

NCD Alliance Statement at the WHO Executive Board: 3.9 [Preparations for a UN HLM on TB](#)

Honorable chair, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to make this statement on behalf of the World Heart Federation supported by the NCD Alliance.

We welcome the first United Nations High-level Meeting on Tuberculosis, scheduled to take place in 2018, as an important opportunity to garner international political attention to eliminate this curable disease. Tuberculosis increases the risk of developing certain non-communicable diseases, and successfully achieving commitments to reduce the burden of tuberculosis and improve people's lives requires a lifecourse approach to health that addresses co-morbidities.

The High-level Meeting on Tuberculosis and the High-level Meeting on Non-communicable Diseases, both scheduled to take place in 2018, provide an opportunity to highlight linkages between these two global health challenges and showcase how integrated approaches will help achieve the SDGs. Addressing tuberculosis and NCDs both require similar action, including high-level political leadership, health systems strengthening and universal health coverage, and tackling the social determinants of health.

We urge Member States to consider this opportunity to highlight the linkages between tuberculosis and NCDs, and to capitalize on co-benefit interventions that result in progress for multiple priorities. The NCD community looks forward to working with our TB colleagues to ensure the success of both High-Level Meetings, in order to set the world on track to avoid preventable death and disability everywhere.