

HCC Caribbean NCD Forum

**Supporting National Advocacy
towards the 2018 UNHLM on NCDs**

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**Global and Regional processes in preparation
for the 2018 HLM – Caribbean perspectives –
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Introduction

- **Port of Spain Declaration August 2007 – 15 Point Declaration – First in the World Head of Government Summit;**
- **Global Advocacy Commonwealth Heads of Government sensitization: Uganda November 2007**
- **Regional Summit of the Americas April 2009;**
- **Commonwealth Heads of Government challenged in Nov 2009 Communique;**
- **Engagement of the United Nations through Resolution 64/265**

Steps to 2007

- UN MDGS 2001;
- Nassau Declaration 21 Meeting of Conference: “Health of the Region is the Wealth of the Region”;
- Report of the CARICOM Commission on Health and Development 2005;
- Trinidad workshop on the burden of NCDs 2006

Preparing the POS Summit

- **2006 July Meeting of the Conference of Heads agreed to a Regional Meeting**
- **2007 Feb Intersessional: PM Manning agreed to host meeting;**
- **Cdn. PM agreed to provide \$200,000 from Ministry of Health and PHAC to organise Meeting**
- **PAHO gave tangible support**

Advocacy for a UN Meeting

- **Advocacy by Ministers of Health for recognition of the creeping global epidemic of NCDs at ACP meeting of Ministers October 2007**
- **Inclusion of specific language on NCDs in outcome document of Americas Summit 2009 POS;**
- **Tremendous advocacy at the Meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government, POS - 2009**
- **Advocacy with the UN resolution 64/265.**

Preparing the High Level Meeting

- Mexico Meeting of the Americas on 23-25 Feb 2011. CARICOM proved formidable negotiator with US
- Appointment of the Jamaica as a co-Chair of the Modalities negotiation and the Outcome document;
- PAHO's assistance solicited for support of the CARICOM PRs in their responsibility of Chairing G 77 which represented the interests of developing countries in the negotiation of the Political Declaration
- Russian Federation organised the Global Prepcom for the High-Level meeting April 2011 with support for WHO Euro

CARICOM's Specific role at HLM

- Acceptance of the role of lead plenary presenter;
- Chair of one of the UN side events
- Organisation of CARICOM sponsored side event with the participation other global leaders – Kenya and Australia;

Continued Recognition of CARICOM

- Caribbean continued to co-chair the preparation of the 2014 High Level Meeting to Review the implementation modalities for the 2011 Political Declaration;
- The participation at the HLM 2014 seemed to have been relegated to Ministers of Health;
- In 2012 CARICOM at the WHA 65, successfully proposed the acceptance of the 25% reduction of in NCD Mortality by 2025 with Barbados chairing the NCD working group at the WHA 2012 and until WHA 2013;
- CARICOM influence after 2014 to advance the global NCD policy agenda seems to have waned.

Can CARICOM Continue to Lead?

- The Caribbean has been severely challenged to implement required measures to meet the NCD global targets.
- Its signal achievement after 2011 was the adoption of a Regional standard for tobacco labelling by the Council for Trade and Economic Development which has become mired in lassitude and sloth in implementation at the national level
- Australia and Uruguay have been global beacons for the adoption of plain tobacco packaging. 4 CC Member States have brand new legislation on tobacco control but without implementable regulations;
- In terms of advances in regulating sugar sweetened beverages only Barbados has found the wherewithal to advance that agenda,

Regional Policy Alignment

- **The complexities of moving the multi-stakeholder agenda forward in order to control NCDs have proved a challenge to our Region. It is clear that size and resources have been the ultimate stumbling block to advance the NCD prevention agenda. Whilst the Taskforce on NCD control will reproduce the elements of functional cooperation in our Region, we are not able to pay to play as Uruguay which has been a co-chair alongside Italy to prepare the modalities resolution for the 2018 NCD Summit**

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 Thank You