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General Meeting of the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable diseases (NCD)

The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and regional economic integration organizations and has the honour to invite them to the **General Meeting of the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (GCM/NCD)** to be hosted by the Government of Switzerland in Geneva, Switzerland, from 5 to 6 November 2018.

The GCM/NCD was established by the World Health Assembly in 2014 and its Terms of Reference¹ provide for the General Meeting preliminary modalities as set out in Appendix 1 of Annex 3 of document A68/11.²

The **goal** of the General Meeting is to bring together GCM/NCD Participants representing Governments, the United Nations system, and non-State actors (non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, philanthropic foundations and private sector entities) with the aim to galvanize commitments and accelerate multisectoral and multistakeholder action at the local, national, regional and global levels to meet the NCD targets of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan and the NCD (SDG3.4) and the NCD-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The General Meeting will include the following segments:

- opening and closing plenary;
- formal plenary meetings including a high-level segment;
- interactive roundtables on specific topics.

Member States are requested to nominate up to two senior representatives. The delegate(s) nominated should register at **www.who.int/GCMGeneralMeeting by 12 October 2018** uploading a formal nomination letter including the name(s), affiliation and contact details of the nominee(s).

¹ Available at http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA67/A67_14Add1-en.pdf.

² Available at http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA68/A68_11-en.pdf.

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To facilitate broad participation in the General Meeting, and in accordance with resolution WHA50.1, special consideration will be given to Member States classified as “**least developed countries**” (LDC) by the United Nations. WHO will cover an economy class airfare by the most direct route to Geneva, as well as accommodation, including meals, for the duration of the General Meeting for one delegate per least developed country. Member States from countries included in the UN LDC list who wish to ask for travel support should register such a claim when registering for the General Meeting, uploading a copy of the formal nomination letter and request for support indicating the name, affiliation and contact details of the participant.

Interpretation will be provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish, and Russian during the General Meeting.

Documentation for the General Meeting, including brochure, programme structure, provisional agenda, policy briefs, and organizational arrangements will be posted at **www.who.int/GCMGeneralMeeting** in due course.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and regional economic integration organizations the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 13 September 2018