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A. Objectives and participating agencies

1. The nineteenth meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (Task Force) was held by videoconference on 1–3 November 2022. Twenty-two Task Force Member organizations participated.¹ Representatives of WHO and OHCHR co-chaired the meeting. The agenda and list of participants are included as Annex 1 and Annex 2.
2. The main objectives of the meeting were to: (i) review progress on actions agreed at the eighteenth meeting (29–31 March 2022); (ii) receive updates on joint programmes and other workstreams; and (iii) agree actions to scale up multisectoral support to countries in line with global, regional and national priorities and commitments.

B. Review of the summary of the eighteenth meeting and updates from members

3. The Task Force Secretariat described progress against actions agreed at the eighteenth meeting (Annex 3).
4. The Convention Secretariat, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF expressed interest in joining a group of Task Force members to monitor and evaluate the Task Force Strategy 2022–2025 as part of preparations for the fourth high-level meeting in 2025.
5. OHCHR organized a side-event on the prevention and treatment of NCDs as a human rights concern during the 51st Session of the Human Rights Council (29 September 2022), involving senior management of both OHCHR and IDLO.
6. OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNDP, UNEP, UN-Habitat and UNODC provided short updates on their activities since the previous Task Force meeting.

Actions

B1. Members of the Task Force 2022–2025 Task Force Strategy monitoring and evaluation group to agree their activities and approach (Convention Secretariat, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO and Task Force Secretariat)

B2. Task Force Secretariat to continue to engage with senior management and governing bodies of individual agencies to identify more opportunities to highlight the work of the Task Force (UNDP, UNEP, UN-HABITAT, UNFPA, UNHCR and Task Force Secretariat).

¹ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Development Law Organization (IDLO), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Office of Migration (IOM), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United Nations Nutrition (UN Nutrition), UN World Food Programme (WFP), UNITAID, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Secretariat (Convention Secretariat), World Health Organization (WHO), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

C. Update on non-communicable disease events

7. The Task Force received an update from WHO on global events and assignments related to NCDs and mental health. These include preparatory work for the 4th High-level Meeting on NCDs in 2025, activities in small island developing states (SIDS), the SIDS High-level technical meeting on NCDs and Mental Health in January 2023, progress in positioning NCDs in humanitarian settings on the Global Health Security Agenda and the WHO Global High-level Meeting on NCDs in Emergencies in June 2023.

Actions

C1. Task Force Secretariat to work with WHO to plan how the UN system can contribute to preparation of the fourth high-level meeting in 2025 and then to ensure that Task Force members provide timely, effective input (WHO, Task Force Secretariat, other members of the Task Force). *See also F1.*

C2. Task Force Secretariat to work with WHO to identify how Task Force members can make timely, effective contributions to the upcoming SIDS High-level Technical Meeting on NCDs and Mental Health (17–19 January 2023) and Ministerial Conference (June 2023), regional consultations (first regional technical meeting 13–15 December 2022, Cairo, Egypt) and the global high-level meeting on NCDs in emergencies in 2023 (WHO, Task Force Secretariat, other members of the Task Force). *See also F1.*

D. Update on the Health4Life Fund

8. The Health4Life Secretariat, UNDP and UNICEF provided an update on the Health4Life Fund. Bilateral meetings with Member States were held during the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly. During the Seventy-seventh United Nations General Assembly, Aspen Global Innovators Group announced a commitment to help the Fund raise US\$ 5 million over 3 years, Unexia announced an innovative financing mechanism to commit US\$ 50 million over 5 years, and Soroptimist International Federation of Africa committed themselves to advocate and raise funds for H4LF Pillar 4 (elimination of cervical cancer). Three foundation documents (governance arrangements, a resource mobilization strategy and operational guidance) have been developed and agreed by the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee has been extended to include two civil society partners, NCD Alliance and United for Global Mental Health, as observers. Illustrative proposals from eight countries are being prepared to provide examples to investors and donors on how funds may be used.

Action

D1. Human Rights Group to provide inputs into future policies, strategies and programming of the Health4Life Fund, including the illustrative proposals (Task Force Human Rights Group).

