The Healthy Caribbean Coalition
6 Key Asks of CARICOM Heads of Government and State

Leading up to 3rd UN High Level Meeting on NCDs Sept 27-18

01. Commit to provide strong global, regional and national leadership on NCD prevention and control and further commit to attend the 3rd UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs on September 27th, 2018.

02. Include a statement of commitment to attend the 3rd UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs in the official Communiqué from the Thirty-Ninth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), held July 4-6 2018.

03. Support HCC’s regionally endorsed NCD advocacy priorities for inclusion in the 3rd High-Level Meeting on NCDs outcome document.

04. Support one or more CARICOM Heads of Government or State to have a lead role in at least one of the multi-stakeholder panels at the 3rd High-Level Meeting on NCDs.

05. Support the hosting of an event on the margins of the 3rd High-Level Meeting on NCDs led by CARICOM Heads of Government as was done in 2011 at the 1st UN HLM on NCDs.

06. Endorse the inclusion of a representative from a Civil Society Organisation (CSO) on country delegations to the 3rd UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs in recognition that the NCD epidemic requires a

HCC Advocacy Priorities for the 3rd UN High Level Meeting on NCDs

1. Put People First
   - The most affected by NCDs need to be at the centre of decision making around NCD policy and programming.

2. Boost Financing for NCD prevention and control
   - NCDs are a growing global health burden, and increasing risks which cannot be sustained by our fragile economies.

3. Step up action on childhood obesity
   - Childhood obesity is an urgent priority and global issue which demands to understand the role of policy making and then take action.

4. Adopt Smart Fiscal Policies that Promote Health
   - Taxes on unhealthy commodities, namely tobacco, alcohol and fats, which are a key component of non-communicable diseases.

5. Save lives through equitable access to NCD treatment and care
   - Improve access to high quality health care in a basic framework.

6. Improve accountability for progress, results and resources spent on NCDs
   - Countries need to demonstrate how they are effectively managing resources and maximising their impact.

7. Strengthen post disaster health response systems to provide NCD treatment and care in disaster settings
   - In times of mass displacement, recognising the unique and variations of NCDs in the context of acute change.

8. Eradicate Cervical Cancer
   - To height the burden of cervical cancer throughout the region.

9. Make the Caribbean a Smoke Free Zone
   - Through full compliance with Article 8 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, which would mean the boundaries are smoke-free.