



***Seventh* Meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the  
Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases**

Geneva, 25-27 October 2016

## **INFORMAL SUMMARY OF THE SEVENTH MEETING**

### **OBJECTIVES, PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND REVIEW OF THE SUMMARY OF THE SIXTH MEETING**

1. The Seventh Meeting of the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (the Task Force) was hosted by WHO from 25-27 October 2016, and held at WHO Headquarters in Geneva. The Meeting was co-chaired by the World Health Organization and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and was attended by colleagues from the following agencies and partnerships: EBRD, FAO, IAEA, IARC, IDLO, IOC, ILO, ITU, OIC, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNICEF, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNODC, UNHCR, UNSCN, UNRWA, UNU, WIPO, WHO, FCTC, WHO and WTO. The list of participants and agenda are in Annexes 1 and 2.
2. The main objectives of the Meeting were:
  - (i) To develop a roadmap for implementation of ECOSOC resolution E/RES/2016/5 which broadened the scope of work of the Task Force;
  - (ii) To review progress on global joint programmes and thematic groups including mobilization of resources;
  - (iii) To review the impact of joint programming missions and their follow ups, as well as agree on plans to strengthen the impact of the Task Force in countries; and
  - (iv) To allow Task Force Members the opportunity to share updates on new developments.
3. Members reviewed and agreed on the summary of the Sixth Task Force Meeting (10-12 February 2016).

### **A. IMPLICATIONS OF ECOSOC RESOLUTION E/RES/2016/5 FOR EXPANDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TASK FORCE'S SCOPE OF WORK**

4. Task Force Members welcomed ECOSOC's decision to link the work of the Task Force with the Sustainable Development Goals by encouraging Members of the Task Force to provide support to Member States in reflecting the new NCD-related targets included in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in their national development plans and policies, in order to enable them to accelerate progress on specific NCD-related targets, and welcoming Member States to access the available United Nations policy expertise on the prevention and control of NCDs.
5. The Task Force was presented with an update on the current achievements of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) and the work of the UN Secretary General Special Envoy for Road Safety since the Sixth Task Force Meeting. The Task force discussed how to best harmonize the work of the Task Force with UNRSC. The Task Force agreed that while the UNRSC has been instrumental in moving the agenda forward in a number of avenues, there were three areas for potential Task Force action: (i) direct country support; (ii) post-crash care; and (iii) the development of global targets and indicators for road safety.
6. Members received a summary of the global burden and economic costs of mental health disorders from WHO. The Task Force agreed that there were opportunities to scale up action across the UN system and that the Task Force provided an appropriate mechanism for this. The

Task Force welcomed the initial efforts to set up a Thematic Working Group for mental health (see Paragraph 12).

7. The Task Force received a briefing on air pollution and NCDs from WHO. The discussion highlighted the links between air pollution and NCDs and a number of Members expressed interest in joining up their actions through the Task Force.
8. The United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) in collaboration with the WHO Nutrition for Health and Development Department, described their work, explained the importance of good nutrition to achieve the SDGs and provided the rationale and added value of establishing a Nutrition Working Group of the Task Force. A number of Members raised their interest in harmonizing work across UNSCN and the Task Force.

*Action:*

**A1.** *Ad Hoc group to consider the feasibility of establishing the TWG on Road Safety, in particular its role in supporting national governments, and report back to the Eighth Task Force Meeting in February 2017 (UNICEF and UNESCO (tbc), UNDP and WHO).*

**A2.** *UNIATF Secretariat to share the agenda for the UN Road Safety Collaboration Meeting among Task Force Members (UNIATF Secretariat).*

**A3.** *Finalize membership of a Thematic Working Group on Mental Health. TWG to develop its scope and purpose, terms of reference and work plan and report back to the Eighth Task Force Meeting in Feb 2017. (WHO and Members of the TWG on Mental Health).*

