



Dominica's National Chronic Noncommunicable Diseases Summit

(14 December 2007)

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Introduction

Following the CARICOM Heads of Government Summit on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) in Port-of-Spain on 15 September 2007, Dominica held a National Summit on Chronic Noncommunicable Diseases (CNCDS) Summit on 14 December 2007. The meeting was attended by the President, Prime Minister, cabinet, and civil society, including the private sector, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and the media.

The Prime Minister requested that Dr. Mirta Roses, Director of the Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), be told of the appreciation of the government and people of Dominica for the help and support they have been receiving from PAHO.

The agenda included technical presentations on the status of chronic noncommunicable diseases in Dominica, and proposals for their prevention and control, including those initiatives which have been successful in other countries in addressing the CNCDS epidemic.

The composition and Terms of Reference of the National Commission are to be taken to Cabinet for approval.

Ministry of Health and the Environment
National Chronic Noncommunicable Diseases Summit

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List of Participants

No.	Name	Position /Organization Represented
1	H.E. Dr. Nicholas J. O. Liverpool	President of Dominica
2	H.E. Mrs. Liverpool	First Lady
3	Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit	Prime Minister of Dominica
4	Hon. John Fabien	Minister of Health & the Environment
5	Hon. Charles Savarin	Minister of Public Utilities, Energy, Ports and the Public Service
6	Hon. Rayburn Blackmoore	Minister for National Security, Immigration and Labour
7	Hon. Ambrose George	Minister of Public Works
8	Hon. Peter St. Jean	Parliamentary Secretary in Prime Minister's office
9	Hon. Loreen Bannis	Ministry for Community Development
10	Hon. Reginald Austrie	Minister of Communication
11	Mrs. Francine Baron Royer	Attorney General
12	Mr. Charles Maynard	Ambassador to OECS, Prime Minister's Office
13	Mrs. Gloria Shillingford	Ambassador to UNESCO
14	Mr. Felix Gregoire	Cabinet Secretary
15	Msgr. William John-Lewis	Roman Catholic Diocese of Roseau
16	Mr. Davis Letang	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health & the Environment
17	Ms. Irma Edwards	Establishment, Personnel and Training Department
18	Mrs. Ruth Allport	Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry
19	Mr. Steve Ferrol	Permanent Secretary - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
20	Mrs. Jennifer Lafond	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education
21	Mrs. Esther M. Thomas	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Legal Affairs and Civil Aviation
22	Dr. Alafia Samuels	PAHO/WHO (Washington)
23	Dr. David Johnson	Chief Medical Officer (Ag.)
24	Dr. Paul Ricketts	National Epidemiologist
25	Dr. Griffin Benjamin	Director, Primary Health Care (Ag)
26	Dr. Curvin Ferriera	Hospital Medical Director, Princess Margaret Hospital
27	Mrs. Joan Henry	Coordinator, Health Promotion - MoH
28	Mrs. Caesarina Ferrol	Principal Nursing Officer
29	Ms. Marvlyn Birmingham	Hospital Services Coordinator, Princess Margaret Hospital
30	Mr. Boniface Xavier	Chief Environmental Health Officer
31	Dr. Idaline Darroux- John	Chief Dental Officer, Dental Department

