

WHO global oral health meeting

Universal health coverage for oral health by 2030

**On the road to 2025 UN High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly
on the Prevention and Control of NCDs**

Bangkok, Thailand, 26–29 November 2024

Non-State actors' Participation

Background

The WHO global oral health meeting will be convened by the WHO HQ Department of Noncommunicable Diseases, Rehabilitation and Disability, and hosted by the Royal Thai Government from 26 to 29 November 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The overall goal of the WHO global oral health meeting is to reaffirm political commitment by the Member States based on the World Health Assembly [resolution on Oral Health in 2021 \(WHA 74.5\)](#) and to accelerate and scale up national efforts to prevent and control NCDs with a focus on oral diseases to achieve universal health coverage (UHC) for all by 2030. Furthermore, the WHO global oral health meeting contributes to the preparatory process leading to the [4th UN High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases \(4th UNHLM on NCDs\)](#) in 2025.

The participants include Member State, which includes two representatives nominated by Member States from the Ministry of Health, including the national oral health lead and the national UHC lead and representatives of the host government. Other participants include UN agencies organizations, intergovernmental organizations including funding agencies, international financial institutions and development banks, non-State actors (nongovernmental organizations, private sector entities, philanthropic foundations, and academic institutions). Participation will be by invitation only.

Engagement

Selected non-State actors will be invited to the WHO Global Oral Health Meeting in person. Their participation is governed by WHO's rules and policies including WHO [Framework of engagement with non-State actors](#) (FENSA).

Non-State actors (nongovernmental organizations, private sector entities, philanthropic foundations, and academic institutions), will be invited as observers during the three-day technical segment from Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 November, which include only morning plenaries. They are also invited in a half-day high-level segment on Friday 29 November 2024.

Participation of non-State actors in the WHO Global Oral Health Meeting is also governed by the following conditions:

- Due diligence and risk assessment will be performed on all participants (non-State actors) without prejudice to the type of non-State actor.
- The participation of the non-State actor should not be considered as co-sponsoring or jointly organizing this meeting.
- The participant shall not use the name and/or emblem of WHO, or any abbreviation thereof, in relation to its business or activities, or otherwise.
- The participation does not imply any endorsement by WHO of the non-State actor's name, brand, product, views, or activity.
- The non-State actor should not seek promotion from the fact that they have participated in this meeting (no press releases, nor co-branding) nor use this participation, for promotional and/or commercial purposes.
- The views expressed in the meeting are those of the participants and do not necessarily represent the stated views or policies of WHO.
- WHO accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any inaccurate advice or information that is provided by non-State actors participating in the meeting.
- Participation of non-State actors in WHO's meetings is intended for the exchange of information and views, but not for the formulation of advice, nor decision making.

Eligibility criteria

The non-State actors will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- The non-State actor must be a legally established entity, and not an individual and have an established structure, constitutive act, and accountability mechanisms.
- The non-State actor should respect the intergovernmental nature of WHO and the decision-making authority of Member States as set out in the WHO Constitution.
- The non-State actor complies with WHO's rules, norms and policies, including the Framework of Engagement with Non-State actors (FENSA).
- If the entity is a membership organization, it should have the authority to speak for its members and have a representative structure.
- The non-State actor is required to provide information on its entity including signing the WHO tobacco-arms disclosure statement.
- The entity should be not affiliated or engaging in any manner with tobacco and/or arms industry and should not be affiliated to the following industries: free sugars food and beverage, or alcohol.
- The entity must have technically supported WHO's work in the field of oral health, NCDs, or UHC at the regional or international level during the last three years since the adoption of Resolution on Oral Health (WHA74.5) in 2021.
- The non-State actor demonstrates expertise in oral health and relevant areas such as NCD and UHC with proven experience in the subject matter.
- The outcomes of the due diligence and risk assessment should confirm the good standing of the non-State actor.

Selection and invitation process

The non-State actors will be identified based on the eligibility criteria, with consideration given to geographical distribution, diversity, and organizational area of expertise.

A due diligence and risk assessment on eligible entities will be conducted by WHO before confirming their participation to ensure compliance with WHO policies and norms. Should the entity be considered in good

standing, an invitation will be sent to the selected non-State actors, asking them to sign the tobacco- arms disclosure statement and formally confirm no affiliation with free sugars food and beverage, or alcohol, prior to confirming their participation. Approved entities will be invited to nominate a representative to attend the WHO Global Oral Health Meeting.

Finances

The invited non-State actors are responsible for arranging their own participation costs, including travel, accommodation, and visas.