E. Updates on joint United Nations activities on non-communicable diseases and mental health

9. OHCHR presented a human rights-based approach to data consisting of six principles that align international human rights and statistical data: participation, disaggregation, self-identification, transparency, privacy and accountability. To operationalize this approach, OHCHR provides technical assistance to States to strengthen institutional linkages and collaboration between national human rights institutions and national statistical offices to monitor and evaluate public policies from a human rights perspective.
10. WHO and UNDP provided an update on the joint programme to catalyse multisectoral action on NCDs (NCD2030). More than 40 investment cases have been developed on NCDs and mental health. Methodologies for new investment cases are being developed, including for air pollution, tobacco cessation, nutrition, alcohol control and digital health. In addition, the joint programme is supporting countries in developing fiscal policies and strengthening their health systems for universal health coverage (UHC). UNEP highlighted the ChemObs project and its potential contribution to WHO–UNDP investment cases, with the advent of two digital calculators, for risk and vulnerability and for economic cost of inaction, which are designed to support decisions on strategic priorities. These tools help decision-makers to examine, interpret and compare various aspects of chemical risk and the vulnerability of specific populations. They also allow calculation of the economic impact of inaction as the expected loss of economic productivity.
11. WHO and UNDP provided updates on the SAFER initiative. The SAFER partner Vital Strategies launched RESET Alcohol, a new US\$ 15 million collaboration among SAFER partners focusing on taxation, availability and marketing. The methodology for the alcohol control investment case is being developed, and missions were conducted in Nepal and Uganda. In Nepal, a road map will be designed in January 2023, and a landscape report on SAFER Nepal is being drafted. In Uganda, a road map has been developed, and a country SAFER monitoring system is being established.
12. UNFPA informed the Task Force that the UN Joint Action on Cervical Cancer Elimination is mapping the actions and activities and the respective indicators of UN Joint Action Group agencies in countries and has tentatively agreed on 10 high-burden countries with overlapping focuses by six UN agencies.
13. WHO and IDLO outlined the progress of the RECAP programme, which is between the first and second phase. Phase 1 comprised capacity-building activities, social mobilization and research and evidence generation. Phase 2 (2022–2025) will sustain and foster progress achieved in the first phase and pursue long-term policy changes.
14. ITU and WHO presented the digital health business case for NCDs and mental health. ECOSOC and countries had requested the Task Force to provide support for the promotion and use of evidence-based digital health programmes. The business case was conducted to find workable digital health solutions, enabling factors and the cost–effectiveness of implementing and scaling up these interventions. It will also provide case studies, raise awareness and propose practical and innovative approaches. To date, rapid literature reviews, stakeholder interviews and expert consultations have been conducted.
15. WHO provided an update on joint UN initiatives on mental health, which included the launch of the [WHO QualityRights e-training on mental health, recovery and community inclusion](#) and the publication of the World Mental Health Report, a policy brief on mental health at work and, in 2023, WHO–OHCHR guidance on mental health, human rights and

legislation. Updates were also provided on the WHO–UNICEF joint programme on the mental health, well-being and development of children and adolescents, and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee reference group on mental health and psychosocial support.

16. UN-Nutrition presented the work of the Nutrition Technical Working Group. UN-Nutrition and UNEP conducted an event at the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP 27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to include nutrition with health and the environment. Methodology for conducting investment cases has been developed, with Zimbabwe as a case study, which will be presented at the International Union of Nutritional Sciences International Congress of Nutrition in December 2022.
17. WHO described joint activities on NCDs and the environment, including work with the Mayor of London (United Kingdom), planning scaled-up action on air pollution in other cities, pilot-testing a training programme for health professionals in Ghana on air pollution and health and publishing the 2022 update of the compendium of WHO and other UN guidance on health and the environment.
18. WHO and UNHCR presented work on NCDs in emergencies and humanitarian settings. The seventy-fifth World Health Assembly (2022) included recommendations on NCD treatment and the prevention and control of risk factors in humanitarian emergencies. WHO presented its work on recommendations, the high-level technical meeting, regional meetings and the global ministerial meeting on NCDs and emergencies. WHO's work as part of the incident management support team in Ukraine was described, as was the donation and procurement of NCD medicines and technologies and establishment of mobile medical teams for NCDs; a joint WHO–IAEA mission on cancer is being discussed. The WHO high-level technical meeting and the first regional consultation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region on NCDs in emergencies will be held on 13–15 December 2022.
19. WHO, UNAIDS and the Global Fund presented the work of the Joint Interagency Working Group on Comorbidities. WHO has updated its technical information notes and operational guidance to include NCDs. The next phase is to support development of proposals in a selected group of countries. The Working Group promotes and supports inclusion of comorbidities in countries' funding requests to the Global Fund. The Working Group is supporting development of Global Fund guidance and modular templates, mapping opportunities for sensitization of stakeholders, providing technical support at country and regional level, identifying interventions and activities with the most potential effect for inclusion in Global Fund funding proposals and working with consultants in supporting countries' funding requests to the Global Fund.
20. United for Global Mental Health presented working group activities regarding Global Fund funding for mental health. They are finalizing a toolkit for national partners to participate in designing, delivering and monitoring integrated mental health programming for HIV and TB, launching e-learning on integrating mental health into HIV and TB programming, conducting a strategic engagement work plan for the 16 priority countries and supporting the Global Fund in updating their guidance on integration of mental health into HIV programming.
21. WHO presented their work on health taxes. In 2022, they published a book on health taxes and a WHO-IPU brief for parliamentarians. To be published later this year or in 2023 are WHO manuals on taxes on sugar-sweetened beverages and alcohol and a monitoring

framework for health taxes.

