

## **PARALLEL SESSION 2.4**

**IMPLEMENTING THE 'BEST BUYS' AND EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS AT CITY  
AND LOCAL LEVEL: SHOWCASING MULTISECTORAL ACTION**

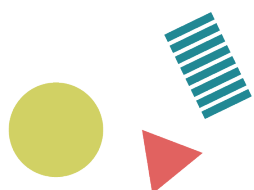


## | BACKGROUND

Cities have a unique role to play in delivering both national and global commitments to reduce NCDs. This session will look at examples of best practice from the local level, examining how local or municipal authorities and other stakeholders have introduced programmes to promote NCD prevention at the city level. A series of three mini-panels will discuss comparative experiences from multiple cities and their applicability to other settings. The case studies will focus on experience in implementing effective interventions for the prevention and control of NCDs including those linked to the WHO Best Buys. Discussions will look at action across different sectors, transferrable lessons and mechanisms of accountability.

## | OBJECTIVES

- To highlight the role of local governments and their partners in preventing and controlling NCDs at the local level by implementing effective interventions including the WHO 'Best Buys'
- To showcase examples of exemplary action on the 'Best Buys' and other effective interventions at local level, understanding incentives for action, partnership models and mechanisms of accountability.
- To understand barriers to implementing effective interventions and ways of overcoming them.
- To inspire others to scale up action on NCDs at the city level.





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Mary T. Bassett is the Director of the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University, as well as the FXB Professor of the Practice of Health and Human Rights at the Harvard School of Public Health. With more than 30 years of experience in public health, Dr. Mary Travis Bassett has dedicated her career to advancing health equity. Prior to her directorship at the FXB Center, Dr. Bassett served for four years as commissioner of Health for New York City. As commissioner, she worked to ensure that every New York City neighborhood supported the health of its residents, with the goal of closing gaps in population health across the city. Originally from New York City, Dr. Bassett lived in Zimbabwe for nearly 20 years. Previously, she was the Program Director for the African Health Initiative and the Child Well-being Program at the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. She received her B.A. in History and Science from Harvard University and her M.D. from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. She served her medical residency at Harlem Hospital Center, and has a master's degree in Public Health from the University of Washington, where she was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar.