

**Dialogue on how to strengthen international cooperation on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases within the framework of North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation**  
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**WHO GLOBAL COORDINATION MECHANISM ON THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

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Excellences, Honorable ambassadors,  
Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning. On behalf of the Government of Mexico, I would like to thank the invitation to Chair, together with New Zealand, this important Dialogue. I am pleased to be here.

Mexico's National Health System is experiencing a transformation driven directly from the Office of the President, aimed to establishing a uniformed system of care. Our goal is to ensure full access to quality health services for everyone, because for my country, **the right to health protection is a human right.**

In our plans for this institutional transformation, we have included a vigorous prevention policy that allows us to face the challenges of Chronic, Non-communicable diseases such as **diabetes, cancer or heart disease.**

It is thus very kitting that I participate in this Dialogue. In short, **the prevention and control of these diseases is a high national priority.** I hope that we are able to achieve greater understanding on how to better strengthen international cooperation in favor of this common objective.

Thank you