NCD Alliance Priorities for the MODALITIES OF THE 2018 UN HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON NCDs

The first United Nations High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) took place in September 2011, where Heads of State unanimously adopted a Political Declaration on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, laying the foundation for the global NCD response. In July 2014, the second UN HLM on NCDs took place to review progress, and new commitments were made to accelerate action on NCDs at the country level.

The third UN HLM on NCDs in 2018 will bring together Heads of State and Government, civil society, people living with NCDs, academia and private sector to guide the next phase of the political response.

In order to ensure a successful UN HLM that boosts investment for NCDs and scales up implementation of cost-effective best practice interventions, we advocate for the following:

DATE



Schedule the UN HLM during the high-level week of the UN General Assembly in September to allow for the UN HLM on NCDs and the UN HLM on Tuberculosis to take place back-to-back. This will reinforce a "OneHealth" approach at the UN, and help garner high-level participation.

HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPATION



Ensure participation of Heads of State and Government throughout the UN HLM process and at the meeting. Progress on NCDs requires attention and leadership at the highest political level to commit to and coordinate strategic action across all sectors of government.

CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT



Facilitate meaningful engagement of civil society, youth and people living with, at risk of and affected by NCDs, including through a UN Civil Society Task Force and an Interactive Hearing held no later than June.

OUTCOMES



Work toward an action-oriented Outcome Document with time-bound commitments, including to boost NCD investment and accelerate implementation of cost-effective best practice interventions, free from commercial interests.





