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Global NCD Alliance Forum, Cafés & Dialogues, and Side Events

To ensure regular opportunities to catalyse dialogue and build consensus on priority issues, NCD Alliance facilitates and convenes meetings, high-profile events, roundtables and virtual webinars focused on topical themes with case studies and examples of good practice. Our biennial Global NCD Alliance Forum is our flagship event bringing together dozens of global NCD experts.

An important aspect of NCD Alliance's capacity building and knowledge exchange activities is facilitating connections between those working in, influencing, researching, acting in the NCD space.

### Global NCD Alliance Forum

**The third [Global NCD Alliance Forum "\*Bridging the gap\*"](#) [1] will take place on 9-11 February 2020 in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (UAE).**

The Forum, convened by the NCD Alliance (NCDA) in partnership with local host organisation Friends of Cancer Patients (FoCP), will be held under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Jawaher bint Mohammed Al Qasimi, Wife of the Ruler of Sharjah, and Founder and Patron of Friends of Cancer Patients (FoCP).

The Forum will convene representatives from NCD civil society from across the world, building links with multilaterals, international NGOs, select government representatives and NCD experts. The third Global NCD Alliance Forum will grow from the successes of the first two, mobilising key civil society stakeholders and consolidating the Forum as the key global meeting for NCD civil society.

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The third Forum, themed “Bridging the Gap”, will build on the outcomes of the 2018 UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs and look to accelerate efforts to translate political commitments and rhetoric into action and implementation at local and national levels.

The first Global NCD Alliance Forum took place in 2015 and convened NCD civil society from across the world for the first time, resulting in increased knowledge and advocacy skills, new networks and connections, as well as the landmark Sharjah Declaration on NCDs. The second Global NCD Alliance Forum was held in 2017 and mobilised the NCD civil society community towards the 2018 UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs.

### NCD Cafés and Dialogues

NCD Café and the NCD Dialogues are hosted at various international world congresses during the year by members of the Supporters Consultation Group with the assistance of the NCD Alliance. They provide interactive platforms for open discussions on key topics in the field of NCDs and global health, as well as a space for networking with prominent expert and thought leaders, with an emphasis on partnership and collaboration.

### Side Events

NCD Alliance also coordinates and co-hosts high level side events relevant to the wider NCD community alongside multilateral and bilateral meetings, such as conferences, World Health Assembly and United Nations General Assembly. These have included publication launches, civil society briefings and panel discussions.

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