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**TECHNICAL MEETING**

**WHO GLOBAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF  
NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES 2013–2020**

**Objectives of the session**

The session aims to:

- update Member States on action by the secretariat to implement the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020, and particularly the items concerning the action plan indicators and global coordination mechanism;
- seek the input of Member States on the WHO discussion paper on the development of a limited set of action plan indicators to inform reporting on progress made in the implementation of the WHO global action plan for prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;
- seek the input of Member States on the WHO discussion paper on draft terms of reference for a global coordination mechanism for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.

The discussion papers are available in Arabic, English and French.

**Background and discussion points**

The WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020 was endorsed by all Member States during the 66th World Health Assembly in May 2013 (resolution WHA66.10). The resolution requested the Director-General to develop, in consultation with Member States, a limited set of action plan indicators and draft terms of reference for a global coordination mechanism and to submit these, through the Executive Board, to the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly for approval. In light of these mandates, the WHO Secretariat has developed a draft set of action plan indicators and draft terms of reference for the global coordination mechanism.

**Action plan indicators**

A total of 9 action plan indicators are proposed which correspond to the 6 objectives of the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020 (Objective 3 has 4 indicators while objectives 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 have 1 indicator each).

For each indicator, 8 parameters are defined: definition and achievement criteria; denominator; baseline 2013; source of baseline; data collection tool; data validation process; expected frequency of data collection; and links to the tool from which data on indicator is collected.

Questions for Member States:

1. Do Member States agree with the 9 proposed action plan indicators?
2. For each of the 9 proposed indicators: do Member States agree with the parameters and their definitions?

### **Terms-of-reference for a global coordination mechanism**

The global coordination mechanism for the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases aims at facilitating engagement among Member States, United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, and other international partners and non-State actors, while safeguarding WHO and public health from undue influence by any form of real, perceived or potential conflict of interest.

The draft terms of reference outline the purpose and principles of the global coordination mechanism as well as its functions, participants, responsibilities, periodicity of general meetings, working groups, secretariat, administrative arrangements and accountability.

Questions for Member States:

1. Overarching principles and approaches: Which of the proposed principles do Member States agree with? Are there other principles that should be included?
2. Functions: Which of the proposed functions do Member States and international partners agree with? Are there other functions that should be included?
3. Working groups: Are there a set of initial working groups that Member States would like to see established?
4. Secretariat responsibilities: Are there additional responsibilities that Member States would like to see the Secretariat undertaking?
5. Accountability: Do Member States agree with the proposed approach with regard to the accountability for a global mechanism? How would participants be accountable to a global coordination mechanism for reporting on their activities? How could a global coordination mechanism create synergies with the Secretariat's reports on progress achieved in attaining the nine voluntary global targets in 2016, 2021 and 2026?
6. Conflict of interest: What are the main approaches that public health interests can be safeguarded from undue influence by any form of real, perceived or potential conflict of interest in a global coordination mechanism?
7. Name: What do Member States consider would be a suitable name for a global coordination mechanism?

### **Expected outcome**

Consolidated input of Member States in the Eastern Mediterranean regarding a limited set of action plan indicators and draft terms of reference for a global coordination mechanism.

### **Agenda**

- Introduction: action plan indicators
- Plenary discussion
- Questions
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- Conclusions and recommendations