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## INFORMAL SUMMARY OF THE TENTH MEETING

### OBJECTIVES, PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND REVIEW OF THE SUMMARY OF THE NINTH MEETING

1. The Tenth Meeting of the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases was held at IAEA, Vienna on 20-21 February 2018. The following members joined: IAEA, INCB, IOM, UNAIDS, OECD, UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNRWA, UNSCN, UNU-IIGH, WFP, WIPO, WHO, WHO FCTC Secretariat and WTO. The list of participants and agenda are in Annex 1 and 2, respectively.
2. The main objective of the meeting was to review progress on the work of the Task Force, agree future strategic directions and activities for 2018 and 2019, and agree key messages for the Task Force's 2018 report to ECOSOC.
3. Members reviewed the summary of the Ninth Task Force Meeting (9-10 November 2017) and noted that progress had been made across all actions.

### A. THE UN'S CONTRIBUTION TO A SUCCESSFUL THIRD HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON NCDs

4. Members were provided with an update on activities since the Ninth Meeting, as well as upcoming global events. Events and timelines ahead of the Third High-level meeting on NCDs were described. Task Force members committed themselves to contribute to preparations for the Third High-level meeting (currently planned for September 2018), in particular by providing input into the WHO Independent Global High-level Commission on NCDs, the WHO Global Dialogue on Financing for Prevention and Control of NCDs (Copenhagen Denmark 9-11 April 2018), and through agreeing key messages for the Task Force's ECOSOC report.

#### Actions:

- A1. Task Force members to provide the Commission with nominations of individuals to participate in the Commission's Technical Consultation (Task Force members with guidance from the Task Force Secretariat).
- A2. Task Force to identify bold and practical proposals for the Commission and for the ECOSOC report (All).
- A3. Identify opportunities during the WHO Global Dialogue on Financing for Prevention and Control of NCDs for a panel session with Task Force members (Task Force Secretariat with support from Task Force Members).
- A4. Task Force members to be kept informed on other events/opportunities to engage in the 2018 process (Task Force Secretariat).

## **B. STRENGTHENING JOINT UN ACTION AROUND THE WHO GLOBAL ACTION PLAN ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.**

3. The Task Force received a progress report on the Global Action Plan on Physical Activity (GAPPA) with its four strategic objectives and 20 policy actions. The results of the mapping exercise undertaken at the Ninth meeting were presented. The results demonstrated two areas where at least four agencies were working together and six areas where three agencies were working together (Annex 3). There was agreed that the Task Force should use the newly established thematic working group to take forward joint actions around a small number of these policy actions.

### **Actions:**

B1. Task Force Secretariat and Prevention of NCDs Department in WHO to reach out to a small number of agencies in line with the results of the mapping exercise and identify two to three areas to take forward collaboratively under the Physical Activity Thematic Working Group.

## **C. GLOBAL JOINT MISSIONS, PROGRAMMES AND THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS: PROGRESS, UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS**

5. The Task Force received updates on joint programming missions and their follow-up. Lack of funding remains as a major obstacle to catalyse progress following these country missions. Despite this, there were a number of examples where action is being taken forward in countries that have received missions and some Member States are now requesting follow-up missions.

6. The Task Force was updated on the progress of the following joint programmes: Catalysing Multisectoral Action, Be Healthy Be Mobile, and the joint cervical cancer programme. The contour of an emerging joint programme on harmful use of alcohol was presented. Members agreed that it was important to bring in partners from outside the Task Force (e.g. civil society, private sector and foundations) in addition to governments in order to drive forward these joint programmes.

7. Updates from the following thematic working groups were provided: (i) mental health; (ii) nutrition; (iii) NCDs and environment; (iv) NCDs in humanitarian settings; and (v) communications. FCTC, OECD, UNSCN and WFP expressed interest in joining the NCDs and environment group. OECD considered there may be opportunities to support the work of the NCDs and environment group. Members agreed that it was important that these groups identified opportunities to contribute to the 2018 process.