22. OHCHR reported on progress in the work of the human rights team. To promote greater understanding and synergies between NCDs and human rights, they have developed messages to assist policy-makers in integrating human rights into NCDs and mental health policies and a summary of advocacy messages on NCDs and human rights to support Task Force members in messaging and providing language that can be used by agencies.

Actions

E1. Full briefing on SAFER to be given to Task Force members, including lessons learnt and opportunities for engagement with the wider UN system, including at the country level (SAFER Secretariat).

E2. NCD2030: (i) explore opportunities to provide support to countries in strengthening anti-corruption initiatives in their response to NCDs and mental health conditions; (ii) explore opportunities to support countries in embedding health taxes into development of integrated national financing frameworks and development financing assessments to build on the investment cases made to date; (iii) explore opportunities for mobilizing resources in order to collaborate with UNEP on calculating risk, vulnerability and the economic cost of inaction in the context of integrated national financial and development frameworks; and (iv) NCD2030 to host in early 2023 a meeting on hybrid investment cases for economists (UN and others) for all those that have been involved (or wish to become involved) in investment cases (Task Force Secretariat, UNDP, WHO).

E3. Digital health: (i) finalize the digital health business case for NCDs and mental health; and (ii) consider developing a partnership(s) to promote national use of digital health (ITU, Task Force Secretariat, WHO).

E4. RECAP to provide both regulatory and fiscal input into the preparation and reports of the upcoming Financing for Development high-level meeting (RECAP and WHO Office in New York City).

E5. Mental health: Task Force members to support countries that have completed a national mental health investment case to maximize opportunities for implementing the investment case findings and recommendations.

E6. Mental health: Task Force members to support, through their country offices or focal points, promotion of the inclusion of mental health in Global Fund applications and other funding opportunities (e.g., COVID-19 recovery, health system strengthening).

E7. Nutrition Working Group: to (i) agree activities for 2023, including for the high-level meeting on UHC 2023; (ii) discuss how to integrate a nutrition, human rights and legal community of practice into broader human rights work to enhance efficiency; (iii) after COP27, agree on follow-up actions with the environment working group; and (iv) report back on investment case work at the investment case partners meeting.

E8. UN-Nutrition to report on progress in the Coalition of Action on healthy diets from Sustainable Food Systems for Children and All.

E9. Informal interagency group on NCDs in humanitarian settings to invite selected Task Force members to join the group (UNHCR, WHO).

E10. Joint programme and initiatives to report on progress at the twentieth meeting, ensuring that all reports include a least one non-WHO presenter (All).

F. Tobacco control

23. The Convention Secretariat presented its work on implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products. The Convention Secretariat organized a side-event at the 11th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Conventions against Transnational Organized Crime on the importance of the Protocol, with the Government of India and World Customs Organization (WCO) and attended the 42nd WCO Enforcement Committee and the 31st meeting of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Convention Secretariat also organized bilateral meetings with several agencies. Examples of collaboration to support the Protocol include the World Bank Global Tax Program, UNODC research on illicit trade, OECD Transparency in Free Zones, the WCO global enforcement project on tobacco smuggling and UNDP on the Protocol and the SDGs.
24. The joint WHO–WFP–FAO Tobacco-free Farms initiative shifted 1070 farmers to growing high-iron beans in its first year. The programme is to be extended to other areas in Kenya and Zambia.
25. The Convention Secretariat’s FCTC 2030 project is providing support to 17 Parties to the WHO FCTC that are eligible for official development assistance to advance sustainable development through accelerated implementation of the Convention. The support includes tobacco control policy, such as strengthening tobacco control governance, encouraging beneficiary governments in implementing time-bound measures and strengthening tobacco taxation.
26. WHO has developed a guide for nicotine- and tobacco-free schools. The guide has been pilot-tested in five countries and is being revised according to feedback, including from UNESCO and UNICEF.
27. The theme of the 2022 World No Tobacco Day was the environmental aspects of tobacco. The theme of the 2023 World No Tobacco Day campaign will be food scarcity and tobacco and how governments can be encouraged to end subsidies on tobacco growing and help farmers to change to sustainable crops.
28. The WHO Tobacco Cessation Consortium was launched on 17 October 2022 during the World Health Summit in Berlin (Germany), with strong support and participation from the WHO Director-General and leading pharmaceutical, digital, information technology and social media companies.
29. Updates were also provided on work streams related to the Tobacco-free UN Campus and

