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To:

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RE: Invitation to attend NCD Financing Symposium and roundtable to discuss catalytic funding for NCDs on May 21, 2019 in Geneva

Dear Honorable Ambassador Victor Dolidze,

It is my great honor to invite you to attend our upcoming Health Financing Symposium for Global Health and Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs), 08:30 – 13:00 on 21 May 2019, at the Graduate Institute Geneva, Switzerland, during World Health Assembly Week.

The [Health Finance Institute](http://www.healthfinanceinstitute.org) has over recent months provided support to the WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs in taking forward a recommendation in their 2018 report, *Time to Deliver*;¹ 'The international community should consider the establishment of a multi-donor fund, to catalyze financing for the development of national NCDs and mental health responses and policy coherence at country level'.

The Political Declaration of the Third High-level Meeting included paragraphs on voluntary innovative financing mechanisms and the WHO Executive Board Paper /7 2019 also referred to voluntary innovative funding mechanisms, such as a multi-donor trust fund, building on ongoing relevant work.²

¹ <https://www.who.int/ncds/management/time-to-deliver/en/>

² https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB144/B144_CONF7-en.pdf



I understand that the Government of Georgia, through its Geneva-based mission to the UN, attended a working breakfast hosted by the Government of Kenya on 5 December 2018 where there was a discussion around a concept note for a Trust Fund that had been developed by the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs.³

The Symposium offers a unique platform for participants to learn more about traditional and innovative financing for NCDs and discuss opportunities for establishing catalytic financing for countries to develop their response for NCDs.

Confirmed speakers include high-level representatives from the World Economic Forum, World Health Organization, the Ministry of Health of Israel, the Ministry of Health of Kenya, SIDA, the G20 Health and Development Partnership, Harvard Medical School, and others.

For your information, we attach the concept note and agenda of the event. In addition, more information can be found on the two event pages, [link1](#) [link2](#), respectively.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join our event.

We remain at your disposal and truly look forward to welcoming you to our event on May 21st in Geneva.

Sincerely,

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³ <https://www.who.int/ncds/un-task-force/catalytic-flyer.pdf?ua=1>