



***Eighth Meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the
Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases***

Geneva, 21-23 February 2017

INFORMAL SUMMARY OF THE EIGHTH MEETING

OBJECTIVES, PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND REVIEW OF THE SUMMARY OF THE SEVENTH MEETING

1. The Eighth Meeting of the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (the Task Force) was held at UNHCR, Geneva from 21-23 February 2017. The Meeting was co-chaired by WHO and UNHCR and co-moderated by WHO and UNICEF. The following Task Force Members joined: FAO, IAEA, IARC, ICRC, IDLO, IOC, ILO, ITU, OIC, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNOPS, UNOSDP, UNODC, UNHCR, UNSCN, UNHABITAT, UNRWA, UNU, WFP, WIPO, WHO FCTC Secretariat, WHO and WTO. OECD also participated. The list of participants and agenda are in Annexes 1 and 2.

2. The main objectives of the Meeting were:

- (i) To finalize a roadmap for implementation of ECOSOC resolution E/RES/2016/5 which broadened the scope of work of the Task Force;
- (ii) To review progress on global joint programmes and thematic groups including mobilization of resources;
- (iii) To review the impact of joint programming missions and their follow up, as well as agree on plans to strengthen the impact of the Task Force in countries as well as resource mobilization; and
- (iv) To allow Task Force Members the opportunity to share updates on new developments.

3. Members reviewed and agreed on the summary of the Seventh Task Force Meeting (25-27 October 2016). Members noted progress since the last meeting in moving forward in broadening the scope of work of the Task Force.

A. GLOBAL EVENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

4. Members were provided with an update on global events and assignments since the Seventh Meeting. It was agreed that there was an opportunity to enhance the sharing of information of upcoming events with Task Force members with a description of inputs from the Task Force (Secretariat and its members). It was also agreed that there was an opportunity for an ever more strategic approach to UN system engagement in key events between now and the Third High-level Meeting in 2018 through both the Task Force Secretariat and the Members of the Task Force.

Action:

A1. Upcoming global events and activities of Task Force members to be identified by members themselves and shared with the Task Force Secretariat on a regular basis with a clear explanation on how the Secretariat and Task Force members can/should engage most strategically (All).

A2. Task Force Secretariat to collate and distribute on a regular basis (Task Force Secretariat)

B. GLOBAL JOINT PROGRAMMES: PROGRESS, UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS

5. The Task Force received updates from: (i) IAEA-IARC-WHO on their collaboration on cancer control; (ii) the seven agency cervical cancer initiative; (iii) the WHO-UNDP programme to catalyze multisectoral action for NCDs at the country level; and (iv) the WHO-ITU Be He@lthy, Be Mobile programme. Members welcomed progress in each of the programmes. There was a discussion around developing guidance and strategy for using Global Joint Programmes (GJPs) for agency collaboration and resource mobilization under the Task Force. While a number of agencies were familiar with the UNDG guidance, some were less so. It was agreed that it was important that all members were familiar with this in order to ensure that the Task Force is using this mechanism most effectively.

6. Members were also updated on a letter of Intention between WHO, UNHABITAT and ITU to develop a Smart Healthy Cities initiative. This was welcomed and the agencies were encouraged to draw linkages between other existing activities (e.g. Bloomberg, WHO catalyzing multisectoral action GJP, UNAIDS Fast track Cities, WHO-ITU Be He@lthy Be Mobile GJP and Shanghai outcome document).

Action:

B1. Global Joint Programmes to continue activities and report back to the Ninth Meeting (All).

B2. Clarification on arrangements for collaboration for the Cancer Control programme and provide a report to the next meeting (IAEA, IAERC and WHO).

B3. Existing and emerging GJPs to strengthen their linkages with existing agency and interagency initiatives (GJP and all members).

B4. Develop a short strategy and guidance paper on GJPs under the Task Force (Task Force Secretariat).

B5. Task Force members to review UNDG guidance on GJPs (<https://undg.org/home/guidance-policies/joint-funding-approaches/joint-programmes>) (All).

C. UPDATES FROM EXISTING AND EMERGING THEMATIC GROUPS

7. The Task Force received a progress report from the Thematic Working Group (TWG) on Reducing the Harmful Use of Alcohol. The Thematic Working Group was encouraged to move ahead with the development of a Global Joint Programme.

8. The Task Force noted the ongoing work being undertaken by the TWG on Surveillance, including the mapping exercise that is currently being undertaken.