No.	Name	Position /Organization Represented
32	Ms. Catherina Jemmot	Superintendent - Princess Margaret Hospital Lab
33	Mrs. Shirley Augustine	CPO, Pan American Health Organization
34	Dr. Mary Coleman	Executive Dean, Ross University
35	Professor Gerald Grell	Ross University School of Medicine
36	Dr. Diana Callender	Ross University School of Medicine
37	Mr. Carlisle Jno Baptiste	Senior Reporter, The Chronicle Newspaper
38	Mr. Rawlings Jemmott	General Secretary, National Workers Union
39	Mr. Clarence Christian	Director of Audit
40	Mrs. Sabriya Senhouse	Attorney General's Chambers
41	Ms. Josephine Corbette	Establishment, Personnel and Training Department
42	Mrs. Vilma Bruney	Senior Community Health Nurse, Ministry of Health and Environment
43	Ms. Rosanne Pringle	Dominica Olympic Committee
44	Ms. Angelica Pierre-Louis	Dominica National Council of Women
45	Ms. Kathy Buffong	Legal Affairs
46	Mr. Edward Henderson	Commissioner of Cooperatives
47	Ms. Joanphin Morvan	Dominica Teachers Association of Home Economics
48	Ms. Mary Williams	Counsellor, National AIDS Programme
49	Mr. Sean Douglas	Government Press Secretary
50	Mr. Nicholas Goldberg	Ministry of Education
51	Mr. Jules Pascal	Chief Youth Development Officer - Youth Development Division
52	Mr. Nicholas Bruno	Public Works Department
53	Mr. Thomas Letang	General Secretary, Dominica Public Service Union
54	Mr. Errol Thomas	Chief Veterinarian – Ministry of Agric
55	Dr. Fitzroy Armour	Dominica Hotel and Tourism Association
56	Dr. Hazel Shillingford-Ricketts	Ophthalmologist, Ministry of Health
57	Mrs. Leticia Lestrade-Wyke	Matron (Ag) Princess Margaret Hospital
58	Mr. Alvin Bernard	Economist, Ministry of Finance
59	Mr. Malcolm St. Rose	National Drug Abuse Prevention Unit - MoH
60	Mrs. Jacqueline Lancaster Prevost	Nutritionist, Ministry of Health and Environment - MoH
61	Mr. Collin Bully	OECS/EDADU
62	Mrs. Alestina James	Health Educator (Ag) - MoH
63	Mrs. Sandra Charter-Rolle	Coordinator Special Services (Ag.) Ministry of Health
64	Ms. Jean Jacob	C/o Ministry of Health
65	Mrs. Irma Joseph	Dominica Association of Disabled People
66	Mrs. Norma Cyrille	Director, Social Centre

Panelist:

*Dr. David Johnson & Dr. Paul Ricketts -
Ministry of Health & Environment*

Mrs. Sabriya Senbouse - Senior State Attorney,

Mr. Steve Ferrol - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade

Mr. Nicholas Goldberg - Ministry of Education,

Dr. Reginald Thomas - Ministry of Agriculture,

12:00pm

The Way Forward

Adoption of Dominica's Statement
on Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases

Management and Control

Composition of the Commission on Non-
Communicable Diseases

12:55pm

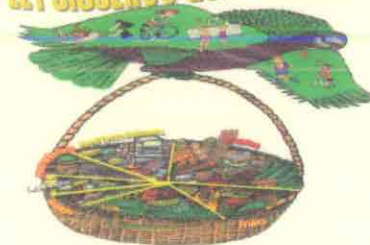
Chairperson's Concluding Remarks



Ministry of Health & Environment

NATIONAL CHRONIC NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (CNGD) SUMMIT

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Theme:

**"Investing in Health - Combating
Chronic Non-Communicable
Diseases"**

Venue: Fort Young Hotel

Date: December 14, 2007

Time: 8:30am - 1:00pm

Programme

Opening Ceremony

Chairperson: Mr. Davis Letting

*Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health
& Environment*

- Arrival of Honourable Minister for Health and other Cabinet Ministers

8:25am - Arrival of The Honourable Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit

8:30am - Arrival of His Excellency the President and Mrs. Liverpool

National Anthem

Prayer

Monsignor William J. Lewis

Welcome Remarks

*Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health
& Environment*

8:35am Declaration of Port - of - Spain

Dr. David Johnson, Chief Medical Officer

8:45am Remarks

*Hon. John Fabian, Minister for
Health & Environment*

9:00am

Keynote Address

Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister of Dominica

9:20am

Vote of Thanks

Mrs. Joan Henry, Coordinator Health Promotion

9:25am

BREAK

9:45am

Working Session

Chairperson - Dr. Griffin Benjamin

Director, Primary Care Services (Ag)

Global & Regional Status of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases

PAHO Representatives

Epidemiological Trends of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases in Dominica

Dr. Paul Ricketts, National Epidemiologist

Panel Discussion—Dominica response to

Declaration from CARICOM Heads of

Government Summit on Management and Control of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases

Dr. Gerald Grell, - Moderator

Dominica Commission on Chronic Non-communicable Diseases

Terms of Reference

The Dominica National Commission on Non-communicable Diseases (DCCND) is established by the Cabinet as a recommendation of the National Summit held on December 14, 2007. Its formation is in keeping with CARICOM Heads of Government "Declaration of Port of Spain: Uniting to Stop the epidemic of Chronic NCDs, on September 15, 2007.

