

**Policy Dialogue: Integrating
Approaches to reduced CVD burden:
Salt Reduction Strategies in Georgia**

Monday, 20th February 2023
10:00-16:30 Georgia Time - Tbilisi

Languages: English and Georgian

Provisional program

Monday, 20th February 2023	
9:30–10.00	<i>Technical checks for speakers /interpretation</i>
10.00–10:20	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Opening remarks (MOH GEO) <i>Dr Tamar Gabunia, The First Deputy Minister</i> ➤ Welcome remarks (Parliament Geo) <i>Dr Zaza Lominadze, Head of the Committee of Healthcare and Social Issues</i> ➤ Welcome remarks (WCO GEO) <i>Dr Silviu Domete, WHO Representative in Georgia</i> ➤ Welcome remarks (WHO NCD Office) <i>Dr Kremlin Wickramasinghe, Head of WHO European Office for the Prevention and Control of NCDs</i>
10.00-10.20	<p>Salt Intake and Investment Case Study in Georgia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lela Sturua MD PhD MPH Head, NCD Department, NCDC
10.20-10.40	Findings of FEEDCities study in Georgia (University of Porto)
10.40-11.00	Findings from FGDs and Salt reduction communication campaign in Georgia (Luis D’SOUZA, NCD Office, WHO EURO)
11.00-11.30	Tea Break
11.30-11.45	WHO Guideline on setting national sodium targets (Chizuru NISHIDA, WHO HQ)
11.45-12.00	Alignment of salt reduction and salt iodization strategies (Dr. Gregory GERASIMOV, Regional Coordinator of Iodine Global Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia)
12.00-12.20	Salt Reduction Strategies in different contexts (Francesco Cappuccio, University of Warwick)

12.20-13.20	Lunch
	<u>Addressing CVD burden in integrated approach</u>
13.20-13.35	CVD Burden and Hypertension in Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lela Sturua MD PhD MPH Head, NCD Department, NCDC
13.35-13.55	CVD Signature Initiative and Hypertension Control Measures <i>Dr Jill Farrington, Regional Medical Officer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i>
13.55-14.15	CVD Prevention, Salt, Reduction and Nutrition <i>Dr Kremlin Wickramasinghe, Regional Advisor, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity and Acting Head of WHO European Office for the Prevention and Control of NCDs, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i>
14.15-14.35	Integrated approaches to hypertension control and salt reduction and how to achieve it. <i>Dr. Tiina Laatikainen, WHO Collaborating Centre for Noncommunicable Disease Prevention, Health Promotion and Monitoring, Helsinki, Finland</i>
14.35-15.10	Discussions: Perspectives on challenges and successes <i>Patient: Irina Partskhaladze (hypertension)</i> <i>Family doctor: Nina Kiknadze MD PhD</i> <i>Cardiologist: Nino Chikovani MD PhD</i>
15.10-15.30	Next steps: Discussions on Integrated Approach of Hypertension Control and Salt Reduction to address CVD burden in GEO
15:30–16:00	Tea Break
	<u>Launch of the communication campaign for salt reduction</u>
16:00-16:15	<i>Remarks by MOH</i>
	<i>Remarks by the NCD office</i>
16:15-16:25	<i>Presentation of the communication materials – NCD office</i>
16:25-16:30	<i>Dissemination Plan and Closing of the meeting – NCD office, MOH</i>

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Day 2 (Technical Discussions on Salt Reduction Strategies)	
10.00-12.30	<i>Technical Discussions on Salt Reduction Strategies, facilitated by Pyi Pyi Phy, Kakha Gvinianidze, Francesco Cappuccio</i>