

**Informal consultation with Member States<sup>1 2</sup>**  
**on the ongoing intersessional work on noncommunicable diseases and mental health**  
**in preparation for the 150<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board**

Time zone 1 (EMRO, SEARO, WPRO): Tuesday, 31 August 2021, 09:00-12:00 (Geneva time) –  
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Time zone 2 (AFRO, AMRO, EURO): Tuesday, 31 August 2021, 15:30-18:30 (Geneva time) -  
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**Provisional agenda**

Item	Time	Subject	Document
1	5 min	Opening of the informal consultation	WHO
2	30 min	Development of an intersectoral global action plan on epilepsy and other <b>neurological disorders</b> in support of universal health coverage	Dévora Kestel Director Mental Health and Substance Use  First draft (dated June 2021) <sup>3</sup>
Questions: 1) Would Member States agree with the proposed guiding principles, strategic objectives and action areas for the intersectoral global action plan on epilepsy and other neurological disorders? 2) Would Member States agree with the proposed actions for the Member States for each of the strategic objectives and action areas? 3) Would Member States agree with the proposed global targets and indicators?			

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<sup>1</sup> And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations

<sup>2</sup> Relevant United Nations System Organizations have been invited to attend with a view to reply to potential queries from Member States

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/intersectoral-global-action-plan-on-epilepsy-and-other-neurological-disorders2022-2031?sfvrsn=4666e517\\_18](https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/intersectoral-global-action-plan-on-epilepsy-and-other-neurological-disorders2022-2031?sfvrsn=4666e517_18)

3	30 min	Development of an action plan (2022-2030) to effectively implement the global strategy to reduce the <b>harmful use of alcohol</b> as a public health priority	Dévora Kestel Director Mental Health and Substance Use	First draft (dated July 2021) <sup>4</sup>
<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Would Member States agree with the operational objectives, guiding principles and key areas for global action?</li> <li>2) Would Member States agree with the proposed actions and measures to boost implementation of the Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol as a public health priority?</li> <li>3) Would Member States agree with the proposed global targets?</li> </ol>				
4	30 min	Development of a draft global strategy on <b>oral health</b>	Bente Mikkelsen Director NCDs	Discussion Paper (dated 9 August 2021) <sup>5</sup>
<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Would Member States agree with the proposed vision and goal of the draft global oral health strategy?</li> <li>2) Would Member States agree with the recommended five strategic objectives of the global oral health strategy?</li> <li>3) Would Member States agree with the roles and responsibilities for Member States, partners and the WHO Secretariat?</li> </ol>				
5	30 min	Development of recommendations to strengthen and monitor <b>diabetes</b> responses within national noncommunicable disease programmes, including considering the potential development of targets in this regard	Bente Mikkelsen Director NCDs	Discussion Paper (dated 9 August 2021) <sup>6</sup>
<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Would Member States agree with the recommended actions to strength diabetes responses?</li> <li>2) Would Member States agree with the recommended actions to monitor diabetes responses?</li> <li>3) Would Member States agree with the proposed voluntary global diabetes coverage targets for achievement by 2030?</li> </ol>				

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/global-action-plan-on-alcohol-1st-draft>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/governance/gaporalhealth>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/governance/diabetestargets>

6	30 min	Development of recommendations for the prevention and management of <b>obesity</b> over the life course, including considering the potential development of targets in this regard	Francesco Branca Director Nutrition and Food Safety	Discussion Paper (dated 17 August 2021) <sup>7</sup>
<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Are the recommended actions for governments and non-State Actors comprehensive? Would Member States suggest to consider additional actions?</li> <li>2) Are the recommended actions for WHO appropriate and comprehensive? Would any additional action need to be considered ?</li> <li>3) Would Member States consider the proposed intermediate and process targets valuable to enhance policy implementation? Would Member States suggest alternative targets?</li> </ol>				
7	15 min	Matters for information:		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of an <b>implementation roadmap</b> 2023-2030 for the global action plan for the prevention and control of NCDs 2013-2030</li> </ul>	Bente Mikkelsen Director NCDs	Presentation
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of recommendations on how to strengthen the design and implementation of policies, including those for resilient health systems and health services and infrastructure to treat people living with noncommunicable diseases and to prevent and control their risk factors in <b>humanitarian emergencies</b></li> </ul>	Bente Mikkelsen Director NCDs	Presentation
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of a workplan for the <b>WHO global coordination mechanism</b> on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (GCM/NCD).</li> </ul>	Svetlana Akselrod Director Global NCD Platform	Presentation
8	10 min	Next steps and closure of the informal consultation	GBS	

Documentation and are available at: <https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/governance>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/governance/obesityrecommendations>