



150th SESSION of the WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD

(Geneva, 24–29 January 2022)

10:00AM – 5:00PM (CET)/2:30PM – 9:30PM (IST)

Agenda: Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage

Item 7: Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

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Thank you, Chair!

India welcomes the Report presented by DG-WHO on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.

Taking note of the ***'Draft implementation road map 2023–2030 for the global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2030'***, we believe that all recommended actions should be implemented by the Member States, International partners and by the Secretariat with aim to cover all geographical area and improve access to affordable tools across regions to prevent and control NCDs.

India recognizes the ***'global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2030 (NCD-GAP)'***. India has taken several steps in alignment with global action plan:

- A paradigm shift has been evident in India with setting up of Health and Wellness Centres in all districts as a part of comprehensive primary health care and a response to NCDs;
- Population Based Screening helped in better management of diseases by the way of early stage of detection, follow up, treatment adherence;
- Screening targeted all persons more than 30yrs of age in community for common NCDs and linking the Essential Package of Services in HWCs, like:
 - Care in Pregnancy and Child-birth, Neonatal and Infant Health Care Services
 - Childhood and Adolescent Health Care Services
 - General Out-patient Care for Acute Simple Illnesses and Minor Ailments
 - Care for Common Ophthalmic and ENT Problems
 - Basic Oral Health Care
 - Elderly and Palliative Health Care Services

- Screening and Basic Management of Mental Health Ailments

Chair,

We take note of **importance of trained health workers** to deliver interventions for NCDs. In India, prevention, control & screening services is done by trained frontline workers, linked with referral support and continuity of care. **India offers its support to Member States** with its trained health workers and professionals

India supports use of **digital solutions** for access and implementation of programmes. India is actively promoting use for digital interventions to provide health care services, surveillance, health intervention and implementation of schemes. **However, we believe** that the issues related with data privacy, health information exchange, vaccine credentials and interoperability must be dealt with care.

WHO should provide active role and guidance on issue related to interoperability of data, data security policy, data credential and vaccine credentials.

We also seek more details about the '*WHO Innovation Scaling Framework*' in this regard.

Chair,

India believes that with relentless efforts and coordinated planning we shall be able to let our people enjoy the highest attainable status of health, well-being and quality of life at all ages, free of preventable NCDs, avoidable disability and premature death.

Thank you!