



United Nations Activity Report

In preparation for the [2018 High Level Meeting](#) on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, this meeting was held to gain understanding of the perspective of civil society about the issues. There was a panel presentation with major stakeholders represented who shared their expertise and opportunities for statements from the floor.

This meeting took place on 5 July 2018 at the United Nations headquarters in New York, New York, United States.

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By participating in the meetings, Sigma expands its reputation and presence at prestigious United Nations events. I found the information presented to be informative and useful to the mission of Sigma as an organization which engages in advancing global health. The [NCD Alliance](#) had a strong presence. There are opportunities for both individual and organizational membership with the NCD Alliance. The major points to reduce [non-communicable diseases](#) (NCDs) related to reducing sugar content in foods and beverages, reducing the use of tobacco and alcohol by increasing consumer taxation and awareness campaigns, eliminating trans fats in processed foods, and improving air quality by reducing pollution to encourage healthy outdoor physical activity. NGOs were encouraged to contact their member states with their interventions prior to the meeting in September to influence their decision making at the High Level Meeting. Usually health decisions are made in Geneva, Switzerland, and policy/political decisions are made in New York, New York, United States, so this is an opportune time to weigh in with the New York representatives on NCDs.

You can learn more about contacting the appropriate [delegates](#) to learn their stance on NCDs and the [Blue Book](#) lists contact information for all representatives.