**A4.** *WHO to lead a scoping exercise to outline action for more coherence across the UN system in the area of NCDs and environment with a set of priority actions that can be taken forward through the Task Force to support country action, including countries that have received joint programming missions (WHO, UNDP, UNEP, ITU and WB).*

**A5.** *Above to be shared with Members of the Task Force ahead of the Eighth Task Force Meeting to enable consideration of a possible Thematic Working Group on NCDs and the environment (Task Force Secretariat).*

**A6.** *A thematic group on nutrition be established and this be the UNSCN Secretariat as the convener. Nutrition to become a standing agenda item on Task Force Meetings. Membership to consist of UNSCN Members, but with an invitation for other Members of the Task Force to join. The nutrition thematic working group to report back to future Task Force Meetings. (Task Force and UNSCN secretariats).*

**A7.** *The UNSCN to articulate the work plan of the thematic group on nutrition and for this to be part of the future Task Force work plans (Task Force and UNSCN secretariats).*

## B. GLOBAL JOINT PROGRAMMES: PROGRESS, UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS

9. The Task Force received progress reports on three Task Force-led global joint programmes: (i) the IAEA-IARC-WHO programme on cancer control; (ii) the seven agency cervical cancer initiative; and (iii) the WHO-UNDP programme to catalyze multisectoral action for NCDs at the country level. Members welcomed progress in each of the programmes and noted plans for a WHO-UNDP meeting in early 2017 to build on the investment cases done so far. Members also encouraged the WHO-UNDP programme to publish the methodology behind the investment cases. Members also welcomed the upcoming US hosted partners meeting for the cervical cancer programme. It was agreed that a report on the Be Healthy, Be Mobile joint programme should be presented to the Eighth Task Force Meeting.

### *Action:*

**B1.** *Global Joint Programmes to continue activities and report back to the Eighth Meeting (All).*

**B2.** *Global Joint Programme on Catalysing multisectoral action for NCDs to publish methods and results as soon as possible (UNDP, WHO).*

**B3.** *Highlight broader Task Force work at the upcoming cervical cancer partners meeting on 9 December (GJP participants).*

**B4.** *Task Force Members to consult their HQs regarding the provision of a nominal financial contribution to the joint global programmes and also explore the potential source of finance for NCDs through a proportion of sectoral NCD-related grants provided by donors (All).*

## C. UPDATES FROM EXISTING AND EMERGING THEMATIC GROUPS

10. The Task Force received a progress report from the Thematic Working Group on Reducing the Harmful Use of Alcohol, acknowledging progress in the face of limited resources. There was agreement that the Thematic Working Group would now develop a proposal for a Global Joint Programme. EBRD expressed interest in supporting the work of the Thematic Working Group in a number of countries in the European Region.
11. The Task Force agreed the modalities of work for the newly established UNIATF Thematic Working Group on Surveillance that had been developed following the Sixth Meeting. Eleven Members have expressed interest in working as part of this Thematic Working Group and Terms of Reference and a work plan are being finalized. Between now and the Eighth Task Force Meeting the Group will start taking forward actions in line with the work plan.
12. The Task Force also approved the establishment of the Thematic Working Group on Mental Health to provide joint support to countries on the implementation of the Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020 and to facilitate reporting to the UN General Assembly on mental health-related issues. To date, seven members (OHCHR, UN Women, UNDP, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, World Bank) have expressed interest in joining the Thematic Working Group.

13. The informal group on NCDs in emergencies, led by UNHCR and WHO, updated Members on the development of the NCDs and emergencies kit (medicines for hypertension, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases) which would provide 10 000 individuals with NCDs with basic care and treatment for three months.
14. Members were also updated on UNRWA's work on NCDs, in particular diabetes and hypertension, among Palestinian refugees. UNRWA agreed to join the informal group on emergencies.
15. The Task Force Secretariat highlighted the need for the architecture of the Task Force and its groups and global joint programmes to be made available. This should include linkages with regional entities and UNCTs. It was agreed that this would be developed for the Eighth Meeting.

