Dear Members of the NCD Alliance Network

Season’s Greetings to you all and a Happy New Year to come. This bulletin from the NCD Alliance includes important news on the following issues:

- WHO on targets and indicators: outcomes of NGO consultation
- Review of NCD Alliance: update below, please complete online survey here
- Transition time at NCD Alliance: news on the Alliance team
- Website upgrade: check it out later this week
- Next Common Interest Group call: join the webinar on Thursday 12 January 2012

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1. WHO on targets and indicators. Last Thursday, WHO invited a number of NGOs to an ‘informal dialogue’ about the work they have done on a global monitoring framework and examples of targets and indicators for Member States to consider. The presentation they provided will be uploaded to the NCDA website as soon as the site upgrade is completed this week. WHO is also intending to issue a background paper by tomorrow, which we will also make available as soon as we have it.

The key points coming out of that meeting are:
- NCDA has been invited to submit a short briefing paper to WHO’s Member State (MS) consultation on 9-10 January
- Civil society will be represented at this consultation but we don’t have further details on this yet
- Proposed 10 targets (see Footnote 1 below) are not a WHO ‘position’, just ‘examples’ of targets that meet the criteria set by WHO
- Other examples can be put forward to MS, who will ultimately decide on how many and which targets/indicators they want to adopt
- Opportunities to influence process: 9-10 January; during the Executive Board from 16-20 January; through a potential 2nd MS consultation in late February/early March; and through to the World Health Assembly from 21-26 May.

WHO will be seeking Member State agreement on the monitoring framework and targets/indicators at the WHA. They reported that they are also working on options for a global partnership to submit to the Secretary-General later this year.

2. Review of NCD Alliance. NCDA has been fortunate in securing two top global health experts to undertake an in-depth strategic review to help plan for the future: Dr Kathy Cahill and Dr Sally Stansfield (see Footnote 2 below). The review will determine not only future priorities for the Alliance but also new organisational and governance arrangements.

You can help by clicking here to complete the online survey by Friday 6 January and by giving your full and frank feedback on how NCDA has conducted itself to date and what you think are the main priorities for the future. The survey is anonymous but if you want to contact the review consultants on any aspect of the review, you are welcome to. Please email Kathy Cahill on kathy.cahill@live.com.
3 Transition time at NCD Alliance. A few changes in the NCDA team take place at the end of December. Executive Director, Dr Téa Collins, completes her contract with NCDA. Téa can be contacted on teacollins@gmail.com. Kathy Gluck takes on a new job with UICC as Coordinator, Business Development and Communications. Kathy can be contacted on Gluck@uicc.org. Very best wishes and many thanks to both Téa and Kathy.

Judith Watt takes on the role of Interim Director as of 1 January and can be contacted on jwatt@ncdalliance.org. Judith will work from London. Ariella Rojhani continues to work on UN-focused advocacy from the American Cancer Society office in New York. Greg Paton and Michaela Wurm continue to coordinate Alliance outreach from the UICC office in Geneva.

The NCDA Steering Group continues to be chaired by Ann Keeling, CEO of the International Diabetes Federation, while the review is taking place. This will be concluded and implementation will be initiated by June 2012.

4 Website upgrade. The NCD Alliance website is undergoing an upgrade to make it more user-friendly. Right now there is a ‘content freeze’ while our IT consultants work away behind the scenes. By the end of this week, it should be fully functional. Let us know what you think.

5 Next Common Interest Group webinar. For an update on the Member State consultation on the NCD monitoring framework and targets, join the next CIG webinar at 10am EST and 4pm CET on Thursday 12 January. Those of you who are already on the CIG database will receive a notification by email in the New Year. If you are not a CIG member, or are not sure, and want to join the webinar, please send an email with your contact details to Michaela Wurm on mwurm@ncdalliance.org.

FOOTNOTE 1 – TARGETS (Examples of targets that meet criteria)

Monitoring NCD outcomes
- 25% relative reduction in overall mortality from CVD, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory disease
- 10% relative reduction in prevalence of diabetes

Monitoring exposures
- 40% relative reduction in prevalence of current tobacco smoking
- 10% relative reduction in alcohol per capita consumption
- Mean adult population intake of salt less than 5 grams per day
- 25% relative reduction in prevalence of raised blood pressure
- No increase in obesity prevalence

Monitoring health systems response
- 80% coverage of multi-drug therapy for people aged 30+ years with a 10 year risk of heart attack or stroke ≥ 30%, or existing CVD
- 80% women between ages 30-49 screened for cervical cancer at least once
- Elimination of industrially-produced trans-fats from the food supply
FOOTNOTE 2 – BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON NCD ALLIANCE INDEPENDENT REVIEW CONSULTANTS

Kathy Cahill, Senior Partner has been a leader in public health for over 30 years. She is a strategic thinker with experience in leadership development, policy analysis, program design and implementation. She was Deputy Director of Integrated Health Solutions at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, responsible for overseeing program operations for maternal and child health, nutrition, vaccine preventable diseases and reproductive health projects. In her five years at the foundation, she was program officer for tobacco control, health information systems, and human resources for health, leadership and special projects. Prior to the foundation she worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA. There she was Associate Director for Policy and Planning (1998-2004) where she was responsible for developing the annual budget, partnership development and policy formulation for the agency. From 1994-1998, she was Division Director for Immunization Services, managing 200 FTE’s and $750,000m annual budget. She was responsible for implementing the Clinton Administration’s national childhood immunization program. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, with a Masters in Public Health.

Dr. Sally K. Stansfield is a physician epidemiologist who is a specialist in policy, information systems and metrics for evaluation of health systems, programs and institutions. An expert in health systems, Dr. Stansfield has worked extensively in Africa, Asia, Central and South America and the Middle East. She was the founding director of the Health Metrics Network initiative, an innovative partnership hosted by the WHO to strengthen health information systems. For seven years prior to working at WHO, she worked within the Global Health Program of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. There, she was instrumental in shaping strategies and in creating and managing several landmark alliances including the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), the Global Fund to fight Tuberculosis, AIDS and Malaria (GFATM), and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN). She has worked in senior positions for Management Sciences for Health in Cambodia, the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa, the US Agency for International Development, and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Stansfield has also served in research and teaching roles at Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia; McGill University in Montreal; Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore; the University of Washington in Seattle; and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda. Dr. Stansfield’s awards include the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honorary, the International College of Surgeons Award, the US Public Health Service Distinguished Service Commendation, a Fulbright Fellowship, and the Yale Tercentennial Medal.