9. The Task Force was appreciative of the work being taken forward under the TWG on Mental Health. Members were alerted to World Health Day 2017 which will be on Depression and that the WHO Director-General will be writing to Heads of Agencies for their agencies' participation in the event.

10. Terms of Reference for the Nutritional TWG were approved and the Task Force looked forward to receiving reports on action in future meetings. The TWG was encouraged to link with the group on emergencies.

11. UN activities in the area of road safety were discussed including plans for the upcoming UNRSC meeting. The web-based consultation on the draft zero WHO discussion paper on global targets and indicators were also shared with the Task Force. Members noted that road safety had been a part of the Zambia joint programming mission. Following discussions between UN agencies prior to the meeting, the task Force agreed that a TWG was not required at the moment as there were other avenues available for taking UN action forward in this area. The Task Force agreed that Joint Programming Missions should continue to include road safety when requested by Member States and that a brief report be provided by WHO to Task Force meetings and summarised in the Task Force's annual report to ECOSOC.

12. Terms of Reference for the Environment TWG were discussed. It was agreed that these required further work, in particular outlining existing networks, greater explanation on how the TWG would add value to existing initiatives, and likely membership of the TWG.

13. The informal group on NCDs in Emergencies updated Members on their work. Members asked for the group to expand its remit to include the prevention of NCDs (e.g. nutrition).

14. TWGs were encouraged to ensure that they were always looking at comparative advantage and ensuring that they were making the appropriate linkages with existing agency and interagency initiatives. The Task Force Secretariat was encouraged to set out the architecture of the Task Force, its GJPs, TWGs and workstreams. This should include linkages with regional entities and UNCTs. It was agreed that this would be developed for the Ninth Meeting.

Action:

C1. TWGs to continue with their work and in the case of the environmental TWG, further develop ToRs. All TWGs to report back to the Ninth meeting, including action around road safety (TWGs and WHO for road safety).

C2. Alcohol TWG to finalize a proposal for a global joint programme on harmful use of alcohol and to consider broadening its work to include substance use and drug use disorders (UNODC and Alcohol TWG).

C3. Mental Health TWG to increase membership among Task Force members and complete and publish by the end of April the publication on mapping UN mental health-related activities (TWG members and All).

C4. Names of agencies participating in the different TWGs to be compiled and shared with Members in order for agencies to ensure they are represented on relevant TWGs (Task Force Secretariat).

C5. The architecture of the Task Force, along with its GJPs, TWGs and linkages to regional entities and UNCTs be developed and shared with Members and posted on the website (Task Force Secretariat).

C6. TWGs to use the guidance and common set of messages across the UN system for highlighting the issues around NCDs and human right that will developed (See Action E2) to reflect human rights in their terms of reference (each TWG with the support of the group developing the guidance and common messages in E2).

D. TOBACCO CONTROL

15. The second day of the meeting was dedicated to tobacco control. The Task Force was updated on the current donor landscape in tobacco control and implementation of the WHO FCTC. The WHO FCTC Secretariat's FCTC 2030 project funded by the UK Government was described as an important initiative aimed at strengthening WHO FCTC implementation to achieve the SDGs and members of the Task Force were invited to contribute to the project. The WHO FCTC Secretariat also mentioned that its EU grant will be finalized at the end of 2017 and a number of activities are planned for the rest of the year using this funding source. The 6-year Bloomberg Philanthropies supported programme to continue to drive forward MPOWER through WHO and other partners in a number of countries (next phase funding) was outlined. The ongoing Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant to WHO to strengthen national capacity in the African Region for implementing the WHO FCTC was also outlined. Participants stressed that funding gaps still need to be filled to adequately support the Parties of the WHO FCTC and remaining non-Parties Member States of WHO in response to the global tobacco epidemic. Opportunities for potential collaboration between the WHO FCTC Secretariat, WHO and other UN agencies were discussed in order to maximize the impact of these initiatives.

16. The Task Force received feedback from the WHO FCTC Secretariat on the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP7) held in India in November 2016. While more than 1100 participants attended, only WHO, UNDP and the World Bank from the Task Force participated. Decisions adopted at COP7 were shared with Task Force members and those requiring UN cooperation were highlighted. Attendance at future COP meetings was discussed and it was agreed that greater clarity was needed on aims and objectives of Task Force member attendance. COP8 will be held in Geneva from 1-6 October 2018 and it was agreed that a strategy for Task Force engagement be developed ahead. International Organizations (IOs) were strongly encouraged to apply to observer status to COP and to attend COP8, with emphasis on agencies based in Geneva.