how agencies were responding to the [model policy](#). The Convention Secretariat presented case studies of the model policy that highlighted the need to identify tobacco industry front groups that access policy-makers under the guise of corporate responsibility. Further, the Convention Secretariat discussed ways of identifying tobacco industry front groups and offered support in due diligence and coordinating a concerted response among members of the Task Force to protect the integrity of UN work and prevent and address related risks to the reputations of concerned members.

Actions

Update on global events

F1. Highlight and include the importance of tobacco control and target 3.a on strengthening implementation of the WHO FCTC in the policy document of the 4th High-level Meeting on NCDs at the UN General Assembly in 2025 (Convention Secretariat, WHO, including the office in New York City). *See also C1 and C2.*

Tobacco-free UN campuses

F2. Identify administrative focal points responsible for tobacco control/smoke-free policies in the following UN campuses; Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Geneva, Rome, Nairobi, New York and Vienna, to understand current tobacco control/smoke-free policies and where required to encourage adoption of a smoke-free campus. (Convention Secretariat, Task Force Secretariat, WHO).

F3. Initiate dialogue with those in charge of managing these campuses to introduce policies to create smoke-free campuses and stop selling tobacco products and electronic nicotine delivery systems (“e-cigarettes”) and other relevant smoke-free policies (Convention Secretariat, Task Force Secretariat, WHO).

F4. Aim to achieve 100% tobacco-free UN campuses by 2025 (All).

Implementation of the Protocol

F5. Include areas of collaboration among interested members of the Task Force and opportunities identified so far in the 2023 ECOSOC Report (Convention Secretariat, Task Force Secretariat).

F6. Continue to enhance collaboration and analyse potential areas of collaboration (Convention Secretariat, OECD, UNODC, UNCTAD, World Bank, WTO, other interested members).

F7. Produce a report to assist Parties in accessing support from intergovernmental organizations (Convention Secretariat, Task Force Secretariat, UNDP, other interested members.)

Alternative livelihoods

F8. Continue to explore areas of collaboration with thematic working groups on NCDs and nutrition and NCDs and the environment (Convention Secretariat, Task Force Secretariat, WHO).

F9. Extend the project in Kenya to three new counties and to one province in Zambia, and introduce at least one new climate-safe, nutritious alternative crop to all targeted tobacco farmers, building on work of the UNDP and the Government of Zambia on alternative livelihoods (Convention Secretariat, FAO, UNDP, WFP, WHO).

F10. Include results and lessons learnt from the WHO–FAO–WFP pilot project in Kenya in the alternative livelihood toolkit (Convention Secretariat, ILO FAO, WHO).

F11. Share the toolkit once it is ready, and explore opportunities to pilot-test the toolkit in African countries (Convention Secretariat, ILO, WHO).

Model policy (Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC)

F12. The Convention Secretariat offered to alert members of the Task Force to events or activities involving interference of the tobacco industry and front groups and to support members in averting such situations in order to protect the integrity of UN work and in preventing and addressing any related risks to the reputations of concerned members (Convention Secretariat, Task Force Secretariat, WHO).

F13. Members of the Task Force to contact the Convention Secretariat when they require support in due diligence, identify who conducts due diligence and take a final decision in this regard, in the respective agencies (All).

F14. Members of the Task Force to renew their commitment to abide by the model policy and to coordinate a concerted response in protecting UN work from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry, including front groups (All).

FCTC 2030

F15. All UN agencies and other development players encouraged to engage both the health and non-health sectors to cooperate in WHO FCTC implementation as a critical part of their efforts to achieve the SDGs at national level. UN country teams can contribute to ensuring multisectoral coordination for WHO FCTC implementation, particularly in FCTC 2030 project countries (Convention Secretariat, UNDP, All members).

Tobacco-free schools

F16. Nicotine- and tobacco-free schools guide to be finalized and published.

F17. Explore further collaboration with UNICEF and UNESCO to revise the draft guide (UNESCO UNICEF, WHO).

2023 World No Tobacco Day

F18. The World No Tobacco 2023 campaign, "We need food, not tobacco", will encourage governments to end subsidies for tobacco growing and use the savings for crop substitution programmes to improve food security and nutrition.