*Action:*

- C1. Thematic Working group on Surveillance to finalize work plan and start implementation, reporting back to the Eighth Meeting (WHO and other members of the TWG).***
- C2. Thematic Working group on Mental Health to finalize work plan and start implementation, reporting back to the Eighth Meeting (WHO and other members of the TWG).***
- C3. Develop a network of communication officers that work on mental health among members of the TWG, in order, in the first instance, to collaborate on World Health Day 2017 (Task Force Secretariat, WHO and TWG members).***
- C4. Complete an SDG pin wheel that highlights the linkages between mental health and other SDGs (WHO and other members of the TWG).***
- C5. Develop a proposal for a global joint programme on harmful use of alcohol, violence and infectious diseases, based on the joint work undertaken to date by WHO and UNDP. Once developed, participants of the global joint programme should explore opportunities for a wider partners roundtable (TWG members).***
- C6. Encourage ever greater interagency collaboration, contingent on available resources, with prioritization of tackling harmful use of alcohol in all Task Force Members' programme activities (Thematic Group and all Members of the Task Force).***
- C7. Encourage Task Force Members to increase their participation in the Harmful use of Alcohol TWG work plan, including the production of fact sheets and policy briefs (Thematic Group and all Members of the Task Force).***
- C8. UNRWA to join the informal group on emergencies. Other agencies to be invited to join as well. Informal group to report back at the Eighth Meeting of the Task Force (UNRWA and all).***

## D. COMMUNICATIONS: UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES

16. The Task Force received an update on progress in the area of communication since the Task Force was formed. This included: (i) in-country press briefings during joint country programming missions; (ii) publication and dissemination of end-of-mission press releases; (iii) a short video on the work of the Task Force, highlighting the joint missions and follow up; (iv) a publication summarising the impact of joint programming missions launched at the World Health Assembly in May 2016; and (v) activity on social media activity using @un\_ncds.
17. Members agreed on a communications strategy and action plan for the next twelve months. The Task Force also agreed to enhance collaboration across Members in the area of media and communications.
18. Members were briefed on the recently launched WHO-led Global Communications Campaign on NCDs that aims to advocate for ever greater attention on NCDs across a range of stakeholders.

### *Action:*

**D1.** *Implement the UNIATF communications action plan (Task Force Secretariat, WHO communications, all Task Force Members).*

**D2.** *Develop a systematic approach for joined up efforts across Task Force members press and communication offices to support implementation of the action plan (Task Force Secretariat, WHO communications, all Task Force Members).*

**D3.** *Identify opportunities for contributing to the WHO-led Global Communication Campaign on NCDs, including participating in the GCM advocacy and awareness raising web pages (All Task Force Members).*

## E. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONAL THEMATIC GROUPS ON NCDs

19. The Task Force welcomed the progress report on regional thematic NCD groups (or their equivalent) noting that some regions have well established mechanisms but others less so. The Task Force also noted that some regions expressed interest in developing these – and were asking for support from the Task Force for developing them. There was also discussion as to how these regional entities are engaging with civil society and their links with the Global Coordination Mechanism.

### *Action:*

**E1.** *Task Force Secretariat and Members to provide guidance to regions that wish to establish regional thematic groups (or equivalent) that focus on NCDs or include NCDs (Task Force Secretariat and all Members).*

*E2. Explore the way that thematic groups engage with civil society – and the opportunities for strengthening engagement with civil society (Task Force Secretariat, GCM).*

*E3. Ensure existing regional thematic groups are aware of the WHO-led Global Communications Campaign (Task Force Secretariat, GCM).*

*E4. Update on regional thematic groups to be provided to the Eighth Meeting (Task Force Secretariat).*

