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The panel discussion was to inform and raise awareness of women's health related to noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).

This event was conducted 21 March 2017 at United Nations Headquarters, New York City, NY, United States.

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This was a panel presentation co-sponsored by Columbia, Japan, [Every Woman Every Child](#), the [United Nations Children's Fund \(UNICEF\)](#), [NCD Child](#), the [Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations \(CoNGO\)](#), the [Taskforce on Women and Non-Communicable Diseases](#), and the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#). NCDs have been the leading causes of death among women globally for the past three decades and now account for nearly 65 percent of female deaths worldwide. Opportunities were presented to integrate the NCDs into existing health programs to ensure holistic health care for women and adolescent girls. A future was presented where big data and advanced analytics inform and empower policymakers in public health, spearheaded by Professor Gita Mishra, Director, [Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health](#), University of Queensland, Australia. In 2015, 15.1 million people died prematurely (between the ages of 30 and 70) as a result of NCDs like heart disease, cancers, lung disease, and diabetes. Even more were indirectly affected as families and friends of those living with NCDs or as policymakers and health care workers. This speaks directly to the growing trend for improving population health worldwide.

Here are a few websites to join the conversation: apps.who.int/ncds-and-me (to share a story) and, for children, www.ncdchild.org and NCDChild@aap.org.