

Fourth UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs & mental health (HLM4)

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HLM4: Overview



Date: Sept 25

Time: 10.00 am – 6.00 pm

Theme: Equity and integration: transforming lives and livelihoods through leadership and action on noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being

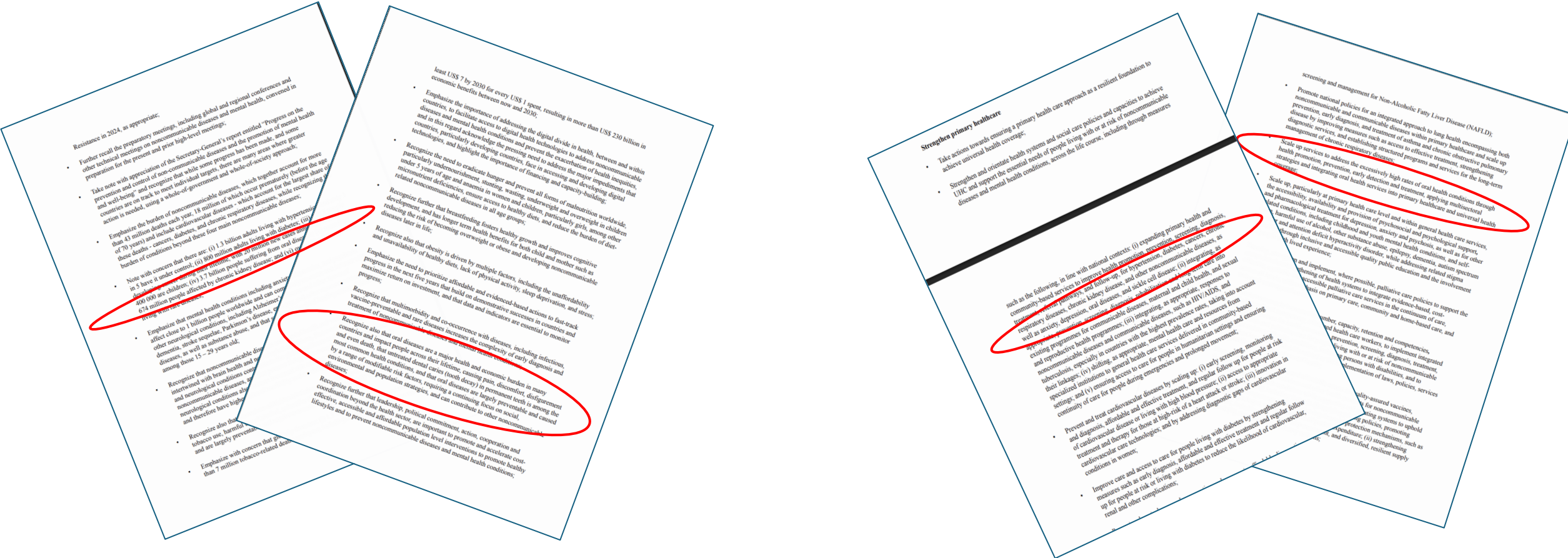
Format:

- A plenary session
- Two multistakeholder panels

FDI` s delegation:

- President
- Executive Director
- Chair, AMR and Infections Prevention Task Team
- Public Health, Advocacy, and Communications Director

HLM4: A historic milestone for oral health



Oral health was referenced extensively for the first time in the Declaration of a UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs

HLM4 Political Declaration: Pros & Cons

Pros:

- ✓ Strong reference to oral disease, oral health, risk factors etc
- ✓ Overall emphasis on the scale of the NCD burden and the need for urgent actions
- ✓ A set of “fast-track targets” and “tracer targets”, to be achieved by 2030
- ✓ Stronger regulatory measures on e-cigarettes, novel tobacco products, marketing unhealthy commodities
- ✓ Commitments to financial protection and improved access to medicines

Cons:

- ⚠ Some key prevention measures were diluted
- ⚠ Commitments to implementing health taxes (in the early drafts) were removed
- ⚠ The role of civil society in promoting accountability was weakened

HLM4 Political Declaration: Next steps

Standard procedure

HLM4 procedure

Step 1: Text negotiation

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Step 2: Silence procedure

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Step 3: **Approval by acclamation** at HLM

Step 3: **Certain countries expressed dissatisfaction with the Declaration & it was not approved by acclamation at HLM**

Step 4: **Adoption** through a Resolution

Step 4: Declaration will be transmitted to UNGA for adoption through a Resolution

HLM4: FDI goes all out for oral health

Through a joint statement, we called for:

- **Bold, multisectoral action** to address oral diseases and NCDs
- Expanding oral health promotion and prevention services
- Fiscal measures to address the risk factors of oral diseases and other NCDs

Read our full statement [HERE](#)



The image is a screenshot of a social media post from the FDI World Dental Federation. The post features the organization's logo, name, and follower count (55,733). The main text of the post describes a joint statement issued at the #HLM4 Multi-stakeholder Panel 1, focusing on the determinants of NCDs and mental health. It highlights the critical links between oral health and NCDs and the need for a common risk factor approach. The post also includes a call to action for a healthier future and lists the authors: Nikolai Sharkov, Christopher H. Fox, Charanjit Jagait, PhD, and Tolulope Osigbesan (B.Pharm, MPH). Below the text is a photograph of a panel discussion at a conference, showing several individuals seated at a table with nameplates for 'CIVIL SOCIETY', 'CIVIL SOCIETY 2', 'UNICEF', and 'UNEP'.

