

## **NCD Alliance Statement at 138<sup>th</sup> Executive Board, January 2016**

### **Agenda Item 6.3 Responses to specific assignments in preparation for the third High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable diseases in 2018**

Honourable chairperson, distinguished delegates,

In 2012, Member States adopted nine voluntary global targets toward reducing the probability of dying from NCDs by 25% by 2025. Member States have re-committed to achieving this goal every year since, most recently in the form of target 3.4 in the 2030 Agenda. Why then, has so little progress been made?

The Secretariat's report shows that since 2010, the probability of dying from an NCD has been reduced by only one per cent. The prevalence of diabetes and obesity has in fact increased during this time period. Tobacco use has barely declined. This is alarming and severely inadequate.

Moreover, the report reveals shocking lack of data to monitor progress, with seven of nine targets missing baseline and/or 2014 data. This is a particular challenge within the health systems targets.

It is time to get serious. WHO and Member States must fast-track action in order to achieve the 2025 targets. We therefore call on Member States to urgently:

- **Implement the four time-bound national commitments for 2015 and 2016 without delay.** Set NCD targets, implement NCD plans, establish multisectoral NCD commissions, and fast-track implementation of WHO's set of cost-effective interventions.
- **Establish and improve surveillance and monitoring systems.** Only 29% of countries have systems in place to report against the global targets. International collaboration is required to strengthen country-level NCD surveillance and monitoring, including the development of population-based registries and the integration of NCD surveillance into national health information systems.
- **Accelerate the development of a purpose code for NCDs in OECD Creditor Reporting System.** Tracking development assistance for NCDs is essential for ensuring resources are commensurate with the burden.

Finally, we expect all Member States to prioritize participation in the NCDs Directors Meeting planned for 15-17 February, and to begin laying the groundwork for a successful UN High-level Review on NCDs in 2018.