8. Participants were updated on progress following Action E1 of the Ninth Task Force Meeting.<sup>1</sup> A meeting was hosted by the World Bank and was attended by those agencies that have been most involved in joint programming missions: UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO and the World Bank. The result of

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<sup>1</sup> Action E1: UNIATF Secretariat to convene a small group of members to meet regularly to progress action as detailed above, including the contours for the 2018-2019 work plan and a monitoring framework.

the discussion was an ambitious bold and practical joint initiative to be a flagship Task Force programme led by the five agencies. The new programme would replace the existing WHO-UNDP catalysing multisectoral action joint programme. Other agencies would be included as the programme developed. Task Force members welcomed this proposal and encouraged further work to be done. A further meeting in March is planned to develop the programme further along with a resource mobilisation strategy.

9. The Task Force was made aware of the recent partnership between the Global Fund and Heineken.

**Actions:**

C1. Joint programmes and thematic working groups to continue activities and report back at the next Task Force Meeting (All).

**D. UNIATF WORK PLAN/STRATEGY**

10. Members signed off the final report of the work plan for 2016 -2017. Members agreed that it will be more effective to have a strategy for 2017-2018 rather than a work plan and discussed the draft strategy presented by the Secretariat. Members agreed that the draft strategy should now be finalised taking into account comments received from the meeting. Members also agreed that the strategy should form the main communication messages with the Commission and events leading up to the Third High-level meeting, for example, the WHO Global Dialogue on Financing for Prevention and Control of NCDs.

**Actions:**

D1. Finalise the strategy of the Task Force for 2018- 2019 (Task Force Secretariat).

D2. Use the strategy to mobilise resources in order to scale up action through joint programmes (All).

**E. ECOSOC REPORT**

11. Members discussed the zero draft ECOSOC report and welcomed that it was forward-looking, describing the Task Force's future strategy, in line with the progress report of the UN Secretary-General on NCDs.

**Actions:**

E1. Finalise the report to ECOSOC taking into account comments received during the meeting (Task Force Secretariat).

**F. ADVOCACY**

12. Members agreed that further work is required in order to have clearer key communication messages from the Task Force, especially for resource mobilisation. Task Force members welcomed

progress on identifying existing Goodwill Ambassadors, the global advocates programme and plans for a new award scheme.

**Actions:**

- F1. Develop a set of key messages before the Third High-level meeting on NCDs (Communications Group).
- F2. Continue progress with developing goodwill ambassadors and global advocates (Task Force Secretariat with support from all members).
- F3. Continue to develop the awards scheme, learning from the experience of the WHO Tobacco awards (Task Force Secretariat).

**G. TOBACCO CONTROL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WHO FCTC**

13. The Task Force received an update from the recently established thematic working group on tobacco control. Draft Terms of Reference were shared and agreed. The Task Force was briefed about the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP8), (1 to 6 October 2018, Geneva) and the first session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP1) (8 to 10 October 2018, Geneva) of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade on Tobacco Products assuming it enters into force before 2 July 2018. The WHO FCTC Secretariat invited IGO observers to the COP to submit the IGO surveys requested by COP7. The Convention Secretariat encouraged members of the Task Force that are not observers to the COP to apply observer status in accordance with the Rules of Procedures of the COP. The Convention Secretariat updated members on the model policy on preventing tobacco industry interference among UN agencies, in particular ongoing discussions at ILO regarding cutting their ties with tobacco industry. The meeting discussed way forward to further promote smoke-free UN campuses.

**Actions:**

- G1. Thematic working group to continue its work and report back at next Task Force meeting.
- G2. WHO and WHO FCTC Secretariat to attend the next session of the ILO Governing Body in order to further promote for ILO to stick to the UN model policy and the ECOSOC 2017 resolution.
- G3. The Task Force to further promote smoke free UN campus on the occasion of 10th anniversary of the adoption of the General Assembly Resolution: 63/8, Smoke-free United Nations premises.
- G4. Thematic working group to explore with UNDP the possibility of sending a letter from the Administrator of UNDP to UNRCs to create Smoke-free UN campuses at the country level
- G5. WHO and WHO FCTC Secretariat to work together with the UN Staff Associations and Clinics or medical services of UN Agencies to raise awareness and provide support to staff who decides to quit.