## **F. TASK FORCE AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL**

20. The Task Force received a progress report on joint programming missions held since the Sixth Meeting as well as information on upcoming missions. The Task Force noted that missions are still not systematically including legal expertise in line with Recommendation B6 of the 6<sup>th</sup> Task Force Meeting. The Task Force also noted that while in some cases there is excellent follow up to the missions through UNCTs, in others this is not the case.
21. The first set of NCD sectorial briefs, launched at the UN General Assembly in September 2016, was welcomed by the Task Force as a useful resource for countries. It was noted that WHO and UNDP planned to develop a further set of briefs for other non-health sectors. Agencies that wanted to have their logo in any of the briefs were encouraged to let the Task Force Secretariat know. There was also a discussion on how these sector briefs could be best used/adapted for UN agencies. There was also some discussion about the need to share examples of Task Force Members' country offices that are increasing their activities on NCDs.
22. WHO reminded Task Force Members that over 150 countries have requesting support on NCDs and therefore the need to develop sustainable financing for catalyzing government-led action, including effective follow up on Joint Mission recommendations.
23. Members discussed the importance of the Task Force in encouraging countries to develop platforms for scaling up collaborative action on NCDs. In the case of the UN, the Task Force was reminded that UN thematic groups are now becoming results groups. Model terms of reference (ToRs) for NCD results groups or results groups that include NCDs were agreed and would now be shared with UNCTs.
24. The Task Force welcomed the strong level of World Bank participation in joint programming missions to date and highlighted the importance of ever greater participation of the Bank at the headquarters level. The idea of a joint meeting between the World Bank, regional development banks and a small number of Task Force Members was well received. Task Force Members encouraged the World Bank to provide the background papers commissioned for 7th Meeting for the 8th Meeting.
25. The Task Force was updated on the WHO integrated country support mechanism, a WHO integrated initiative that ensures an appropriate, coordinated, and comprehensive response to support Member States which are committed to fast track progress toward achieving the nine global NCD targets by 2025, and the NCD-related SDG targets by 2030. Participants were ensured that the WHO integrated initiative will not duplicate the work of the Task Force. This was followed by a discussion on approaches that Task Force Members use to enhance working

across the different levels of their organizations. The Task Force agreed that it was important for Members that do not have country offices to have time in a future meeting to explore how they can best contribute to action at the country level, including the follow up of recommendations coming out of joint programming missions.

*Action:*

**F1.** *Develop letters from regional directors of WHO and UNDP to selected UNCTs, in follow up to the DG WHO/Administrator UNDP letters of 2012 and 2014, in order to encourage greater action at country level, starting with countries that have received Task Force missions (UNDP and WHO).*

**F2.** *Develop an update of the joint programming mission country summary reports for the 2017 WHA (Task Force Secretariat).*

**F3.** *Complete the remaining set of sector briefs (WHO, UNDP).*

**F4.** *Explore how these sector briefs can be best used/ adapted for UN agencies (WHO, UNDP in collaboration with relevant UN agencies).*

**F5.** *Disseminate the standard ToRs for the resident UN Thematic Groups through an updated “Guidance on Mainstreaming NCDs into UNDAFs”, taking into account the new UNDAF guidance which will shortly be issued by UN Development Group (UNDP and WHO).*

**F6.** *Update information on the number of UNDAFs which have included NCDs (UNDP, WHO).*

**F7.** *Finalize biennial survey on the number of countries that have included NCDs in their UNDAFs in order to have the results incorporated in the global NCD report 2017 (UNDP, WHO).*

**F7.** *Identify and share with the Task Force the list of countries where World Bank loans that include NCDs are in the pipeline (World Bank).*

**F8.** *Include countries in future Joint Programming Missions that are developing World Bank loans that include NCDs in order to identify how the broader UN system, particularly at the level of the UNCT, can add value to the way that governments will use these loans (World Bank and Task Force Secretariat).*

**F9.** *Convene a meeting of the World Bank, regional development banks and a small number of Task Force Members to discuss financing for NCDs (Task Force Secretariat, WB and RDBs).*

**F10.** *Identify opportunities for the Task Force representatives to join future MDBs/MFIs events to introduce the work being carried out and explore opportunities to jointly support national efforts to tackle NCDs (EBRD).*

