

# INVITATION

Invitation-only roundtable event  
during the 75<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
UN General Assembly

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(13:00-14:45 BST)



## MODERATOR

**Dr Rachel Nugent**, Vice President, Global Non-communicable Diseases, RTI International and member of Lancet Commission on Reframing NCDs and Injuries for the Poorest Billion

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSANTS

**Dr Monika Arora**, Executive Director HRIDAY, Healthy India Alliance and Board member of NCD Alliance

**Dr Nick Banatvala**, Head of Secretariat, UN Task Force on NCDs, WHO Geneva

**Dr Christoph Benn**, Joep Lange Institute, Director for Global Health Diplomacy

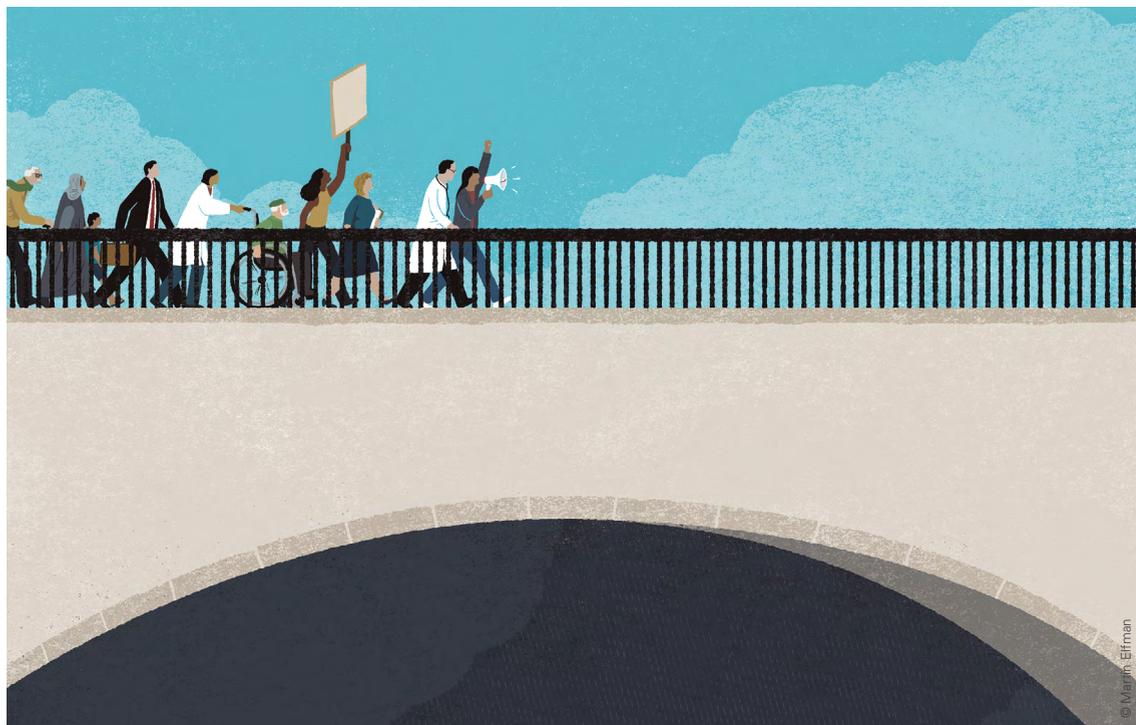
**Francesca Colombo**, Head of Health Division, OECD

**Dr Sue Henshall**, CEO, City Cancer Challenge Foundation, C/Can

**Ingvar Theo Olsen**, Policy Director for Health, Norwegian Development Agency, NORAD

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## Building forward better: A new approach to mobilize investment for noncommunicable diseases

This invitation-only roundtable will bring together policymakers, experts, and civil society to discuss new approaches to address the investment gap to galvanize action on NCDs and mental health and reflect on the **following themes**:

### What lessons can we take from COVID-19 to mobilize NCD investment more effectively?

In light of learnings about the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on people living with NCDs, bridging the investment gap for prevention and treatment of NCDs and mental health should be henceforth understood as an essential foundation for pandemic preparedness and health security.

### How to move past disease-centric global health and sustainable development financing?

Investment to date has been woefully insufficient: Total aid funding for NCDs represents less than \$1 per person per year living with NCDs, even though NCDs represent the major cause of premature death and disability worldwide. The current siloed approach to global health financing does not recognise that the same people may be living with multiple chronic conditions, (e.g. HIV and cervical cancer; co-occurrence of TB, diabetes and depression) and that multiple risk factors disproportionately affect economically disadvantaged people in all countries.

### New approaches to close the investment gap for NCDs

Roundtable participants will hear about new opportunities to mobilise investment for NCDs, including the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for NCDs and Mental Health hosted by the United Nations Interagency Taskforce on NCDs; Norway's world-first Better Health, Better Lives development strategy which aims to stimulate domestic resource mobilisation for both prevention and treatment; and C/Can's city-focused partnerships approach to providing quality and equitable cancer care.



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