



Caribbean CIVIL SOCIETY Regional Preparatory Meeting

In preparation for the
GLOBAL NCD ALLIANCE FORUM

June 6th, 2015 | Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Barbados

CONCEPT NOTE & PROGRAMME

This meeting is supported by the NCD Alliance as part of the Expanding Access to Care, Supporting Global, regional and Country level NCD Action Programme in partnership with Medtronic Philanthropy.



The NCD Alliance is led by:



Background

In September 2013, the Healthy Caribbean Coalition (HCC) was awarded a grant under the NCD Alliance / Medtronic Philanthropy programme “Strengthening Health Systems, Supporting NCD Action”. The programme was aimed at strengthening national and regional civil society NCD advocacy efforts in Brazil, South Africa and key Caribbean Community Countries (CARICOM) to raise demand and advocate to governments to strengthen health systems through an integrated approach to action on NCDs. The HCC is currently in its third year of funding under this programme. As one of only four regional NCD alliances globally, and a longstanding partner of the NCD Alliance, the HCC was invited to represent Caribbean civil society at a Global NCD Alliance Forum in November 2015. This meeting forms one of the deliverables of the current NCDA grant, and provides a platform for Caribbean civil society and key partners, to convene in preparation for the upcoming November meeting.

The NCD Alliance

The NCD Alliance unites over 2,000 civil society organisations from 170 countries by a vision of a future free from preventable suffering and death caused by NCDs. The NCD Alliance convenes the NCD civil society community, provides thought leadership on global policy, sets priorities for the global NCD response, and mobilises civil society action at national and regional levels.

As part of its commitment to national action, the NCD Alliance is bringing together a growing network of over 25 national NCD alliances and 4 regional NCD alliances. These alliances are providing important platforms to advocate for improved coverage of NCD interventions, patient empowerment and stronger health systems within their countries. These civil society alliances are partners to governments, and particularly Ministries of Health (MoH) and NCD focal points – providing expertise to the MoH, maintaining momentum on NCDs at the national level, and in some cases, providing NCD prevention and treatment services for populations in need.

The Global NCD Alliance Forum

The NCD Alliance is committed to supporting and strengthening the network of regional and national NCD Alliances to maintain momentum on NCDs at national, regional and global levels. To this end, the NCD Alliance plans to convene a forum for national/regional NCD alliances – the Global NCD Alliance Forum. The forum will be the first of its kind, bringing together representatives from national and regional NCD alliances from across the world to build a sense of community, share experiences and good practice, support organizational strengthening, stimulate collaboration, identify network-wide priorities and facilitate advocacy planning.

The forum aims to bring together representatives from the network of national/regional alliances for the first time. The forum will provide a timely opportunity to convene NCD

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The forum will be organized under the banner theme of “NCD Advocacy and Accountability in the Post-2015 Era” and will focus on three key areas:

- Organisational development. What do civil society organisations and their NCD alliances need to function optimally and enable effective and sustainable NCD advocacy efforts?
- Advocacy and accountability – driving change and demanding action. What are concrete examples, challenges, best practices and opportunities in advocating for accountability; NCDs as a priority issue; National NCD plans/targets and multisectoral mechanisms?
- Twinning – collaborations for success. How can collaborations between alliances maximize their advocacy impact?

Regional Preparatory Meetings

To ensure the forum meets the needs of national/regional NCD alliances, the NCD Alliance will be conducting in the first half of 2015 a comprehensive participatory needs assessment of civil society NCD alliances aimed at creating a knowledge base and an impetus for civil society strengthening initiatives in the field of NCDs. The participatory needs assessment will include surveys, interviews and workgroup discussions. The workgroup discussions will take part at civil society regional preparatory meetings organised by regional alliances in the first half of 2015, as part of the lead up to the forum. The findings of the needs assessment will inform the forum capacity building content as well as the NCD Alliance’s future strategy and work with the regional/national NCD Alliance network.

The HCC Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting

The HCC will be hosting the Caribbean Regional Preparatory meeting in Barbados on June 6th, 2015. The meeting will be ½ day meeting bringing together health and non-health civil society stakeholders.

Meeting Goal, Objectives & Expected Outcomes

The aim of the meeting is to gain consensus from Caribbean civil society around regional NCD advocacy priorities, in preparation for the Global NCD Alliance Forum: “NCD Advocacy and Accountability in the Post-2015 Era” to be held in November 2014.

The **objectives** of the meeting are:

1. To share experiences, challenges, lessons learnt and best practices.
2. To stimulate a multisectoral approach to NCD prevention and control by fostering collaborations between civil society and other key NCD stakeholders in the region.
3. To explore, nurture and support incipient national alliances' in the Caribbean
4. To strengthen the regional NCD advocacy capacity
 - a. To map out NCD advocacy activities per country
 - b. To define NCD advocacy priorities for the region and develop common objectives for national/regional action.
 - c. To stimulate regional collaboration in advocacy

The expected **outputs** and **outcomes** are:

1. A Profile of civil society experiences, challenges, lessons learnt and best practices.
2. A Map of NCD advocacy activities across the region including a SWOT analysis.
3. Guidance on mechanisms for civil society to lead on multisectoral partnerships.

Participants & Beneficiaries

Participants at the meeting will be representatives of: Caribbean civil society organisations including academia; representatives of national NCD Commissions; regional governments; regional public health institutions; and the private sector.

Sponsors & Partners

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Meeting Programme

MEETING PROGRAMME JUNE 6, 2015 COURTYARD MARRIOTT, BARBADOS		
TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
8.15am – 8.30 am	REGISTRATION	
8.30am – 8.35 am	Official Welcome and Opening Remarks & Introductions	Dr. Victor Coombs HCC Director
8.35am – 8.55 am	The NCD Alliance and the Global NCD Alliance Forum The Regional Preparatory Meeting – Objectives and Expected Outcomes	Dr. Cary Adams NCD Alliance
8.55am – 9.00 am	HCC: Supporting CSO led NCD Advocacy and Action	Maisha Hutton HCC
Profiling Caribbean Civil Society: Capacity and Contribution to the NCD Agenda <i>Moderators: Sir Trevor Hassell/Mrs. Maisha Hutton</i>		

9.00 am – 9.20 am	Civil Society Organisations – Experiences, Challenges, Lessons Learnt & Best Practices ORGANISATIONAL BREAKOUT SESSION Capacity/ Advocacy / Reduction of risk factors/ Systems and delivery of NCD services/ Surveillance, monitoring and accountability/ Patient engagement	
9.20 am – 9.40 am	Organisational Experiences CSO PRESENTATIONS	
9.40 am – 9.55 am	Consensus on key challenges, successes, lessons learnt and best practices for Caribbean Civil Society DISCUSSION	
9.55 am – 10.15 am	How Can Civil Society Better Engage Each Other? Strategies for Engagement. Exploring the Formation of National Alliances of Health NGOs in the Caribbean DISCUSSION	
10.15 am – 10.30 am	HEALTH BREAK	
	Mapping Caribbean Civil Society NCD Advocacy <i>Moderators: Dr. Victor Coombs/Dr. Mortimer Moxey</i>	
10.30 am – 10.40 am	The role for advocacy among civil society in the Caribbean – realities, evidence, experiences and the future. - <i>Caribbean Civil Society Organisations Statement of Commitment on HSS</i> PRESENTATION	
10.40 am – 11.10 am	Mapping of National and Regional NCD Advocacy Activities and Priorities COUNTRY GROUP BREAKOUT SESSION	
11.10 am – 11.30 am	NCD Advocacy Activities and Priorities GROUP PRESENTATIONS	
11.30 am – 12.00 pm	Consensus on national and regional NCD Advocacy Activities and Priorities and Resources Required DISCUSSION	
	Civil Society and Multisectoral Partnerships	
12.00 pm – 12.30 pm	Civil society as Conveners of multisectoral partnerships around NCDs – challenges, successes, lessons learnt and the way forward Working with governments/ private sector/ academia PRESENTATION & DISCUSSIONS	Mrs. Maisha Hutton/ Sir Trevor Hassell
12.30 pm – 12.45pm	Closing comments	Sir George Alleyne, NCD Alliance
12.45pm – 1.00pm	Evaluation & Wrap up	Mrs. Maisha Hutton/ Sir Trevor Hassell
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	LUNCH	
2.00 pm	WORKSHOP CLOSES	