

IOGT International Official Statement UN Interactive Hearing on NCDs

Panel 2: Financing for the prevention and control of NCDs

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Thank you for the opportunity to address you today, on behalf of the members of IOGT International.

In order to boost financing for NCDs prevention and control, the importance of domestic resource mobilization cannot be overstated. It's governments' right and duty to both protect their citizens from harm and make invests to promote their health and well-being.

In this context, alcohol taxation holds massive potential for beating NCDs, for helping achieve the SDGs and also for significantly contributing to financing health and development. Alcohol taxation is a triple win measure:

- It helps reduce and prevent alcohol-related harm,
- It helps promote health and sustainable development, and
- It helps raise domestic resources for health and development.

Therefore, fiscal policy measures like alcohol taxation should be fundamental elements of efforts to raise funds for NCDs prevention and control. Additionally, the provision of technical advice and assistance on alcohol taxation to developing countries and the removal of subsidies for alcohol, and divesting from the alcohol industry, especially in developed countries, should be priorities.

I thank you for your attention.

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