Roles and Functions:

The DCCND will perform the following roles and functions:

1. To advise Cabinet through the Minister responsible for health on the State's policies, laws and programmes with regards the its obligations arising from the Port of Spain Declaration on CNCDs.
2. To monitor conformity of the Commonwealth of Dominica's policies, laws and programmes with obligations arising from CARICOM Heads of Government "Declaration of Port of Spain: Uniting to Stop the epidemic of Chronic NCDs" international human rights.
3. To ensure appropriate policy and guidelines are put in place for the prevention of risk factors and management of CNCDs
4. To foster a multi-sectoral approach for addressing of epidemic of the CNCDs.
5. To lobby financing for CNCDs Programs

6. To review, assess and report on progress on the CNCDs Programme.
7. To keep abreast of regional and international progress in the areas of population based as well as individual based interventions for the prevention and control of CNCDs.
8. To educate the wider community and mobilize support for the National policy on CNCDs.
9. To review periodically and recommend appropriate changes to the National Policy on CNCDs.
10. To advocate for continuous revision and implementation of legislation embodying the National Policy on CNCDs
11. The DCCND will submit a bi-annual report of its activity to Cabinet
12. The DCCND shall establish sub-committees as necessary in order to carry its mandate

Membership

1. Membership of the DCCND will comprise of nine (9) to be appointed by the Cabinet for a period of two (2) years and renewable after that period.
2. Members of DCCND will comprise of representatives as follows one (1) each from the ministries of Legal Affairs, Education, Trade, Agriculture, one (1) each from the Private Sector and NGO Community and three (3) other representatives from the Ministry of Health and The Environment (to include the Minister responsible for health).
3. The Chairperson of the DCCND shall be the Minister for Health and the Secretary shall be elected from the members of the Commission.

Meetings

1. The DCCND will meet at least once every quarter.
2. Five (5) members including the Chair shall constitute a quorum.

Statement ON CNCDs
Investing in health: Combating CNCDs

December 14, 2007

Whereas, the Government of Dominica has convened a National Summit on Chronic Non communicable Diseases under the theme “*Investing in health: Combating CNCDs*”

Whereas, CNCDs (defined as heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes for the purposes of this Statement are the leading causes of morbidity (illness) and mortality (death) in Dominica;

Whereas, obesity is a significant and growing problem with over 11% of children under 5 years being diagnosed as obese.

Whereas, The CNCDs have the greatest impact on drug expenditure in the country

Whereas, cancer is the second leading cause of death among women and the third leading cause of death in Dominica, and cancer of the prostate kills more men above the age of 60 years than any other illness;

Recalling the Nassau Declaration (2001), “**the health of the Region is the wealth of the Region**” which underscored the importance of health to social and economic development;

Affirming the main recommendations of the Caribbean Commission on Health and Development which included strategies to prevent and control heart diseases, diabetes, hypertension and obesity in the Region;

We, the members of Cabinet, meeting with other stakeholders on the occasion of this special National Summit on Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases (CNCDs); fully endorse the Caricom Heads of Government Summit on CNCDs (September, 2007)
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We further commit to the following;

- **Establish the Dominica Commission on CNCNDs (DCCNCD)** with the mandate to coordinate the multidisciplinary programs for managing CNCNDs.
- **Mandate** the DCCNCD to work with CAREC/PAHO to strengthen, as a matter of urgency, the mechanisms necessary for **surveillance of the risk factors** for CNCNDs.
- **Pursue** immediately a legislative agenda for passage of the legal provisions related to the International Framework Convention on Tobacco Control; and **support the immediate enactment of legislation to limit** or eliminate smoking in public places, ban the sale of tobacco products to children and the introduction of such taxes as will reduce its accessibility.
- **Increase** resources for scaling-up and creation of the relevant national programs aimed at combating CNCNDs.
- **Support** new initiatives for establishment of a CNCND Program Unit within the **Ministry of Health and the Environment.**
- **Scale-Up the Primary Health Care Systems** to increase the diagnostic capacity for early detection and management of NCDs.
- **Collaborate** with other regional Governments and Institution for the development of centres of excellence to which certain complicated cases of CNCNDs can be referred within the region.