17. During 2017, a South-South and Triangular cooperation meeting will take place in May in Uruguay. A global meeting on Articles 17 and 18 will take place in May 2017 in Tanzania. Members of the Task Force will be invited to participate and were encouraged to attend both, the latter following a specific decision of COP where a number of agencies are requested to be involved. The 2017 ECOSOC High-level Political Forum (10-19 July) was also described which will review progress on a number of SDG goals. As a number of UN agencies are expected to attend this event, there was agreement that the UNIATF should work with others to develop a side event around NCDs and/or tobacco control. Finally, plans for World No Tobacco Day (31 May) were described with the theme of 'Tobacco – a threat to development'.

18. Progress on the Task Force's work for tobacco control was discussed using the matrix in the Annex of the 2016 ECOSOC report and Task Force work plan which are well aligned. Actions were considered on track. Based on COP decisions it was suggested to add an additional action point in the work plan under objective 5 to promote the implementation of Articles 17 and 18. This action will be led by the WHO FCTC Secretariat in collaboration with WHO, FAO, UNDP, UNEP, UNICEF, and UNWomen. Members discussed national tobacco coordination mechanisms and their links with broader NCD coordination mechanisms.

19. Members of the Task Force were reminded about the status and process of IOs as observers to the COP and the fact that only observers can attend the COP. Those who are not observers were encouraged to apply. The WHO FCTC Secretariat described plans for a survey among IOs observer status to review accreditation and briefed the meeting about the WHO FCTC Secretariat's application of observer status of governing bodies of other international entities.

20. The WHO FCTC Secretariat is in the process of establishing and operating two knowledge networks: one of the so-called "knowledge hubs", for assisting Parties in implementing specific areas of the Convention; and the other that of "tobacco industry monitoring centres (observatories)", to gather information on the activities of the tobacco industry, including on interference with tobacco control policy development.

21. The WHO FCTC Secretariat reported on progress made in collaborating with UN agencies and Intergovernmental Organizations to identify tobacco data collected, how the WHO FCTC Secretariat can access these data and whether they could be included in the biennial assessment of the progress made globally in the implementation of the WHO FCTC. Six UNIATF members have responded to the Secretariat's request. WHO presented on current tobacco data, including the upcoming release of the 'WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic, 2017', and the recently released NCI monograph on 'The Economics of Tobacco and Tobacco Control'.

22. On the model policy for agencies of the United Nations system on preventing tobacco industry interference, two Task Force members reported on their internal consideration of the matter. A number of UN agencies already have reported that some policy at least partially consistent with the model policy. The WHO FCTC Secretariat and WHO are ready to provide support to Task Force members in developing their policies, but this required members to be proactive in seeking support. The Task Force agreed that it was important to include reference to any progress with adapting this policy by the Task Force members in the 2017 report to ECOSOC, but that in addition a letter was sent to the President of ECOSOC inviting him to circulate the model policy to ECOSOC Member States.

23. There was a brief discussion around the UN agencies that currently have smoke free campuses. The Task Force welcomed the fact that the UN complex in Vienna is now smoke free. It was agreed that further follow up of UN agencies was required to determine the exact situation.

24. The Task Force noted the ongoing work that had been done to understand better whether tobacco was included in the Joint UN Pension Fund investment portfolio. There remained some uncertainties and it was agreed that further enquiries be directed to the CEO of the Fund.

25. The Task Force noted the ongoing work for the promotion of the entry into force of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, which currently has 25 Parties. The Protocol will enter into force 90 days after the deposit of the 40th instrument of ratification, thus 16 more WHO FCTC Parties need to ratify the Protocol in order for it to enter into force. The Task Force was informed about the COP7 decision on the status of the Protocol and clarified legal questions around its entry into force related to the EU ratification. WTO provided its experience in challenges with regards to TRIPS and suggested that specific and personal engagement with relevant organizations would be helpful in promoting ratification.

Action:

D1. Knowledge networks (Knowledge Hubs and Observatories): Once these are fully operational, the Task Force to receive a report on opportunities for collaboration between the network, and Task

Force members (WHO FCTC Secretariat).

D2. Data sharing: In order to further strengthen reporting arrangements and opportunities for enhancing data sharing and gather information, WHO FCTC Secretariat to send (resend) the message sent to the official focal points of relevant organizations with follow up (WHO FCTC Secretariat).

D3. Model Policy: Task Force focal points to assess the current situation in their respective agencies as well as the bottlenecks preventing progress and opportunities for moving forward with an aim of providing this information to the next Task Force meeting, including the sharing of relevant policies with the Task Force Secretariat (All).