F19. Members of the Task Force encouraged to disseminate the information and join the campaign (Convention Secretariat, FAO, WFP, WHO, all interested members).

WHO Tobacco Cessation Consortium

F20. Operationalize the WHO Tobacco Cessation Consortium, and identify projects for scaling up access to tools for quitting and medications on the WHO List of Essential Medicines.

G. Report to ECOSOC

30. Recommendations made to ECOSOC in the 2022 report included: (i) further support countries and promote joint activities between UN entities; (ii) work with bilateral, multilateral and other development partners to mobilize resources for the Multi-partner Trust Fund, and explore opportunities for new and innovative ways of mobilizing resources;

(iii) support countries in implementing their multisectoral national action plans to strengthen their health system response to health emergencies; and (iv) support Member States in intensifying use of digital health technologies for the prevention and control of NCDs and mental health conditions.

H. Task Force awards

31. The Task Force awards were announced during the Friends of the Task Force side-event at the UN General Assembly on 21 September 2022, which was attended by 350 participants.

Action

H1. Task Force Secretariat to contact members well ahead of the call for proposals to identify potential nominations for 2023 Task Force awards.

I. Dates and venues of future Task Force meetings

32. Members agreed that efforts should be made to allow participants to join the twentieth meeting in person. Offers to host the meeting included IAEA in Vienna, UNDP and UNICEF in New York City and UN Nutrition Secretariat at FAO headquarters in Rome.

Action

I1. Task Force Secretariat to arrange the next meeting of the Task Force in a hybrid form (virtual and in-person) in March 2023 and to notify Task Force members of the dates and venue.

Annex 1. Agenda

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Day 1: Tuesday 1 November 2022

Time	Agenda item	Presenters/Leads
Agenda item 1 14:30–15:00	Welcome and introductions	Werner Obermeyer (WHO) Svetlana Axelrod (WHO) Lynn Gentile (OHCHR)
Agenda item 2 15:00–15:20	Review of actions agreed at the 18th Meeting	Task Force Secretariat
Agenda item 3 15:20–15:50	Update on NCD events from WHO	Guy Fones (WHO)
Agenda item 4 15:50–16:30	Updates from members (covering areas not included elsewhere in the agenda)	UNAIDS, UNDP, UNODC, UN-Habitat, others
Agenda item 5 16:30–17:00	Update on Health4Life Fund	Health4Life Secretariat, Vinayak Prasad (WHO), Doug Webb (UNDP), Rory Nefdt (UNICEF)

Day 2: Wednesday 2 November 2022

Time	Agenda item	Presenters/Leads
Agenda item 6 14:30–17:00	Updates on joint UN activities on NCDs and mental health 1. Human rights-based approach to data 2. Catalysing multisectoral action 3. SAFER 4. Cervical Cancer 5. Global RECAP 6. Digital Health for NCDs and mental health 7. UN initiatives on mental health 8. Nutrition TWG / UN Nutrition 9. NCDs and the environment / HECCC	1. Grace Steffan (OHCHR) 2. Alexey Kulikov (WHO), Dudley Tarlton (UNDP) 3. Sarah Roache (WHO) and Dudley Tarlton/Rachael Stanton (UNDP) 4. Petra ten Hoope-Bender (UNFPA) and Ani Shakarishvili (UNAIDS) 5. Maria Chiara Campisi (IDLO) and Kathryn Roberts (WHO) 6. Jaimie Guerra (WHO), Alexey Kulikov (WHO), Hani Eskandar (ITU) 7. Dan Chisholm (WHO) and Nathalie Drew (WHO) 8. Kathryn Ogden (UN Nutrition) 9. Maria Neira (WHO)

Day 3: Thursday 3 November 2022

Time	Agenda item	Presenters/Leads
Agenda 6 (cont.) 14:30–15:15	10. NCDs in humanitarian settings 11. Working group on comorbidities 12. Health taxes 13. WG on NCDs and human rights	10. Slim Slama (WHO) and Mike Woodman (UNHCR) 11. Erin Ferenchick (United for Global Mental Health) covering mental health, and Sandra Irbe (Global Fund) and Mai Eltigany (WHO) covering NCDs 12. Angeli Vigo/Alexey Kulikov (WHO) 13. Lynn Gentil (OHCHR) and Maria Chiara Campisi (IDLO)

