



**NCD Alliance**

PUTTING NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
ON THE GLOBAL AGENDA

**NCD Alliance Statement at the 142<sup>nd</sup> WHO Executive Board: [3.5 Health, environment and climate change](#)**

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement by UICC, supported by NCD Alliance and HEAL. We welcome the report and strongly support the attention to climate change in NCDs, and to NCDs, aligned with GPW13. To maximise advances by WHO and Member States, we recommend 3 actions:

- 1. Implement financial policies commensurate with the threat of health-harming industries:** The report shows appropriate pricing of polluting fuels would more than halve premature deaths from air pollution, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20%, and generate tax revenues equivalent to <50% of government health spending globally. Furthermore we call on Member States to divest from fossil fuel industries; such funds not only harm the planet but increase costs from NCDs and other diseases
- 2. Exercise caution against industry interference at national level:** While recognising the role of the private sector in mitigating environmental health threats, we urge Member States to implement appropriate policies and monitoring measures to stop interference by some industries, including lobbying and manipulation of scientific literature
- 3. Elevate environmental health priorities at the 2018 UN High-level Political Forum:** While SDG3 will not be reviewed at the HLPF, health priorities (especially co-benefit solutions such as active transport, sustainable diets, management of carcinogens and harmful chemicals, and renewable energy) should be elevated in voluntary national reviews of progress on goals including SDG7 on energy, SDG11 on cities, and SDG12 on sustainable consumption. We call on WHO and Member States to facilitate coordination across health, environment, energy, transport, agriculture, labour, waste management, and urban planning sectors

We commend WHO for its leadership on these issues. We stand ready to support development and implementation of the action plan and global strategy, and to garner momentum on co-benefit solutions for NCDs and environmental challenges at the UN HLM on NCDs.