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## **Pacific Islands Countries Health Officials Workshop on Non-Communicable Disease Management**

**25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

### **Brief Overview**

#### **Background**

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) constitutes one of major causes of deaths worldwide and has become biggest social and economic challenges for development in low- and middle- income countries. As a series of reports demonstrates that most of NCDs can be prevented only if appropriate preventive measures are taken and those preventive measures are already available and easily implemented; reducing NCDs requires a joint participation from multiple sectors. In this way the sustainability of such commitment may be ensured and in the long run it will contribute to the control of NCDs.

#### **Purpose**

The Workshop aims to ultimately strengthen health systems to mitigate NCDs in Forum Island Countries by inviting government officials from Forum Islands; and to bring together multiple stakeholders in order to adopt and support a consensus on NCDs which will be produced by the end of the workshop. The stakeholders will be including government officials, global agencies, health professionals; and these partners will actively participate in exerting influences in their respective areas for the prevention and management of NCDs.

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- To review the outcomes of last three years' NCD training program
- To develop a draft agenda for action on NCDs based on the "Design Principles" drawn in third year training
- To ensure the sustainability of NCD-reducing acts by health care personnel in Pacific Island Countries.

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