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“Friends of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs): Supporting Member States to achieve the NCD-related Sustainable Development Goals targets”

A side event on the occasion of the UN General Assembly

Thursday, 27 September 2018, 13:15-14:30, UN Headquarters, New York, Conference Room 5

This session will review the current work of the Task Force and will agree ways to provide more effective UN system support to enable countries to scale up their responses to the NCD-related SDG targets. The session will also highlight how Member States are responding to the NCD epidemic. The side event will review how the Task Force, Member States and other development partners are responding to recent ECOSOC resolutions regarding the work of the NCD Task Force.

Objectives

- Critically review how the UN system is responding to Member States' demands for technical assistance to address the NCD-related SDG targets.
- Hear how Member States are developing whole-of-government responses to the NCD-related SDG targets and what are the main challenges being faced.
- Assess how the UN system should scale up its support to Member States.

Keynote speakers

- Maithripala Sirisena, President of Sri Lanka
- Veronika Skvortsova, Minister of Healthcare, Russian Federation
- Head of delegation, UAE (TBC)
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO
- Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, UNAIDS
- Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP (TBC)
- José Graziano da Silva, Director-General, FAO

Panellists

The following have been invited to speak

- Head of delegation, USA
- Prime Minister, Barbados
- President, Zambia
- Head of delegation, UK
- Head of delegation, Philippines
- Prime Minister, Jamaica
- Johan Carlson, Director General, Public Health Agency, Sweden

Special features

- Task Force members will describe opportunities to mobilize domestic and international financing for the NCD-related SDG targets.
- The 2017 Task Force awards will be announced.

For more information, please contact UN Task Force Secretariat, Email: unnctdtaskforce@who.int

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