D4. Model Policy: Task Force members to work with WHO FCTC Secretariat and WHO to obtain support for implementing the model policy, as appropriate, in lines with the approach set out in the summary of the Seventh Task Force Meeting with follow up in future Task Force meetings (WHO FCTC Secretariat, WHO, Task Force Secretariat and all Members).

D5. Model Policy: Letter to be sent to the President of the ECOSOC requesting distribution of the Model policy among ECOSOC member states (Task Force Secretariat, WHO FCTC Secretariat, WHO, including the WHO office in New York).

D6. Model Policy: Joint letter to be written to the CEO of Pension Fund regarding tobacco investments in the UN Joint Pension Fund (WHO and WHO FCTC Secretariat).

D7. Global events: Organizers/conveners of the Montevideo and Tanzania meetings as well as the ECOSOC High-level Political Forum and World No Tobacco Day events to clarify expectations from the Task Force well ahead of each in order to maximize strategic engagement of the Task Force (see A1).

D8. Work with Member States that are Parties to the WHO FCTC to include progress in protocol implementation and ratification as part of their comprehensive NCD response in Member State presentations at upcoming high level meetings (WHO and WHO FCTC Secretariat).

E. OTHER WORK STREAMS AND ACTIVITIES

26. Physical activity: The Task Force noted that at the request of the WHO Executive Board, an action plan on physical activity is being developed for the 2018 WHA. WHO requested support from Task Force members in its development. WHO updated the Task Force on Walk the Talk, including the first anniversary of this WHO initiative. WHO reiterated that it makes itself available to provide assistance to all members of the Task Force in taking forward Walk the Talk or equivalent initiatives. The link with nutrition was highlighted.

27. Childhood obesity: The importance of Task Force members developing a clear approach to support the Ending Childhood Obesity Global Implementation Plan was agreed and the Task Force will hold a half-day session ahead of a future Task Force meeting.

28. NCDs and human rights: The Task Force received a brief report from participants at the half-day meeting that was held on 20 February 2017. A full report will be made available to Task Force members in due course. It was agreed that it was important to identify a small set of actions and messages to drive forward action at global and country level.

29. NCDs and the Law: The Task Force agreed that it would be helpful to describe some of the most challenging legal and human rights issues within the context of NCDs for inclusion in the upcoming ECOSOC report, including any plans for future research, consultation, analysis and deliberation. The Task Force encouraged IDLO, WHO and others to progress on the recommendations of the Sixth Task Force meeting. Task Force members were also alerted to the opportunity for including any recommendations in this area in the WHO Director-General's report for the Third High-level Meeting on NCDs in 2018 but that these would need to be available for consideration for the report by 3 August 2017.

30. NCDs and gender: The Task Force welcomed the latest draft of the policy brief and agreed that this remains a vital work stream for the Task Force.

Action:

E1. WHO to identify and work with a small number of Task Force members to encourage take up of Walk the Talk or equivalent initiatives in these agencies (WHO and selected Task Force members).

E2. Small working group to define guidance and a common set of messages across the UN system for highlighting the issues around NCDs and human rights (Task Force Secretariat, OHCHR, WHO IDLO, UNDP and WHO FCTC Secretariat).

E3. Global NCD accountability framework to be reviewed through a human rights lens (OHCHR).

E4. Half-day information session on Ending Childhood Obesity Strategy GIP to be held ahead of a future Task Force meeting to maximize synergies between Task Force members moving forward on this initiative (Nutrition TWG and Task Force Secretariat).

E5. Finalize the NCDs gender paper for the Ninth Task Force meeting (UNWomen, OHCHR, UNODC and WHO).

E6. Develop a short report that provides: (i) a succinct outline on the position with regards NCDs and the law; (ii) a gap analysis; and (iii) recommendations for further action (IDLO, UNDP, WHO).

F. NCDs IN GOVERNING BODY POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

31. Recent analysis shows that NCDs are now part of the governing bodies strategies, policies and plans for 35 Task Force members (more than 60%). For many of the remaining agencies, there are plans to incorporate NCDs into their policies and programmes in the future.

Action:

F1. Finalize paper taking on board comments received at the meeting (Task Force Secretariat).

F2. Annual update of this analysis including tracking agencies' financial flows for NCD-related SDGs (Task Force Secretariat).

F3. Raise the priority given to NCDs and their financing into governing body policies and strategies (All).

G. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONAL THEMATIC GROUPS ON NCDs

32. The Task Force reviewed reports from WHO regional offices on the status of regional and subregional thematic NCD groups (or their equivalent). The Pacific thematic group was instructive in that it seemed to be successful because it was directly linked to a multi-donor trust fund. Overall, while Task Force saw value in the development of regional thematic groups it recognized that there are significant administrative and managerial costs to setting up and maintaining such entities and that where resources are scarce they may be most profitably spent on ensuring ever more effective action at the country level including the follow up of joint programming missions.

Action:

G1. Update on regional thematic groups to be provided to the Ninth Meeting (Task Force Secretariat).

H. TASK FORCE AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL

33. The Task Force received a progress report on joint programming missions held since the Seventh Meeting as well as information on upcoming missions. Challenges were discussed, including ever more effective coordination of following up recommendations, particularly at the country level and the need for resources to catalyse action at the country level. Progress in moving forward on the WHO-UNDP letters to UNCTs from regional offices was welcomed and there was agreement that these letters provided an opportunity to highlight the importance of including SDG-related NCDs such as nutrition into UN planning frameworks.

Action:

H1. Explore ways to strengthen follow up on the recommendation of the joint mission reports at country, regional and global levels (Task Force Secretariat, UNSCN, UNDP and WFP).

H2. Explore approaches to include human rights and legal aspects of NCDs in joint programming missions (Task Force Secretariat, OHCHR and IDLO).

H3. Disseminate the standard ToRs for the resident UN Thematic Groups through an updated "Guidance on Mainstreaming NCDs into UNDAFs", taking into account the new UNDAF guidance which will shortly be issued by UN Development Group (UNDP and WHO).

H4. Continue to develop letters from regional directors of WHO and UNDP to selected UNCTs, in follow up to the DG WHO/Administrator UNDP letters of 2012 and 2014, in order to encourage greater action at country level (UNDP and WHO).

H5. Continue the development of the additional sectoral briefs, and look to update existing ones with comments from Task Force members for the next iteration (UNDP, WHO, Task Force Secretariat).

H6. Task Force members to disseminate sectoral briefs to colleagues throughout their organisations.

I. UPDATES FROM OTHER AGENCIES

34. The Task Force was briefed on a number of initiatives since the Seventh Task Force Meeting and upcoming events. These included: (i) cancer control, tobacco control workshops and surveys (OIC); (ii) updated policy on nutrition, action in emergencies, collaboration with the agriculture sector (WFP); (iii) nutrition work plan, international symposium for healthy diets, shaping food systems for healthy diets, publication on how to achieve SDG2 and a handbook on food labelling (FAO); (iv) further draft of Facts for Life which is currently being finalised in collaboration with WHO and others (UNICEF); (v) greater attention to cervical cancer (UNAIDS); (vi) meeting in March on prevention and treatment of drug use disorders, HIV, access to controlled drugs and pain relief, supply reduction and human rights (UNODC); (vii) session on the tobacco industry on governing body meeting in March (ILO); and (xii) the 9th Global Conference on Health Promotion (WHO).

Action:

J1. Finalization of the Facts for Life publication (UNICEF and WHO).

J2. Task Force members to share details of upcoming events with the Task Force Secretariat with requested action from the Task Force Secretariat and its members – to be included in the list of events being developed in Action A1 (All plus Task Force Secretariat).

J. FINANCING

35. The Task Force welcomed the paper from the WB and considered this important in our collaborative endeavours to encourage governments to increase financing for NCDs. Members noted that there is currently very limited financing for NCDs from bilaterals. The Task Force welcomed initial discussions with the World Bank and regional development banks and a small number of Task Force Members for a meeting to discuss financing for NCDs and encouraged those involved to hold a meeting this year.

36. There was a discussion regarding financing of start-up costs of GJPs and initial support and follow up to joint programming missions. There was an agreement that countries asking for missions needed to identify initial resources as part of a demonstration of political and financial commitment to driving the agenda forward.

Action:

J1. Convene a meeting of the World Bank, regional development banks and a small number of Task Force Members to discuss financing for NCDs (Task Force Secretariat, WB and RDBs).

J2. World Bank and the Task Force to continue discussions to co-host an NCD side event on the margins of an IFI meeting (along the lines of 2016 Out of the Shadows: Making Mental Health a Global Priority), (WHO, World Bank and Task Force Secretariat).

J3. Contribute to/participate in/support any financing dialogue with multilateral agencies/other development partners including the development of costed business plan for consideration by

development partners (All).

J4. Continue to explore opportunities for secondments to support the work of the Task Force (All).

K. STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE WHO GCM/NCD AND UN TASK FORCE

37. The Task Force received an update from the WHO GCM/NCD on its mandate, work plan, ways of working, and opportunities for strategic collaboration between WHO GCM/NCD and the Members of the Task Force. The functions of the WHO GCM/NCD are complementary to the functions of the Task Force – whereas the Task Force is focused on providing concerted, coordinated technical assistance from UN agencies to governments, the WHO GCM/NCD is providing a platform to access a constant flow of solutions, lessons learned, and the foremost thinkers on NCDs through working groups, dialogues, and communication campaigns. According to paragraph 5 of the WHO GCM/ NCD Terms of Reference “the GCM/NCD will be led by Member States. Other Participants may include, as appropriate, United Nations funds, programmes and organizations and other relevant intergovernmental organizations.” According to paragraph 8 of the Terms of Reference, “the United Nations Inter-agency Task Force on NCDs and individual UN agencies, funds and programmes, as well as other relevant intergovernmental organizations” is a “component” of the WHO GCM/NCD.

38. There was a discussion around how to identify opportunities for synergy between the work of the WHO GCM/NCD at the Task Force, taking into account both work plans. For instance, the WHO GCM/NCD’s work plan 2018-2019 includes action 1.3 to “conduct at least one dialogue to facilitate and enhance the coordination of activities, multistakeholder engagement and action across sector at the local, national, regional and global levels, to support Member States in realizing their commitments to address NCDs”. Engagement of UN agencies in implementing this action would strengthen such dialogues. It was also agreed that there was potential for the TWGs and GJPs to engage in other actions included in the work plan of the WHO GCM/NCD, including the communities of practice, global dialogues, and global communication campaigns. The UN agencies also may wish to consider the reports resulting from the Working Groups to assist with their work. The Task Force noted that there are plans for a mid-term evaluation of the WHO GCM/NCD during 2017.

Action:

K1. Share specific questions/issues that the WHO GCM/NCD Working Groups are addressing in order to maximize complementarity between WHO/GCM Working Groups and Task Force TWGs/GJP (WHO GCM/NCD Secretariat to share with Task Force Secretariat).

K2. Task force members to consider becoming a GCM participant, seeking clarification, support and advice from the WHO GCM/NCD Secretariat as required (All).

K3. Task force members to consider registering as participants of the WHO GCM/NCD practice communities and contribute to ongoing WHO GCM/NCD virtual discussions, seeking clarification, support and advice from the WHO GCM/NCD Secretariat as required (All).

L. COMMUNICATIONS

39. The Task Force received an update on progress since the last Task Force and an updated plan for action for 2017. This was discussed and a revised version developed during the meeting. The

Task Force agreed that the communication officers' network should now be formed as quickly as possible and that work be started on developing a clear set of messages for the Task Force to use in a range of settings. The sector briefs were considered to provide a good start for developing such messages: ones that recognise the added value of the multisectoral whole of government and whole of UN approach to tackling NCDs – including human rights. The communications officers' network should also agree on the approach to be used for different hashtags. The WHO GCM/NCD encouraged members of the UNIATF to engage on the further development and dissemination of the WHO Global Communications Campaign on NCDs which will also include advocacy products demonstrating the relevance of multisectoral and multistakeholder collaboration for tackling NCD.

Action:

L1. Task Force focal points to submit names of their communication officer in order for a network of NCD communication officers to be established in order to take the action plan forward. Thematic Groups should also explore opportunities for communications (All).

L2. The NCD communication officer network to move forward on delivering the communications plan including developing:

- a set of key messages for the Task Force in the way that the UNIATF contributes to NCD-related SDG targets;*
- a systematic approach for joining up efforts across Task Force members press and communication offices to support implementation of the action plan (Task Force Secretariat, WHO, and other Task Force Members);*
- consider further developing the WHO Global Communication Campaign on NCDs and its dissemination (All Task Force Members).*

L3. WHO to complete the tune diligence of Secretary-General appointed global SDG advocates and then share with task force members (WHO and Task Force secretariat).

M. AMBASSADORS/ENVOYS/SDG ADVOCATES DISCUSSIONS

40. WHO updated the Task Force on the current position regarding NCD and SDG ambassadors. Members agreed to continue to identify goodwill ambassadors that have been identified by their agencies that may be able to promote the work of the Task Force. Members also agreed that such ambassadors could be invited to join future joint programming missions. Members also recognized the value of identifying national high-profile champions during joint missions.

Action:

M1. Task Force members explore opportunities to bring the Task Force and its work to the attention of existing NCD, SDG and other global and regional good will ambassadors, envoys and advocates (All).

