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NCD Alliance E-Alert

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Dear colleagues,

Release of the World Health Report 2013

WHO has released the *World Health Report: Research for Universal Health Coverage* which can be accessed [here](#). The report focuses on the importance of research to achieve progress towards UHC. It highlights case studies around the world that showcases the benefits of an increased investment in health research in low and middle-income countries.

CHANGE OF DATES: WHO Consultations on the GCM and Action Plan Indicators

On 14th August, the NCD Alliance and many of our partners attended the WHO Informal Dialogue with NGOs to discuss the "[Draft Terms of Reference for a Global Coordination Mechanism for NCDs](#)." The official documents and presentations from the meeting can be found [here](#). To read the key messages delivered by the NCD Alliance on the GCM, click [here](#).

The WHO Discussion Paper on the GCM is open for consultation until 30th October. However, the WHO Secretariat is encouraging NGOs to send in their submissions by **Monday 2 September**, ahead of the WHO Regional Committee Meetings. The NCD Alliance plans to submit our detailed submission on the GCM by this earlier deadline. We will share our full submission shortly, so that network members can adapt and tailor for your own purposes.

Last week, WHO released a Discussion Paper on the "[Development of a limited set of NCD action plan indicators](#)". The paper is open for consultation until **8 November**. This deadline has been extended, as the WHO meeting with Member States in Geneva to complete this work has been moved from 23-24 October to **14-15 November**. NGOs may be able to attend this meeting as observers.

For both of these consultation, all submissions (including from Member States, NGOs and private sector) will be uploaded on the WHO website on a first come and first served basis.

Next NCD Alliance webinar: Thursday 5 September 2013

The NCD Alliance will be holding our next webinar on **Thursday 5 September** to update our network on the WHO NCD consultations and the post-2015 development process - including our activities around the UN Special Event on the Millennium Development Goals in September in New York.

We will host two webinars in order to accommodate all time zones- the first from **10 - 11:30 am CET**. The second webinar, which will cover the same agenda, will be held from **11 am - 12:30 pm EDT // 5-6:30 pm CET**.

Our webinars have a Q&A session where you will be able to ask questions. In addition to this, we invite our members to submit questions prior to the 2 September by emailing us at info@ncdalliance.org.

Invitations to the webinars will be sent out shortly. If you have not received an invitation by the end of this week and would like to be included, please email us at info@ncdalliance.org.

With thanks,

The NCD Alliance team

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