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#### **Mandate**

#### Relevant resolutions

- A/RES/66/2 (paragraph 51): Called upon WHO to work together with other relevant UN system agencies in a coordinated manner to prevent and control NCDs
- WHA66.10 (paragraph 3.5): Requested the Director-General to work together with other United Nations funds, programmes and agencies to conclude the work, before the end of October 2013, on a division of tasks and responsibilities for United Nations funds, programmes and agencies and other international organizations.



#### **Mandate**

#### Relevant resolutions

- E/RES/2013/12 (paragraph 1): Requests the UN Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs by expanding the mandate of the existing United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control.
- E/RES/2013/12 (paragraph 4): Requested the United Nations Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the WHO Director-General, and in full consultation with Member States through WHO, to develop Terms of Reference for the UN Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs...
- ... and also requests the UN Secretary-General to include the terms of reference in his report on the implementation of the present resolution for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2014.





#### **Foundations**

#### **Developing the terms of reference**

- Builds on the work of the UN Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control
- Builds on the six informal meetings of UN organizations on the implementation of the UN Political Declaration on NCDs (December 2011 and July 2013)
- Finalized and then agreed by consensus during the First Meeting of the UN Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs (Geneva, 2-3 October 2013)





#### **Process**

2013

• 22 July 2013 – ECOSOC resolution requesting the UN Secretary-General to establish a United Nations Interagency Task Force

2013

• 2-3 October 2013 - First meeting of the UN Interagency Task Force on NCDs

2013

• 13 October 2013: WHO Discussion Paper published for Member States

2013

•13 November 2013: Formal Meeting of Member States

2014.

• January 2014 (EB134) and May 2014 (WHA67): WHO Governing Bodies will be invited to note the consensus reached at the Formal Meeting of Member States

2014.

• 2014: Substantive session of ECOSOC – UN Secretary-General to include the terms of reference in his report



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# **United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control**

### Main highlights

- Established by the UN Secretary-General in 1999 to coordinate the tobacco control work being carried out by 22 different UN agencies
- No terms of reference
- Chaired by WHO
- UN Secretary-General presented 8 progress reports to ECOSOC since 2000
- Thematic reports focused on specific areas where interagency collaboration can be important
  - implementation of the WHO FCTC
  - link between tobacco and poverty
  - exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke





## **United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control**

#### **Members**

- **DESA**
- FAO
- IAEA
- **ICAO**
- ILO
- **IMF**
- ITU
- **OHCHR**
- Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- Secretariat of the WHO FCTC
- **UNICEF**

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- **UNCTAD**
- **UNDP**
- **UNESCO**
- **UNEP**
- **UNOP**
- **UNODC**
- **UNFPA**
- **World Bank**
- **WCO**
- **WIPO**
- **WHO**
- **WTO**
- United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the **Empowerment of Women**







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#### It sets out the suggested

- Purpose and objectives of the Task Force
- Members of the Task Force, responsibilities and periodicity
- Secretariat responsibilities and administrative arrangements
- Accountability and conflict of interest
- Links with a global coordination mechanism
- Division of tasks and responsibilities





# Document A/NCD/UNT/1/2 WHO Discussion Paper (Version

# WHO Discussion Paper (Version dated 11 October 2013)

## Purpose (paragraph 2 of resolution E/RES/2013/12)

To coordinate the activities of the relevant United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and other IGOs to support the realization of the commitments made by Heads of State and Government in the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, in particular through the implementation of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020





## **Objective 1 of the Task Force**

To enhance and coordinate systematic support to Member States, upon request, at the national level, in efforts to support responses to prevent and control NCDs and mitigate their impacts ....





## **Objective 2 of the Task Force**

To facilitate systematic and timely information exchange among entities of the UN system and intergovernmental organizations about existing and planned strategies, programmes and activities to prevent and control NCDs and mitigate their impacts, at global, regional and national levels ...





## **Objective 3 of the Task Force**

To facilitate information on available resources to support national efforts to prevent and control NCDs and mitigate their impacts, and to undertake resource mobilization for the implementation of activities ...





## **Objective 4 of the Task Force**

To strengthen advocacy in order to raise the priority accorded to the prevention and control NCDs on the international development agenda, including the post-2015 development agenda, and sustain the interest of Heads of State and Government in realizing their commitments ...





### **Objective 5 of the Task Force**

To incorporate the work of the UN Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control, while ensuring that tobacco control continues to be duly addressed and prioritized in the new task force mandate.





## Membership

- United Nations system agencies, funds and programmes
- International financial institutions, development banks
- Other key intergovernmental organizations and treaty secretariats.





- Responsibilities of the members (paragraph 14)
- Periodicity of meetings of the Task Force (paragraphs 15 and 16)
- Secretariat for the Task Force (paragraphs 17 and 18)
- Administrative arrangements (paragraphs 19 and 20)





#### **Accountability**

The Task Force will report to ECOSOC through the United Nations Secretary-General and incorporate the work of the United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control, including the work to support the accelerated implementation by parties to the WHO FCTC.





#### **Conflicts of interest**

- Public health policies for the prevention and control of NCDs must be protected from undue influence by any form of vested interest.
- In carrying out responsibilities under the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020, Members of the Task Force are guided by their relevant conflict of interest policies.
- Should a conflict of interest arise from a situation involving Members of the Task Force or external parties, the Secretariat for Task Force will be required to act as a repository with a view to compiling incidents of conflicts of interest and provide a platform to discuss such issues.





#### Division of tasks and responsibilities

- Outline how the Members of the Task Force will work jointly and collectively to coordinate their activities in line with the UN Political Declaration on NCDs, in particular through the implementation of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020
- Builds on, and includes, existing work being undertaken by Members of the Task Force.
- Takes into account discussions between December 2011 and July 2013, and builds on Appendix 4 of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020.
- Responsibilities of convening institutions defined in paragraph 30 and partner institutions in paragraph 31
- Consensus reached among UN organizations during the First Meeting of the Task Force (Geneva, 2-3 October 2013).





#### Division of tasks and responsibilities

Division of Tasks and Responsibilities for the UN Interagency Task Force for the Prevention and Control of NCDs				
Objective	Convening institutions	Suggested areas of work	Linkages with actions for	Partner institutions
			international	
			partners	







# Thank you

