Progress report

This report covers the period from the earliest conceptualisation (May 2017) till the first meeting of the Governing Board (January 2018). The minimum necessary start-up funds were received around mid-Jan 2018; that may thus be taken as the birth day of the Defeat-NCD Partnership.

- We have developed, consulted upon, and received broad endorsement from key stakeholders for the concept for the Partnership (GB document 4).
- An initial Steering Committee was established, to be transformed into the Governing Board at the meeting on 31 January 2018.
- Domain names have been registered. a logo is under design and a website is under construction (www.defeat-ncd.org).
- The first distinguished members of the wider Consultative Group are coming on board.
- Michael Moller, Director General of the UN Office at Geneva has kindly agreed to be our Hon. President.
- We have found a home for our start-up phase with UNITAR (the United Nations Institute for Training and Research) who is hosting us.
- We have started appraisals for the most optimal longer-term hosting arrangement.
- We have received start-up funds, with expectations for more to come.
- Our office in Geneva is now open, and minimum essential furniture and equipment are under procurement.
- We have defined our immediate core personnel needs with their terms of reference, and begun the recruitment process. 4 of 6 core personnel had been recruited or identified by 31 Jan, with the rest expected to be selected by early February. The core team is envisaged as a chief executive, two public health programme specialists, an innovative financing adviser, a communications and outreach adviser, and a programme assistant/administrator. Some of the incumbents will be part-time until the business builds up.
- We have started to design the individual tracks indicated in the concept note.
- To develop our country-level work, where it all matters, we have confirmed missions to Tajikistan (w/b 12 Feb). Haiti (w/b 19 Mar), Tanzania (Tbc April), Myanmar (w/b 7 May tbc). We are open to other suggestions; criteria are outlined in the concept note.
- We have reached out to several potential governmental and non-governmental partners to lay the foundations for significant longer-term support for the Partnership.