

Ten Steps to a Successful UN Summit on NCDs

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Introduction

- Study 1: Shaping a UN HLM on NCDs that Delivers
- Study 2: Controlling NCDs through Summitry: the CARICOM Case
- Lessons for and from the UN experts
- For background see:
<www.ghdp.utoronto.ca>

Step 1: Development, Economic and Broader Health Links

- Highlight the development dimension - the socioeconomic determinants and impacts of NCDs
- Focus on the poor and vulnerable everywhere, in advanced, emerging and developing countries alike
- Stress the savings from tackling NCDs now
- Highlight the co-benefits with other health, etc. connections

Step 2: Multi-stakeholder Engagement

- Build and utilize partnerships
- Everyone has a part to play
- Utilize the media
- WHO should lead in mobilization
- Utilize past relationships and build new ones

Step 3: Leader Involvement

- Encourage heads to attend the HLM
- Push leaders to announce their commitment to come
- Authority and ability to implement
- Higher implementation will result

Step 4: Leadership Roles

- Encourage Key Countries to Assume Leadership Roles
 - Working group chairs
 - Accountability and surveillance mechanism chair
 - Next summit's chair
- Countries with clear leadership roles implement more

Step 5: Final Document(s)

- Draft the outcome document(s) as soon as possible
- WHO guidance
- Look to past summits, HLMs and ministerials for foundation
- Embrace issues where there is a global consensus and past success
 - Tobacco
 - National wellness days

Step 6: Implementation

- Embed in the HLM commitments catalysts that improve implementation
 - Priority placement
 - References to international organizations
 - References to civil society
- Avoid those that hinder implementation
 - References to specific countries or regions
 - References to the private sector

Step 7: Supporting Summits and HLMs

- Place NCDs on the agenda's of surrounding summits
 - G20
 - Summit of the Americas
 - Rio+20
- Keep the issue alive and expanding
- Foster an integrated approach through consistent action

Step 8: Follow-up HLM

- Encourage a follow-up HLM on NCDs
- Maintain momentum over short, medium and long term
- Take stock of progress
- Build on past success
- Make corrections

Accountability and Surveillance

- Create an accountability and surveillance mechanism
- Monitor Implementation and Impact
- Report publicly and annually (if not more)
- Cost-effective measures
- NCD index

Funding

- Identify best way to provide funding
- Assist countries that have limited economic capacity
- Utilize existing resources
- Identify which agency to send funds
- Identify where new funds will be essential

Next Steps

- Assess alternative UN-based accountability mechanisms
- Assess alternative UN-relevant funding mechanisms
- Encourage leaders to publicly commit to attend