M2. Future joint programming missions to consider including eminent persons and national champions to promote the activities and findings of the joint mission (Task Force Secretariat).

N. ECOSOC REPORT

41. Participants highlighted the importance of this ECOSOC report, in terms of timing ahead of the third High-level meeting on NCDs. It was agreed that while the report should describe what individual agencies are doing, the focus should be on where the Task Force as an entity adds value. Crosscutting issues such as human rights and NCDs should be included. Participants felt that there was the opportunity for the report to be more analytic than previous ones (including bottlenecks and ways of overcoming them) and to be forward looking with bold recommendations.

Action:

N1. Finalize the report taking into account the comments received in terms of content and structure (All).

O. 2016-2017 AND 2018-2019 WORK PLANS

42. Task Force Members noted that the a report on the first year of the 2016-2017 work plan was made available on the Task Force web page in December 2016. Members asked for a small number of changes to be made and it was agreed that this would be done over the next week. Members agreed to contribute to a final report that would be produced at the end of 2017. The next meeting of the Task Force would also need to consider the 2018-2019 work plan.

Action:

O1. Update the interim report taking into account comments received (Task Force Secretariat).

O2. Outline structure for the 2018 – 2019 work plan to be drafted for discussion at the Ninth Task Force meeting (Task Force Secretariat).

P. PLANS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

43. There was discussion around the frequency, length and timing of future meetings. There was a feeling that the task force should have one main meeting a year in Geneva in February where there would be a specific segment on tobacco but that if well-organized did not need to be an entire day. The Task Force could look to hold a supplementary meeting during the autumn if there was an international event taking place where a large number of Task Force members would be participating. For the autumn of 2017, it was agreed that this would be a 1.5 day meeting on 23-24 October 2017 following the Global Dialogue meeting on how governments can promote policy coherence between different spheres of policy making that have an impact on NCDs (Montevideo, 18-20 October 2017). Participants suggested Buenos Aires as a possible venue as there could be important lessons to be learned from Argentina as the recipient of the largest NCD World Bank loan to date. The Tenth Meeting will be held in Geneva in February 2018.

44. Participants concluded the meeting with a discussion on how to structure meetings in a way that makes them ever more effective.

Action:

P1. Identify venues and agendas for the Ninth and Tenth Task Force meetings taking into account comments received at the end of the Eighth Task Force meeting (Task Force Secretariat).

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Annex 1: List of Participants

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Annex 2: Agenda

Eighth Meeting of the UN Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs

Tuesday 21 – Thursday 23 February 2017

Venue: UNHCR, Geneva (Conference Room MBT-04, sub-level-1)

Programme

Please note: Background papers for each agenda item will be posted on EZcollab - <http://ezcollab.who.int/uniatf/>.
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DAY 1: Tuesday 21 February 2017

09:00-09:10	Welcome and introductions
09:10-09:30	Opening remarks and visioning by Oleg Chestnov, ADG, Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health Cluster, WHO, and UNHCR (name TBD)
Agenda item 1 09:30-09:45	Review of summary of the 7th Task Force meeting (<i>paper 01</i>)
Agenda item 2 09:45-10:30	Update on global events and assignments (<i>Prezi</i>)
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
Agenda item 3 11:00-13:00	Global Joint Programmes: progress, updates and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalysing multisectoral action for NCDs (<i>paper 03.1</i>) • Cancer control (<i>paper 03.2</i>) • Cervical cancer (<i>paper 03.3 and 03.4</i>) • mHealth “Be Healthy Be mobile” (<i>paper 03.5</i>) • SMART Healthy Cities
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
Agenda item 4 14:00-15:30	Updates from existing and emerging thematic groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIATF Thematic Working Group on Harmful Use of Alcohol (<i>paper 04.1</i>) • UNIATF Thematic Working Group on Surveillance (<i>paper 04.2</i>) • UNIATF Thematic Working Group on Mental Health (<i>paper 04.3 and 04.4.</i>) • NCDs in Humanitarian settings, emergencies and refugees (<i>paper 04.5</i>) • UNIATF Thematic Working Group on Nutrition (<i>paper 04.6</i>)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIATF Thematic Working Group on Road Safety (<i>paper 04.7</i>) • UNIATF Thematic Working Group on NCDs and environment (<i>paper 04.8</i>)
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
Agenda item 5 16:00-17:30	Updates on work streams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCDs in Members' governing body policies, strategies and plans (<i>paper 05.1</i>) • Physical activity (<i>paper 05.2</i>) • NCDs and law (<i>paper 05.3</i>) • NCDs, gender and human rights (<i>paper 05.4</i>) • NCDs and right to health (<i>paper 05.5</i>)
Agenda item 6 17:30-18:00	Updates from other agencies

DAY 2: Wednesday 22 February 2017 – Tobacco control and Implementation of the WHO FCTC

Agenda item 7 09:00 – 09:15	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction presentation from Convention Secretariat outlining the approach to the day (<i>presentation 07</i>) • Overview of outcomes to be achieved during the day
Agenda item 8 09:15-9:30	Current Donor Landscape in Tobacco Control and implementation of the WHO FCTC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCTC 2030 project and other support to Parties at the country level (<i>paper 08.1</i>) • WHO Bloomberg Initiative next phase funding (<i>paper 08.2</i>) • WHO Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funding for the African Region (<i>paper 08.3</i>)
Agenda item 9 9:30-12:30 (including 30 minutes coffee-break)	Outcome of the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP7) and requested follow up actions from members of the Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief introduction of COP7 decisions and feedbacks from the IGO members who attended the COP7 (<i>paper 09.1</i>) • Identification of next steps required by IGOs in order to implement COP 7 decisions and necessary adjustment to the UNIATF work plan (<i>Matrix 09.2</i>) • Review of the tobacco section of the 2016-2017 UNIATF work plan in accordance with the decisions of the COP7 and update the matrix of cooperation among members of the Task Force contained in the 2016 ECOSOC report (<i>paper 09.3</i>) • Accreditation of IGO observers of the COP (<i>paper 09.4</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Review of accreditation of IGO observers of the COP and new applications for the observer status of the COP ◦ Convention Secretariat to apply observer status to other governing bodies of specific IGOs mandated by the COP7 • Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (<i>paper 09.5</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Status and current interagency cooperation to promote the entry in to force ◦ Opportunities for enhanced cooperation and agreement on next steps, including reporting back to the Task Force
12:30-13:15	Lunch
Agenda item 10 13:15-14:00	Tobacco industry interference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up to development of individual model policy for Task Force Members who joined the adoption of the policy in the 7th meeting of UNIATF (<i>paper 10.1 and 10.1a</i>) • Taskforce Members to update on steps taken to implement the model policy and support required to assist in implementation

Agenda item 11 14:00-15:00	Progress in other areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening reporting arrangement and opportunities for enhancing data sharing and gather information from UNCTAD, ILO, FAO, World Bank, WCO and other members (<i>paper 11.1</i>) Updates on the tobacco industry monitoring observatories and knowledge hubs
15:00-15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
Agenda item 12 15:15-16:00	2017 Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2017 ECOSOC High Level Meeting: Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world (<i>paper 12.1</i>) World No Tobacco Day 2017 'Tobacco - a threat to development' (<i>paper 12.2</i>) Task Force Members to report on other relevant events and how other members can provide support for those events (<i>paper 12.3</i>)
Agenda item 13 16:00-16:15	Wrap up and concluding remarks

DAY 3: Thursday 23 February 2017

Agenda item 14 09:00-10:30	UNIATF at the country level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Programming Missions and strategic approaches for the follow up (<i>paper 14.1</i>) UNCTs and NCD thematic groups (<i>paper 14.2</i>) Reports from the regional thematic groups on NCDs (<i>paper 14.3</i>) Financing for NCDs (<i>paper 14.4</i>) Relevant technical guidance (<i>paper 14.5a-g</i>)
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
Agenda item 15 11:00-13:00	Resource mobilization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNIATF work financing (<i>paper 15.1</i>) Communications: update on activities (<i>paper 15.2</i>) Ambassadors/envoys/SDG advocates discussions <p>(It was agreed on Day 2 of the Meeting to include an additional agenda item in this session: strategic engagement between the WHO/GCM and UNIATF)</p>
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
Agenda item 16 14:00-14:30	2017 UNIATF Report to ECOSOC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline of report (<i>paper 16</i>) Process for finalization (<i>paper 16.1</i>)
Agenda item 17 14:30 – 15:00	Update on UNIATF work plan for 2016-2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work plan 2016-2017 mid-term progress report (<i>paper 17</i>)
Agenda item 18 15:00-16:00	Finalisation of action points and recommendations
Agenda item 19 16:00-16:15	Finalisation of plans for October 2017 meeting and agreement on dates and venues for 2018 UNIATF meetings
Agenda item 20 16:15-16:30	Wrap up and concluding remarks