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**WHO Global meeting on noncommunicable diseases and mental health
(Muscat, 9–12 December 2019)**

The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and Associate Members, and has the honour to inform them that WHO and the Government of Oman are co-organizing a global meeting on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and mental health from Monday, 9 to Thursday, 12 December 2019 in Muscat, Oman.

The meeting will be devoted to supporting national directors and programme managers responsible for NCDs and mental health in their efforts to implement WHO technical packages to prevent and treat NCDs, to provide mental health services, to reduce the number of premature deaths from NCDs attributed to air pollution, and to accelerate national efforts towards Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, target 3.4 and related targets.

The meeting will provide a key opportunity to exchange innovative and practical national insights and global perspectives on how to scale up national responses to address NCDs and mental health, including key risk factors (unhealthy diet, tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, physical inactivity, and air pollution), taking into account existing national commitments made at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly, as well as new commitments which will be adopted at:

- UN High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (New York, 23 September 2019);
- UN Climate Change Summit (New York, 23 September 2019);
- UN SDG Summit (New York, 24–25 September 2019);
- UN High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (New York, 26 September 2019).

The meeting will include the following segments:

- mix of strategic policy and technical sessions;
- high-level segment with senior speakers from the six WHO regions;
- multistakeholder partners' forum, including the active presence of WHO collaborating centres, non-State actors in official relations with WHO, and members of the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on NCDs and the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs;
- regional meetings, side events, and local site visits.

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A concept note setting out the context, goal, objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting will be published on WHO's website <http://bit.ly/whoncd2019> by the end of July. A provisional programme and additional supporting documents will be posted on the same site.

Interpretation will be available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

It would be appreciated if the composition of delegations could be transmitted as soon as possible and not later than 31 October 2019, using the registration link on the above-mentioned website. In accordance with the purpose of the meeting, each Member State taking part is invited to send a delegation composed of two government delegates, one national director for NCD programmes (including NCDs attributed to air pollution) and one for mental health programmes, accompanied by programme managers as may be deemed necessary. When setting up delegations, please, also consider the need for intersectoral action.

To facilitate wider participation in the meeting, special consideration will be given to delegates from countries which are classified as Least Developed Countries (LDCs) by the United Nations. Two national directors per LDC will be eligible for economy airfare by the most direct route to Muscat. Requests for travel support should be submitted no later than 31 October 2019 using the registration link.

Additional information may be obtained by visiting <http://bit.ly/whoncd2019> or sending an email to ncd2019@who.int.

The World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and Associate Members the assurance of its highest consideration.

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