

NCD Alliance Statement at the 136th WHO Executive Board

Agenda Item 6.1: Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition

Statement by the Union for International Cancer Control, speaking on behalf of Alzheimer's Disease International, the Framework Convention Alliance, the International Diabetes Federation, the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Management Sciences for Health, the World Heart Federation, and 2,000 leading civil society organisations, who together form the NCD Alliance.

Chairperson, distinguished delegates, colleagues,

On behalf of the NCD Alliance, a network of 2,000 civil society organisations united against non-communicable diseases, we welcome the report on the outcomes of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2).

The ICN2 was an important step in addressing *malnutrition in all its forms*, including overweight and obesity and diet-related noncommunicable diseases. The Inaugural Global Nutrition Report shows clearly that malnutrition is a universal issue affecting all countries and threatening sustainable development.

We urge Member States to endorse the ICN2 Outcome Documents at the 68th World Health Assembly, and take this opportunity to emphasise three points:

1. **Governance:** We call on the WHO and its Member States to actively participate in discussions on nutrition governance, including proposals for the Committee on World Food Security to become the leading mechanism for ICN2 follow-up to ensure that health and nutrition remain central.
2. **Accountability:** We welcome biennial reporting on progress on implementing ICN2 commitments at the WHA and Regional Committees. Furthermore, we urge Member States and the WHO Secretariat to translate ICN2 commitments into targets and indicators aligned with existing WHO monitoring frameworks, and to integrate them into national nutrition monitoring frameworks.
3. **Post-2015:** With intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda underway in New York, we urge Member States to uphold the commitment made at the ICN2 to integrate ICN2 commitments into the sustainable development goals and call on the Executive Board to provide specific guidance to the Secretariat on supporting these efforts.

NCD civil society stands ready to work with governments in addressing *malnutrition in all its forms* and help build sustainable food systems that will ensure healthy and nutritious food for all. We urge governments to take seriously the commitments made at the ICN2 and to start implementing immediately the ICN2 Framework for Action.