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WHO Global Dialogue on Partnerships for Sustainable Financing of Noncommunicable Disease (NCD) Prevention and Control

The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and has the honour to invite them to the WHO Global Dialogue on Partnerships for Sustainable Financing of Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD) Prevention and Control to be hosted by the Government of Denmark in Copenhagen, Denmark from 9 to 11 April, 2018.

The **goal** of the Global Dialogue is to share information on existing and potential sources of finance and development cooperation at the local, national, regional and global levels, and explore new opportunities for multistakeholder and multisectoral partnerships in order to catalyse action for effective national NCD responses. The outcome of the Conference will be a concise report with implementable recommendations.

The Dialogue will bring together up to 300 participants, including representatives of Member States, development agencies, UN organizations, programmes and funds, and relevant non-State actors (NGOs, academic institutions, philanthropic foundations and private sector entities).

In view of the theme of the Global Dialogue, Member States are encouraged to nominate up to two senior level representatives, one from the health sector and the other from the Ministry of Finance. A formal letter including the name(s), affiliation and contact details of the nominee(s) should be sent by email to the GCM Secretariat at ncddialogue2018@who.int **by 9 March 2018**.

To facilitate broad participation in the Global Dialogue, and in accordance with resolution WHA50.1, special consideration will be given to Member States classified as **“least developed countries” (LDC)** by the United Nations. WHO will cover an economy class airfare by the most direct route to Copenhagen, as well as accommodation including breakfast, for the duration of the Dialogue for one delegate from each least developed country. Member States from countries included in the UN LDC list who wish to request for travel support should send an email to ncddialogue2018@who.int no later than **9 March 2018**, including a copy of the letter from their Government indicating the name, affiliation and contact details for the participant to be supported.

Documentation for the Dialogue, including brochure, programme structure, provisional agenda and organizational arrangements will be posted at www.who.int/copenhagen2018 in due course.

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

GENEVA, 15 February 2018