Agenda item 7 15:15-16:30	Tobacco control: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates from members (5 min) (members) • Smoke free UN campuses (10 min) • Implementation of the Protocol (10 min) (Convention Secretariat and members) • Alternative livelihoods (10 min) (updates from WHO and members) • Model policy (Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC) (20 min) (Convention Secretariat, UNIATF, WHO and members) • FCTC 2030 (5 min) (Convention Secretariat) • Tobacco-free schools (5 min) (WHO) • 2022 World No Tobacco Day (10 min) (WHO) 	Convention Secretariat, WHO and members of the Tobacco TWG
Agenda item 8 16:30-16:45	ECOSOC 2022 report and decision, 2023 report, Task Force Awards Dates and venues for future Task Force meetings	Alexey Kulikov (WHO)
Agenda item 9 16:45-17:00	Review of action points	Task Force Secretariat

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Annex 3. Progress in actions agreed at the eighteenth meeting

Review of actions agreed at the 17th meeting

B1. Task Force Strategy, 2022–2025 to be published electronically, members ensuring widespread dissemination within the agencies, including senior management (and, where appropriate, at governing body level), with implications of the strategy for the agency concerned.

- Strategy published [electronically](#). Key elements included in the 2022 report to ECOSOC and the Secretariat report at the September 2022 Friends of the Task Force. Secretariat has also emailed Task Force agency focal points reminding them to share the strategy with their senior management and governing body.

B2. Task Force Secretariat to establish a small group of Task Force Members to monitor and evaluate the Task Force Strategy, 2022–2025.

- Convention Secretariat, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF have expressed interest in joining this group. OHCHR has also expressed interest, but capacity constraints may preclude full involvement. We would welcome interest from any other agencies in joining this group so that a first meeting could be organized later in November to agree our approach.

B3. Task Force Secretariat to engage with individual agencies to develop ever greater opportunities to highlight the work of the Task Force with their senior management and governing bodies and highlight the need for this in the Task Force's 2022 report to ECOSOC.

- OHCHR has shown the way forward on this, with a side-event: prevention and treatment of NCDs as a human rights concern held during the 51st Session of the Human Rights Council (29 September 2022), which involved both OHCHR and IDLO senior management. The Task Force Secretariat has contacted a few agency focal points to encourage them to consider organizing similar events. A number of agencies, including UNDP, UNEP, UN-Habitat, UNFPA and UNHCR, are exploring options.

Update on global events and assignments

B4. Task Force Members to disseminate the WHO/GCM call for submissions: multisectoral action for the prevention and control of NCDs and mental health conditions.

- Actioned.

Update from members

B5. Members to provide a further update at the Nineteenth Meeting of the Task Force.

- Included in the agenda.

Tobacco control

Smoke-free UN campuses

C1. Identify UN campuses and other priority locations, and initiate dialogue to implement relevant smoke-free policies (Convention Secretariat, WHO)

- WHO, Convention Secretariat and Secretariat of UNIATF discussed and identified the UN campuses to be addressed in the next step. The Secretariat of the UNIATF identified the directors in charge of administration at the campuses in Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Geneva, Nairobi and Vienna. Follow-up to these directors will be conducted. The Head of the Convention Secretariat visited the Vienna campus and discussed ending the sale of tobacco products at the Commissary with the Medical Service of Vienna International Conference Centre.

C2. Continue dialogue with UNAIDS Executive Director to implement smoke-free policies at the UNAIDS campus (Convention Secretariat, UNAIDS).

- Actioned. The Executive Director has responded to the WHO Director-General.

C3. Aim to achieve 100% smoke-free UN campuses by 2025 (All)

- See above. On the agenda for day 3. Members to discuss how to achieve this goal.

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Implementation of the Protocol

C4. Analyse areas of collaboration among interested Task Force members, and produce a report to be included in the ECOSOC report in 2023. (Convention Secretariat).

- The Convention Secretariat organized a side-event at COP11 of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in October 2022, with the participation of UNODC, OECD and WCO.

- Collaboration has continued, and further analysis will be conducted by interested members, the results to be included in the 2023 report to ECOSOC.
- A short update will be provided on day 3 of the agenda.

Alternative livelihoods for tobacco farmers

C5. Explore areas of collaboration with the thematic working groups on NCDs and nutrition and on NCDs and the environment.

- Progress made in collaboration on tobacco and the environment.
- First joint side-event at the Conference of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, 10 June 2022 (Convention Secretariat, WHO TFI and WHO ECH)
- UNDESA approved a request for a side-event from the Convention Secretariat in cooperation with WHO on tobacco control and climate change at the SDG Pavilion of COP27 of the UNFCCC on 17 Nov 2022.
- WHO is working with WFP, FAO, the Government of Kenya and other partners to transition tobacco-growing farmers to food crops such as high iron beans. More than 1000 farmers have so far done so.