**F11.** *World Bank and the Task Force to co-host an NCD side event on the margins of the IFI Spring Meeting in 2017 (along the lines of 2016 Out of the Shadows: Making Mental Health a Global Priority), (WHO, World Bank, Task Force Secretariat).*

## G. UPDATES ON EXISTING WORK STREAMS

### Physical activity

26. WHO provided a progress update on action on physical activity since the Sixth Meeting including work in Paraguay and Tonga under the Task Force as well as actions across the organization to enhance physical activity and healthy eating under “Walk the Talk -initiative”. Task Force Members updated one another on action that they are taking in this area.
27. Members were informed about the progress with regard to the “Quality Physical Education (QPE) Policy Guidelines” - project, implemented by UNESCO together with WHO, UNICEF, UNDP and IOC in five countries. The recent International Workshop on QPE reiterated the need for stronger involvement of WHO country offices in the project to ensure that the fight against NCDs is integrated within the revised QPE policies.

### Tobacco

28. Members reviewed progress since the Sixth Meeting. The model policy for agencies of the United Nations system on preventing tobacco industry interference developed by the Convention Secretariat with inputs from WHO, and shared at the Sixth Task Force Meeting, was considered again at the Seventh Meeting. Members of the Task Force were grateful for the work that had gone into the development of the model policy. Task Force Members concurred that the model policy now could be made available to Task Force agencies to consider its use in line with their respective mandates upon consultation with and agreement of their relevant constituencies and/or governing bodies, as appropriate<sup>1</sup>. WTO<sup>2</sup> and WIPO secretariats abstained from any decision on the model policy.
29. Some Members asked whether tobacco investment is included in the UN pension fund portfolio. While this was not thought to be the case, there was a request for clarification.
30. The Convention Secretariat updated Members on plans for the upcoming 7th Conference of the Parties to the FCTC, New Delhi, 7-11 November 2016.

### *Action:*

**G1. Develop a compilation of best-practices on physical activity to be shared among Task Force Members before the Eighth Task Force Meeting (WHO).**

**G2. WHO physical activity experts to visit Geneva-based UN agencies to share experience on promoting physical activity (WHO, Task Force Members).**

**G3. Include in the Eighth Task Force Meeting a discussion on how to include healthy living and wellbeing in UN agencies through the UN System Chief Executive Board (Task Force Secretariat).**

**G4. Individual agencies consider adopting or adapting the model policy for agencies of the United Nations system on preventing tobacco industry interference acting in accordance with their**

<sup>1</sup> The ILO as a tripartite UN agency, which brings together government, employer and worker representatives of 187 member States, has to consult with its tripartite constituents on the scope and implications of the draft model policy. Pending the outcome of such consultations, the ILO will not be able to express its position on the model policy.

<sup>2</sup> The WTO Secretariat is governed by specific rules requiring a high level of integrity and independence from external influence that are contained in the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the WTO and the WTO Staff Rules and Regulations, including detailed provisions on Standards of Conduct, and, in particular concerning procedures for the settlement of disputes between WTO Members, the Rules of conduct for the understanding on rules and procedures governing the settlement of disputes (WT/DSB/RC/1). In light of the need to maintain strict neutrality and independence in respect of the positions and interests of WTO Member governments, and its role in supporting dispute settlement, the WTO Secretariat abstained from any decision on the model policy.

