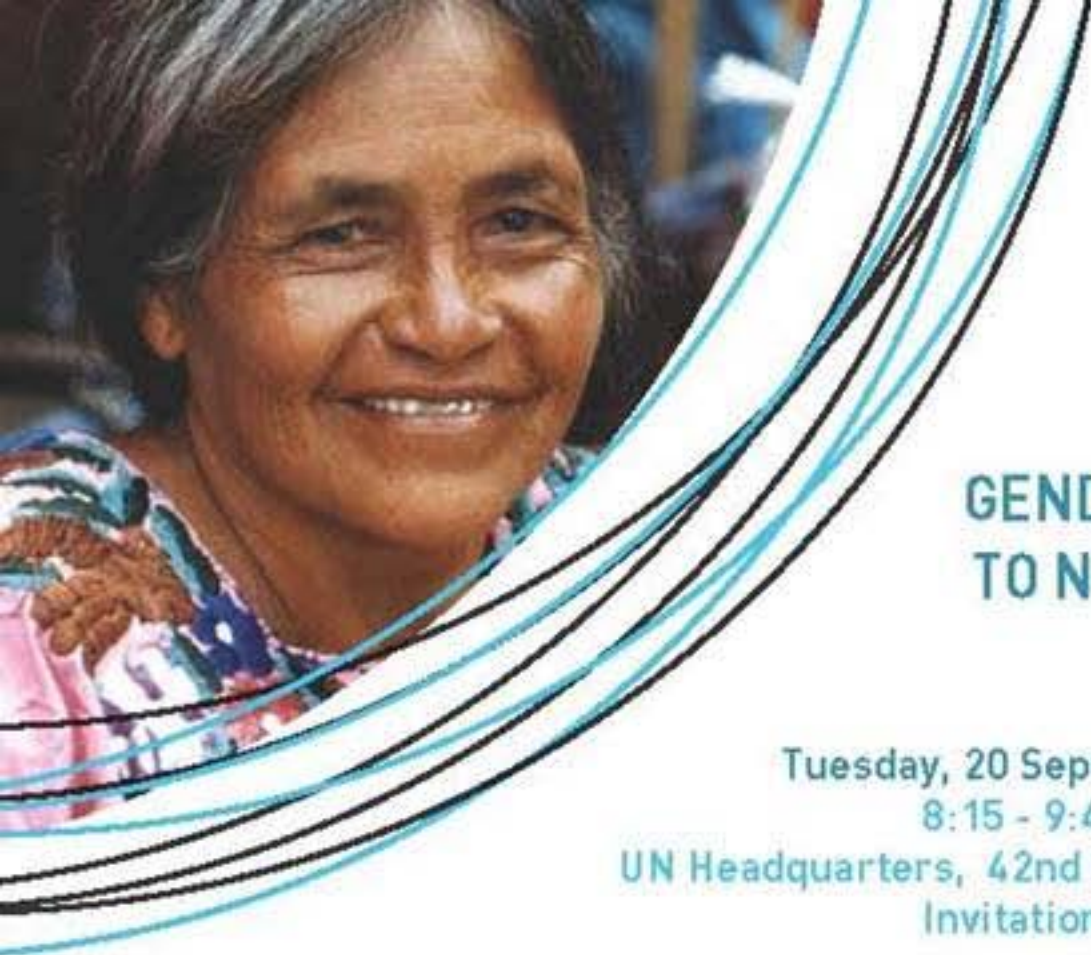




## GENDER RESPONSIVE APPROACHES TO NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Tuesday, 20 September 2011

8:15 - 9:45 am

UN Headquarters, 42nd Street, New York City  
Invitation only

Co-hosted by the Gender, Diversity, and Human Rights Office of the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), the NCD Alliance, the Commonwealth Secretariat, and the Partnership for Maternal and Newborn Child Health (PMNCH)

As the world accelerates progress on NCDs, this side event will bring together UN agencies, governments, intergovernmental organisations, NGOs, and the private sector to build awareness and consensus on how to integrate gender into NCD responses.

The global NCD epidemic is a gender, health and development issue. Gender roles and norms can greatly affect exposure to risk factors and health outcomes of the four major NCDs - cancer, cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory disease and diabetes. Socioeconomic, legal and political status influence vulnerability to NCDs, particularly for women and girls. Attitudes towards seeking healthcare can influence men's likelihood of early diagnosis. Conversely, men and boys' greater involvement in sports can protect against obesity-related NCDs. Gender must be an integral component to all NCD strategies, policies and programmes to ensure the human right of universal access to NCD prevention and treatment programmes. Particular attention should be paid to the reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health continuum of care, which provides important opportunities to prevent, diagnose and treat NCDs.

A panel of distinguished guests will examine new findings on the gender dimensions of the NCD epidemic, discuss implications for NCD policy and practice, and share best practice examples of gender integrated approaches to NCDs from Nicaragua, Trinidad and Tobago, and Mexico. The side event will stimulate future leadership, dialogue and knowledge sharing amongst countries in this important issue.

### CO-CHAIRS

- Ann Keeling** CEO of the International Diabetes Federation and Chair of the NCD Alliance  
**Ransford Smith** Deputy Secretary General of the Commonwealth Secretariat  
**Dr. Carole Presern** Director of The Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health

### PANELISTS

- Dr. Aurora Del Rio** Deputy General Director of Gender Equity, Ministry of Health, Mexico  
**Yvonne Lewis** Director Health Education Division, Ministry of Health, Trinidad and Tobago  
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