C6. Include results and lessons learnt from the WHO pilot project in Kenya into the alternative livelihood toolkit (CS) and C7. Explore the opportunity to pilot-test the toolkit in African countries where ILO has a footprint (CS, ILO, WHO)

- WHO will provide an update on the Kenya project on day 3. The toolkit is currently under review by the Convention Secretariat. Results and lessons from the WHO pilot study in Kenya will be included as appropriate. Once the toolkit is available, it will be pilot-tested and will be an important resource for countries, members of the Task Force and other development partners.

Model policy

C8. Task Force Members to renew their commitment to abide by the model policy. (All) and C9. Remove the model policy as a standing agenda item, and provide regular updates in future Task Force meetings.

- Despite action C9, this will be included for discussion on day 3, when members will be able to share their experiences of some new developments.

FCTC 2030

C10. Promote multisectoral engagement by UN country teams for WHO FCTC implementation, particularly in FCTC 2030 project countries (CS, UNDP)

- Ongoing. More members of the UN agencies and members are encouraged to join this effort. A short update will be provided on day 3.

Tobacco-free schools

C11. Explore further collaboration with UNICEF at country level (WHO, UNICEF)

- Awaiting further discussion with UNICEF on opportunities for collaboration.
- Included for discussion on day 3.

World No Tobacco Day 2022

C12. Amplify the World No Tobacco Day 2022 campaign and messages. (All)

- #TobaccoExposed and World No Tobacco Day related content were mentioned over 217 000 times (150 000 on World No Tobacco Day) on social media channels and digital outlets, in all six official UN languages and 15 other languages, such as Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Italian, German, Urdu and Pashto.
- 2.6B million people were potentially reached through #TobaccoExposed and World No Tobacco Day content. 800 million people reached through #TobaccoExposed and #NoTobacco hashtags only.
- WHO posted #TobaccoExposed and World No Tobacco Day-related content and messages about 380 times on their main, regional and country social media channels, directly reaching about 248 million people.
- #TobaccoExposed campaign video was watched 36 million times on WHO Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok channels.
- #TobaccoExposed and World No Tobacco Day content generated over 2.3 million engagements on WHO corporate channels.

Update on other joint programmes and initiatives

SAFER

D1. SAFER Secretariat to provide a briefing to interested members of the Task Force to identify entry points to take forward recommendations coming out of SAFER country missions.

- Two SAFER missions have now taken place – Uganda in November 2021 and Nepal in September 2022 – and the SAFER Secretariat can start sharing lessons. First, key points will be presented at the SAFER update on day 2. A more detailed briefing will be arranged before the end of the year.

Digital health for NCDs and mental health

D2. Task Force Secretariat to provide regular updates to interested members on ongoing work on digital health for NCDs and mental health, including opportunities to share key messages (and tweets) on social media.

- One of the key recommendations of the 2022 ECOSOC report calls on Task Force members to support Member States in intensifying the use of digital health technologies for the prevention and control of NCDs and mental health conditions. A digital health business case is being developed in coordination with Task Force members. Information is being shared on Twitter regularly. A full update is to be provided on day 2.

Lessons learnt from WHO–UNDP activities funded by the European Union

E1. Explore other Task Force Members' ongoing or planned support to the WHO-UNDP joint programme countries under the UHC partnership and identify opportunities to strengthen collaboration at country level.

- No formal or informal interest has been received from other agencies. UNDP and WHO will continue to develop the work in this joint programme, engaging with relevant UN agencies at country level.

E2. Continue to distil emerging results, lessons and opportunities to inform processes of the Multi-Partner Trust Fund.

Set of

- Lessons learnt from work in countries supported by the European Union are being consolidated in a report, with plans for a set of videoconferences to share the results between countries and with other development partners.
- About 20 semi-structured interviews have been conducted in countries that have been the subjects of investment cases to understand their impact. The report is being finalized, with plans to submission to a peer-reviewed journal.

Update on working groups

Nutrition

F1. Community of practice on nutrition, human rights and law to continue moving forward its action plan and to report to the nineteenth Task Force meeting.

- UN-Nutrition continues to convene the group. Activities have shifted towards supporting the human rights and NCD group, with the nutrition message being included in the overall NCD and human rights group (e.g., key message and the contribution from UN-Nutrition Chair to a side-event at the Human Rights Council). UN-Nutrition continues to support the community of practice and building relations with the Special Rapporteur on the right to food to support this work. Further information will be provided on day 2.

Environment

F2. Explore opportunities to implement the Compendium of WHO and other UN guidance on health and environment at the country level.

