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Call for interest to host the General Meeting of the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on Noncommunicable Diseases

The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and has the honour to invite them to express their interest to host the General Meeting of the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on Noncommunicable Diseases (GCM/NCD). The call for interest is made pursuant to paragraph 4 of the modalities for the General Meeting of the GCM/NCD, which can be found as Appendix 1 to Annex 3 of the document A68/11.¹ The General Meeting is proposed to take place in the last week of October 2018 or the first half of November 2018.

Member States wishing to express their interest to host the General Meeting may kindly send an email to gcmncd@who.int, by 12 February 2018.

In line with the above-mentioned modalities, the General Meeting will convene all GCM/NCD participants: Member States; organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations, and non-State actors (nongovernmental organizations, private sector entities, philanthropic foundations and academic institutions).²

The General Meeting will address how governments can facilitate and enhance coordination of activities, multistakeholder engagement and action across sectors. It will also provide an opportunity to highlight action and progress made in mobilizing multistakeholder partnerships to share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources to complement the efforts of Governments to reduce risk factors for NCDs in an integrated manner, strengthen health care and to achieve the nine voluntary global NCDs targets for 2025, as well as SDG target 3.4 for NCDs for 2030.

The General Meeting will also enable GCM/NCD participants to review the results of the preliminary evaluation of the GCM/NCD, mandated in paragraph 19 of the GCM/NCD Terms of Reference.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States the assurance of his highest consideration.

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¹ Available at http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA68/A68_11-en.pdf.

² In line with the WHO Framework for Engagement with non-State Actors, available at http://www.who.int/about/collaborations/non-state-actors/A69_R10-FENSA-en.pdf?ua=1.