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FDI World Dental Federation and International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research were proud to deliver a joint statement at the #HLM4 Multi-stakeholder Panel 1 on tackling the determinants of NCDs and mental health through multisectoral action.

Together, we highlighted the critical links between oral health and NCDs, the need for a common risk factor approach, and the importance of ensuring oral diseases, the world's most prevalent NCDs, are addressed in global and national health agendas.

A healthier future is only possible when oral health is part of the solution. #NoHealthwithoutOralHealth #NCDs #UHC

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The photograph shows a panel discussion at a conference. Several individuals are seated at a long table. Nameplates in front of them identify the organizations: 'CIVIL SOCIETY', 'CIVIL SOCIETY 2', 'UNICEF', and 'UNEP'. A woman in a white blazer is looking down at a document on the table. Other participants are visible in the background.

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Minamata Convention on Mercury: Sixth Conference of the Parties (COP 6)

Enzo Bondioni
Executive Director

COP6 (Geneva): Overview



Minamata Convention in figures



153
PARTIES



161
FOCAL POINTS



86%
REPORTING RATE

Date: November 3 - 7

Objectives:

- Review progress since COP5
- Negotiate further measures to reduce mercury emissions globally

Participants:

- Governments (few MoH reps)
- United Nations agencies
- Nongovernmental organizations
- Representatives of communities

Proposed amendments to Annex A

II. Proposals to amend annex A to the Convention

4. The Conference of the Parties, at its fifth meeting, considered a proposal submitted by Botswana and Burkina Faso on behalf of the African region to amend annex A to the Convention with regard to the measures on dental amalgam. Pursuant to paragraph 7 of article 4, the proposal included information related to the availability, technical and economic feasibility, and environmental and health risks and benefits of the non-mercury alternatives.

* UNEP/MC/COP.6/1/Rev.1.

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5. The Conference of the Parties, in decision MC-5/4, decided to amend part II of annex A by adding the following provision:

Mercury-added products	Provisions
Dental amalgam	In addition, Parties that have not yet phased out dental amalgam shall: (i) Submit to the secretariat a national action plan or a report based on available information with respect to progress they have made or are making to phase down or phase out dental amalgam every four years as part of national reporting.

6. The Conference of the Parties also decided to consider at its sixth meeting the proposal to amend part I of annex A by adding the following entry:

Mercury-added products	Date after which the manufacture, import or export of the product shall not be allowed (phase-out date)
[Dental amalgam]	[2030]

7. In the same decision, the Conference decided to consider at its sixth meeting the proposal to further amend part II of annex A by adding the following provision:

Mercury-added products	Provisions
Dental amalgam	In addition, Parties shall: (iv) [[Exclude or not allow] [phase down], by taking measures as appropriate, the use of dental amalgam in government insurance policies and programmes.] (Alternative to (iv)) [Take measures, as appropriate, to exclude, not allow, [or phase down] dental amalgam in government policies or programmes.]

III. Proposed action

8. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the proposed amendments to annex A with a view to adopting decisions thereon, as appropriate.

COP6 will consider two proposals:

- Set a phase-out date for dental amalgam use
- Exclude or disallow dental amalgam in government insurance policies and programmes

FDI`s position:

- Oral diseases prevention is the most sustainable response
- The phase-down approach ensures equitability and continuity of care for certain populations

Pre-COP6 event: Tuesday, 14 October

Summary of findings

- Dental amalgam use is declining
- EU countries are making regulatory progress, however, in many countries, systemic, and financial barriers persist
- Without complementary measures amalgam phase-out risks widening oral health inequalities



Key success factor



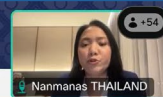
Policy and Regulatory Measures

- Formulation of national policies and measures to minimize the use of dental amalgam and strengthen waste management mechanisms
- Integration with ministerial regulations, environmental policies, and the national educational system



Multi-Sectoral Collaboration

- Multi-sector stakeholder engagement (public, academia, professional, private sectors)
- Active participation of dental teams and hospital administrators
- National-international knowledge exchange and collaboration



Longevity of Composite Restorations

Annual Failure Rate

- Ranged 0.08% to 6.3%

Reasons for Failures

- Secondary Caries
- Fractures
- Esthetic Compromise

Risk Factors for Failure

- Patient
 - Caries Risk
 - Parafunctional Habits
 - Dental Visits/Year
 - SES
- Tooth
 - Endodontic Treatment
 - Tooth Location, Other Restorations
- Dentist
 - Practice Setting



Title: Dental Amalgam phase down: alternatives, access, and implementation realities

Objectives:

1. Present the latest updates on dental amalgam alternatives
2. Share findings from an FDI global survey on national strategies to phase down or phase out dental amalgam
3. Share the lessons learned from the GEF7 Phasing Down Dental Amalgam Project in Thailand

Outcomes:

52 attendees including some Chief Dental Officers, experts in environmental matters, industry representatives and FDI and IADR members

Smile Grant

Objective

- The 'FDI Smile Award' serves to promote preventive oral care at local level, awarding FDI Member Associations making a difference in oral health nationally through innovative and sustainable community outreach projects.

Activities

- 2 winners per year
- CHF 5,000 are allocated per selected project

Eligibility

- Open to any FDI Regular or Associate member