*respective mandates and guided by their own conflict of interest policies.*

**G5.** *The Task Force Secretariat will invite agencies in future to describe if and how they may be using the model policy (FCTC Secretariat and UNAIDS Secretariat).*

**G6.** *The Convention Secretariat and WHO will make themselves available to support agencies that wish to use or adapt the model policy (FCTC Secretariat, WHO).*

**G7.** *Explore the opportunity of a Task Force side-event during the next World No Tobacco Day (WHO, FCTC Convention Secretariat, Task Force Secretariat).*

**G8.** *Seek clarification on whether tobacco is included in the UN pension fund portfolio (WHO).*

**G9.** *Informal group to continue working on the fact sheet on NCDs, gender and human rights to report at the Eighth Task Force meeting (UN Women, OHCHR, WHO).*

**G10.** *Develop a sustainable approach for including legal and human rights perspectives in future joint or follow up country missions (Task Force Secretariat, WHO, UNDP and IDLO).*

**G11.** *NCDs and human rights policy brief to be circulated among Task Force Members for comments with an informal group developing a final revision for publication by the end of 2016 (OHCHR, UNDP, IDLO, WHO).*

**G12.** *On the margins of the Eighth Task Force Meeting organize a seminar on NCDs, human rights and law, and its implication for UN agency policy and programming, including how to use the policy brief in 2017 (Task Force Secretariat, OHCHR, WHO, UNDP and IDLO).*

## **H. UPDATES FROM OTHER AGENCIES**

31. The Task Force was briefed on a number of initiatives since the Sixth Task Force Meeting and upcoming events. These included: (i) a symposium on HIV/AIDS and NCDs co-organized by UNAIDS and New York Academy of Sciences, in May 2016; and (ii) the side event during the IAEA General Conference on the global joint cervical cancer programme.

32. UNESCO described plans for the 6th International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport, MINEPS VI (Kazan, Russian Federation, 5-7 July 2017) and invited Task Force Members to take part in informal expert groups that will be established in November 2016 to contribute to the conference outcome documents.

### **Action:**

**H1.** *Work with selected Task Force Members on specific opportunities to raise NCDs into governing body discussions and events in 2016 and 2017 (Task Force Secretariat).*

**H2.** *The Eighth Task Force Meeting to consider the relationship between substance use beyond the harmful use of alcohol and NCDs and the implications for the work of the Task Force. In line with the outcome document "Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem", <http://www.unodc.org/postungass2016/> (UNODC).*

## **I. AMBASSADORS/ENVOYS/SDG ADVOCATES DISCUSSIONS**

33. Members agreed with a WHO proposal that considers using its ambassadors/special envoys (as well as SDG advocates) for the work of the Task Force.

### *Action:*

- I1. WHO to conduct at due diligence on the existing SG-appointed Sustainable Goals Advocates and share results with Task Force (WHO).*
- I2. Interested Task Force Members to propose existing Goodwill Ambassadors who would be able to talk about the work of the Task Force (All).*
- I3. WHO's Global Ambassador on NCDs to be invited to highlight the results of the Task Force (WHO).*

## **J. 2016-2017 WORK PLAN: PLANS FOR 2016 REPORTING**

34. Task Force Members agreed to provide an interim report on the first year of the 2016-2017 work plan as well as providing any amendments and updates.

### *Action:*

- J1. Update 2016-2017 work plan for publication on the Task Force's website at the end on 2016 (Task Force Secretariat and all Members).*

## **K. PLANS FOR MEETINGS IN 2017**

35. The provisional date for the Eighth Task Force Meeting was agreed as 21 to 23 February 2017. The Meeting will be hosted by UNHCR in Geneva. One day will be devoted to tobacco control. The Ninth Task Force Meeting will be held in October 2017 with the expectation of being held outside Geneva.

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## **Annex 1: List of Participants**

### **Seventh Meeting of the UN Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs 25-27 October 2016, Geneva**

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## Annex 2: Agenda

### Seventh Meeting of the UN Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs

**Tuesday 25 – Thursday 27 October 2016**

**Venue: WHO, Geneva (Salle G)**

#### Programme

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#### DAY 1: Tuesday 25 October 2016