- Report on day 2.

F3. Disseminate messages on World Health Day 2022: one planet, one health.

- Report on day 2.

Nutrition and environment

F4. The two thematic working group are encouraged to continue collaborating towards: (i) the development and dissemination of joint advocacy messages for relevant global events, including COP 27; and (ii) the identification of relevant technical products to promote at country level.

- The groups met several times and discussed opportunities for messages for COP27. UN-Nutrition is conducting a side-event to highlight the importance of nutrition within the health and environment agenda. UN-Nutrition is finalizing a discussion paper on the links between environment and nutrition. Further information will be provided on day 2.

Comorbidities and coinfections

F4. Members of the working group to finalize and agree on terms of reference and F5. Task Force members are invited to assist identifying countries and opportunities to provide technical support to mobilize and use resources to address co-morbidities and co-infections.

- Action has been taken forward by both NCD and mental health groups – will be described on Day 3.

UN initiatives on mental health

G1. Task Force members to follow up and work together to support countries that have completed a national mental health investment case, to maximize opportunities for implementation of the investment case findings and recommendations.

- A summary of findings from a number of mental health investment cases has been prepared for submission to a peer-reviewed journal.

NCDs in emergencies and humanitarian settings

H1. Strengthen interactions among the informal working group on NCDs in emergencies and Task Force members, such as inviting Task Force members with a specific interest to informal working group meetings and through regular updates.

- Plans to be shared on the day 3 under work in this area.

Integrating human rights into the work of the Task Force

I1. Human rights group to report on activities and achievements at future Task Force meetings.

- Successful side-event held at the 51st Human Rights Council. Plans for a joint mission on NCDs and human rights underway. Both will be described on day 3, with a session on a human rights-based approach to data on day 2.

NCD and mental health Multi-partner Trust Fund

J1. Trust Fund to continue to mobilize resources (maximizing innovative approaches), the MPTF Secretariat bringing in Task Force members (beyond the three founding UN agencies) as required and Task Force members sharing opportunities for advocacy and resource mobilization with the MPTF Secretariat.

- Health4Life will report on day 1. Significant efforts have been made to mobilize resources, including side-events at the UN General Assembly and bilateral organizations during the World Health Assembly.

J2. UNFPA on behalf of the UN Joint Action for Cervical Cancer Elimination that has been established to support delivery of the Cervical Cancer Global Elimination Initiative, to continue to work with the MPTF Secretariat to use the MPTF as a financing mechanism to catalyse country action on cervical cancer.

- Joint action between the Participating UN Organizations and UNFPA to develop partnership with Soroptimists. Update will also be provided on day 1.

Global AIDS strategy 2021–2026: implications for Task Force members

K1. Relevant Task Force members to follow up and work together to further advocate for and support countries in implementing the Global AIDS Strategy in the context of integrated HIV–NCD policies, programmes and services and meeting the HIV–NCD integration targets by 2025 (including for cervical cancer, mental health and other NCDs).

- Development of the new Global AIDS Strategy 2021–2026 and the global HIV targets, including those for NCDs and mental health, were facilitated by UNAIDS; a number of IATF members (some also part of the joint UNAIDS programme) made significant contributions.
- The strategy and targets have been used by some Task Force members in development of their own global strategies and guidance (e.g., WHO’s integrated health sector HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections strategy and the Global Fund’s new strategy on integrated people-centred systems and services – inclusive of NCD-HIV and mental health–HIV comorbidity).
- In addition to global policies, a number of Task Force members have and are continuing to support countries in developing national HIV and other policies and strategies inclusive of NCDs and mental health, as well as scaling up integrated HIV–NCD and HIV-mental health service delivery, data and reporting, community mobilization and engagement, and resource mobilization for addressing comorbidities.

2022 report to ECOSOC

L1. Members that have yet to provide inputs for the draft to do so by return.

- Actioned.

L2. Draft to be shared with Task Force members for rapid review before onward transmission to DESA/ECOSOC.

- Actioned. Report dated 10 May 2022 available [here](#).

Task force awards 2022

M1. Once available, Task Force members to disseminate the call for nominations.

- Actioned. Report back on day 3.

M2. Secretariat to work with Members to agree on a small group to serve on a joint Task Force, the WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Awards evaluation panel.

- Actioned. Report back on day 3.

Dates and venues for future Task Force meetings

N1. Nineteenth Meeting of the Task Force to be held in autumn 2022. Members to inform the Task Force Secretariat of competing events in order to avoid those dates.

- UNIATF19 meeting 1–3 November 2022

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