#### **H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

14. It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on 8-9 November 2018 and will be hosted by WIPO in Geneva. UNSCN and WFP announced their interest to host the Twelfth meeting in Rome, early 2019.

*14 March 2018*

## **Annex 1. Tenth Meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs**

**Tuesday 20 – Wednesday 21 February 2018**

**Venue: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna**

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## Annex 2. Tenth Meeting of the UN Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs

*Hosted by IAEA, Vienna*

*Co-chairs: WHO and IAEA*

**20-21 February 2018**  
**Venue: IAEA, room M4**

### Programme

Please note: Background papers for each agenda item will be posted on EZcollab - <http://ezcollab.who.int/uniatf/>.  
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#### Co-Chairs

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#### Moderators

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*May Abdel-Wahab, Director, Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications, IAEA*

#### DAY 1: Tuesday 20 February 2017

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09:00-09:10	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>
09:10-09:30	<b>Opening remarks</b> Aldo Malavasi, DDG, Head of Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications, IAEA
<b>Agenda item 1</b> 09:30-09:50	<b>Review and actions following the 9th Task Force meeting</b>
<b>Agenda item 2</b> 09:50-10:45	<b>The UN's contribution to a successful Third High-level meeting on NCDs</b>
10:45-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>Agenda item 3</b> 11:15-12:15	<b>Strengthening joint UN action around the WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thematic Working Group workplan</li></ul>
<b>Agenda item 4</b>	<b>Update on joint programming missions, investment cases and other Task Force</b>

12:15-13:00	<b>workstreams</b>
13:00-14:15	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>Agenda item 5</b> 14:15-15:15	<b>UNIATF work plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2016-2017 report</li> <li>• 2018-2019 strategy</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda item 6</b> 15:15-17:00 (including coffee break)	<b>ECOSOC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening ways of working with ECOSOC</li> <li>• Proposed recommendations for the 2018 UNIATF report</li> <li>• Process for finalizing the report</li> </ul>

## DAY 2: Wednesday 21 February 2017

<b>Agenda item 7</b> 09:00-10:00	<b>Advocacy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications update</li> <li>• Envoys and advocates</li> <li>• Task Force awards</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda item 8</b> 10:00-11:45 (including coffee break)	<b>Tobacco control and implementation of the WHO FCTC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tobacco thematic working group report and plan of work</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda item 9</b> 11:45-12:15	Wrap up and agreement on actions
<b>Agenda item 10</b> 12:15-12:30	<b>Future meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalisation of plans for October 2018 meeting</li> <li>• Agreement on dates and venues for 2019 meetings</li> </ul>

### **Annex 3. Global Action Plan on Physical Activity Mapping results**

#### *Areas where four or more Task Force members are working together*

- Community wide awareness campaigns on benefits of PA to health AND the environment, climate change, economy etc.
- Implement whole of city/community initiatives combining multiple strategies across different settings/ages/abilities.

#### *Areas where three Task Force members are working together*

- Improve urban design and transport policy in all cities and communities to support & encourage walking and cycling.
- Accelerate improvements in safety (from road traffic & personal fear of violence) for pedestrians & cyclists of all ages – e.g. implementation and enforcement of Decade of Action on Road Safety recommended strategies.
- Strengthen policy and building design codes and regulations to support PA (buildings, malls, offices, schools, health care etc.).
- Promote positive experiences in PA using health promoting schools approaches - including quality PE agenda.
- Strengthening multisector leadership and governance/national policies and action plans on PA
- Scale PA advocacy to increase awareness, knowledge and engagement in implementation and joint actions.