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| 09:00-09:10                         | <b>Welcome and introductions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 09:10-09:30                         | <b>Opening remarks</b><br>Oleg Chestnov, ADG, Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health Cluster, WHO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Agenda item 2</b><br>09:30-09:45 | <b>Review of summary of the 6th Task Force meeting (paper 02.1)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Agenda item 3</b><br>09:45-10:30 | <b>Update on global events and assignments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10:30-11:00                         | <i>Coffee</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Agenda item 4</b><br>11:00-13:00 | <b>Implications of ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2016/5 for expanding the activities of the Task Force's scope of work (paper 04.1 and 04.2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Road safety (paper 04.3)</li><li>• Mental health (paper 04.4)</li><li>• Environment (paper 04.5)</li><li>• Nutrition (paper 04.6)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                              |
| 13:00-14:00                         | <i>Lunch</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Agenda item 5</b><br>14:00-15:30 | <b>Global Joint Programmes: progress, updates and next steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catalysing multisectoral action for NCDs (paper 05.1)</li><li>• Cancer control (paper 05.2)</li><li>• Cervical cancer (paper 05.3)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 15:30-16:00                         | <i>Coffee Break</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Agenda item 6</b><br>16:00-17:00 | <b>Updates from existing and emerging thematic groups</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UNIATF Thematic Working Group on Surveillance (paper 06.1)</li><li>• UNIATF Thematic Working Group on Mental Health (paper 06.2)</li><li>• Update from the Thematic Group on Reducing the Harmful Use of Alcohol (paper 06.3)</li><li>• UNRWA work on NCDs prevention and control (paper 06.4a and 06.4b)</li><li>• NCDs in emergencies (paper 06.5a and 06.5b)</li></ul> |

## DAY 2: Wednesday 26 October 2016

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| <b>Agenda item 7</b><br>09:00-10:00   | <b>Communications: update on activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on NCD communication strategies including the Task Force (<i>paper 07.1</i>)</li><li>• Global Communication Campaign (<i>paper 07.2</i>)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Agenda item 8</b><br>10:00 – 10:30 | <b>Reports from the regional thematic groups on NCDs</b> ( <i>paper 08.1</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10:30-11:00                           | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Agenda item 9</b><br>11:00-13:00   | <b>UNIATF at the country level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joint Missions (<i>paper 09.1</i>)</li><li>• Standard terms of reference for the resident UN Thematic Groups on NCDs (<i>paper 09.2</i>)</li><li>• World Bank loans (<i>paper 09.3</i>)</li><li>• WHO's integrated country support mechanism (<i>paper 09.4</i>)</li><li>• Sectoral briefs (<i>paper 09.5a, 09.5b, 09.5c, 09.5d, 09.5e and 09.5f</i>)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 13:00-14:00                           | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Agenda item 10</b><br>14:00-15:30  | <b>Updates on work streams</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tobacco (<i>paper 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3</i>)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Agreement on the model policy for agencies of the United Nations system on preventing tobacco industry interference</li><li>▪ Preparation for COP7</li><li>▪ Progress against actions from the 6<sup>th</sup> UNIATF meeting</li><li>▪ Future activities</li></ul></li><li>• Physical activity (<i>paper 10.4</i>)</li><li>• NCDs and law (<i>paper 10.5</i>)</li><li>• NCDs, gender and human rights (<i>paper 10.6</i>)</li><li>• NCDs and right to health (<i>paper 10.7</i>)</li></ul> |
| 15:30-16:00                           | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Agenda item 11</b><br>16:00-17:15  | <b>Updates from other agencies</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## DAY 3: Thursday 27 October 2016

### 08:00-10:00 Informal Breakfast on trade and NCDs

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| <b>Agenda item 12</b><br>10:00-10:30 | <b>Ambassadors/envoys/SDG advocates discussions</b> ( <i>paper 12</i> ) |
| <b>Agenda item 13</b><br>10:30-11:00 | <b>2016-2017 workplan: plans for 2016 reporting</b> ( <i>paper 13</i> ) |
| <b>Agenda item 14</b><br>11:00-12:30 | <b>Agreement on decision and action points</b>                          |
| <b>Agenda item 15</b><br>12:30-12:50 | <b>Date and venues for 2017 and 2018 meetings</b>                       |