



WHO Executive Board EB152

Agenda item 6 | Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

Honourable chair, distinguished delegates,

I speak on behalf of the World Medical Association which represents 9 million physicians worldwide.

The COVID-19 pandemic has stalled national and global efforts to prevent and control NCDs. It is evident that the root causes lie in underfinanced and/or poorly governed health systems, resulting in an overburdened health workforce and a slow integration of NCD prevention and care into universal health coverage (UHC) benefit packages.

To achieve the NCD targets, we call on Member States to:

- advance global and national policies and actions to provide the full continuum of care for people living with NCDs, in line with UHC principles and with a focus on integrated primary health care.
- Continue to promote a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to NCDs, breaking down siloed approaches to financing, regulation and implementation, and strengthening the health workforce and infrastructure.

Thank You