



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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Dr Nick Banatvala MBBS, MSc, MD, FRCP, FFPH leads the Secretariat of the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and control of Non-communicable Diseases. The Task Force was established by the UN Secretary General in 2013 and report to the UN's Economic and Social Council. The Secretariat is based in WHO's Headquarters in Geneva. The role of the Task Force is to bring the UN system together to tackle NCDs, mental health and other NCD-related Sustainable Development Goals. The Task Force uses its networks and expertise to help governments develop and introduce effective responses to prevent and control NCDs. It provides high quality technical support to enable governments across the world to develop and implement multisectoral action that is aligned with broader national development plans. Prior to this, Nick was Head of Global Affairs at the Department of Health in England where he led the development and implementation of the UK Government's first-ever global health strategy. Before that, he headed up the UK Department for International Development's work on global health partnership and scaling up health services. Prior to this, Nick led DFID's health and education programming to Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Middle East. Nick has experience of the NGO sector, having worked with the UK aid agency Merlin on a number of development and humanitarian programmes. Nick trained in paediatrics and infectious diseases before doing public health and epidemiologic research in the UK and CDC, Atlanta. Nick has held senior posts in UK public health. Nick has sat on government, non-government and academic boards, as well as national and international committees. He has undertaken consultancies for a number of agencies including the World Bank. He has published widely on a range of international public health issues.