• The significance of the Port of Spain Declaration on Non-Communicable Diseases

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INTRODUCTION

• Summit held on 15 September 2007 in port of Spain, Trinidad;
• Issued 15 point Declaration with 26 Commitments;
• PAHO/CARICOM Steering Ctte formed in June 2012
• Agreement for Review of Implementation of POS after five years
Principal Architects
Clusters of Issues

- Governance
- Tobacco Control
- Nutrition
- Physical Activity
- Education and Promotion
- Surveillance
- Treatment
Achievements

- Regional NCD Plan and review in 2011
- Monitoring and Evaluation framework
- POS Progress Indicator Tool
- Chronic Care Policy incl PHC Policy Review
- Manuals for Hypertension, Diabetes and Asthma
- BRFS surveys

CARIBBEAN WELLNESS DAY – “a wellness revolution”
Progress to POS

- Second time that Heads of Government gave such high profile to Health;
- 2001 Nassau Bahamas they adopted “the Health of the region is the Wealth of the Region”
- It emanated two years after the Caribbean Commission on Health and Development presented their seminal report identifying NCDs as the most prevalent, with the highest mortality and disability consequences (burden to social development)
Significance of POS

• Previously the development agenda has been dominated by the UN Millennium Development goals

• Eight in number derived from Prof. Jeffrey Sachs’ Human Development Report.

• Adopted in 2000 UNGASS set the global socioeconomic development agenda to 2015

• At UNGASS 2000 the global agenda for health and development was set.
Significance of POS

• MDG 4, 5 and 6 were crafted for health
• Addressed Child Health, Maternal Health and Endemic Diseases (HIV/AIDS, Tb and Malaria)
• It set the agenda for Health Development Assistance
• Establishment of two prominent funding mechanisms – GAVI and Global Fund
• It also put a ring around the aid flows almost totally restricting them to the UN themes in 4, 5 and 6
Significance of POS

- In 2007 the Declaration of Port of Spain, “Uniting to Stop the Epidemic of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases
- It was included in the conclusions of the Summit of the Americas in April 2009 in PoS;
- At the 2009 Meeting of CHOGM, there was full statement in Support of the Promotion of the importance of NCDs and situating them in the global development agenda
- The approval at the UN on 13 May, 2010 of a Resolution A/64/L.52 to convene a high level meeting on the global burden of NCDs.
- The UNHLM and its Political Declaration in September 2011 in New York gave fiat to a broader appreciation of the Multisectorality of NCDs
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Commitment #1,2,4,14
TO 2015

• The MDGS come due
• A new development paradigm being sought
• NCDs among three health sector priorities
• Caribbean Caucus of Permanent Reps in NY a significant force as before
• The Region needs to deliver on the POS commitments to continue leadership
• Civil Society can make a difference
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Thank You