of civil society and people living with NCDs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> UN HLM on NCDs
- Help mobilise high-level attendance and help establish a network of political champions for NCDs to drive Heads of State/Government participation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> UN HLM on NCDs

READ MORE

[www.who.int/ncds/governance/high-level-meetings/working-group-third-high-level-meeting/en/](http://www.who.int/ncds/governance/high-level-meetings/working-group-third-high-level-meeting/en/)

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

## Opportunities

- Review NCDs within the context of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
- Recognise linkages and **opportunities for shared solutions**
- Include outcomes of **Conference on Financing for NCDs**
- **UN HLM on TB** a chance to highlight synergies and co-morbidities, present unified health civil society to UN Member States
- **Stronger NCD civil society** movement at global and national level and greater pressure from CS to agree strong outcomes

## Challenges

- **Multiple events:** Nelson Mandela Peace Summit, HLM on TB, UNGA
- **Limited technical** capacity in NY missions
- **Commercial interests** obstructing ambitious commitments; e.g. on Best Buys
- **Competition for media space** with HLM on TB, UNGA, etc.

# CALL TO ACTION

## How can you help prepare for the 2018 UN HLM on NCDs?

**CAMPAIGN TO MOBILISE YOUR GOVERNMENT** and call for your Head of State/ Government to attend the 2018 UN HLM in September.

**CHAMPION MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT** of civil society, including via a UN Civil Society Task Force and a civil society hearing, no later than June.

**WORK WITH A BROAD COALITION** of civil society partners, including TB civil society, to enhance coordination for the 2018 UN HLM

**BEGIN TO SENSITISE LOCAL/NATIONAL** (and global, where relevant) media on the issue of NCDs and the opportunity of the UN HLM.

# CALL TO ACTION

## ADVOCATE for the NCD Alliance Campaign Priorities!

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PUT  
PEOPLE FIRST

2



BOOST  
NCD INVESTMENT

3



STEP UP ACTION ON  
CHILDHOOD OBESITY

4



ADOPT  
SMART FISCAL  
POLICIES THAT  
PROMOTE HEALTH

5



SAVE LIVES THROUGH  
EQUITABLE ACCESS  
TO NCD TREATMENT  
AND UHC

6



IMPROVE  
ACCOUNTABILITY FOR  
PROGRESS, RESULTS  
AND RESOURCES

# THANK YOU

SHARE. DISCUSS. ENGAGE. CHANGE.



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MAKING NCD PREVENTION AND CONTROL A PRIORITY, EVERYWHERE