

## Confronting Non-Communicable Diseases in the Middle East and Turkey: Research and Training Priorities

Sunday January 19, 2014  
Amman, Jordan

9:00 – 9:30 AM	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions and Framing Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Wafaa El-Sadr</b>, University Professor and Director of the International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP), Columbia University</p>
9:30 – 10:00 AM	<p><b>The Global Burden of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs): Diabetes, Overweight/Obesity and Cardiovascular Disease</b></p> <p><b>Richard Deckelbaum</b>, Robert R. Williams Professor of Nutrition and Director of the Institute of Human Nutrition, Columbia University</p>
10:00 – 1:00 PM	<p><b>Regional NCD Epidemiology and Research Priorities</b></p> <p><i>Moderators:</i> <b>Azmi Mahafzah</b>, Vice President for Scientific Faculties, University of Jordan and <b>Miriam Rabkin</b>, Associate Clinical Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine, Columbia University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mohammed Al-Tarawneh</b>, Director of Non-Communicable Diseases, Ministry of Health, Jordan</li> <li>• <b>Şevket Ruacan</b>, Founding Dean, School of Medicine, Koç University, Turkey</li> <li>• <b>Fouad M. Fouad</b>, Assistant Research Professor at the Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon</li> <li>• <b>Yehia Abed</b>, Associate Professor of Public Health, Al Quds University, West Bank</li> <li>• <b>Salwa Massad</b>, Research Manager, WHO Palestinian National Institute of Public Health. Assistant Professor, Birzeit University, West Bank</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A Session</p>
<b>11:15–11:30 AM</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
	<p><b>Regional NCD Epidemiology and Research Priorities (<i>continued</i>)</b></p> <p>Q&amp;A Session</p>
<b>1:00 – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00 – 3:15 PM	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: Current Health Training Programs and Priorities</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> <b>Anne Paxton</b>, Associate Clinical Professor of Epidemiology and Population and Family Health, Columbia University</p> <p>During this session, participants from each institution will describe their current health training activities and priorities. The focus will be on training future health professionals to confront NCDs, including basic science, clinical, public health/health systems and public policy perspectives.</p>
<b>3:15 – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>

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3:30 – 5:00 PM	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: Joint Training Opportunities in the Context of Regional Research Priorities</b></p> <p><i>Moderators:</i> <b>Richard Deckelbaum</b>, Robert R. Williams Professor of Nutrition and Director of the Institute of Human Nutrition, Columbia University and <b>Umair Khammash</b>, Chief of Health Programs, UNRWA, West Bank</p> <p>During this session, participants will briefly review existing international training partnerships, with an eye to identifying lessons learned and keys to success. What types of trainees have been involved, where do they train, how are faculty engaged? Building on the day's discussions, participants will brainstorm about the potential to craft new training partnerships in the context of regional NCD research priorities.</p>
5:00 PM	<p><b>Closing Remarks/Next Steps</b></p> <p><b>Wafaa El-Sadr</b>, University Professor and Director of the International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP), Columbia University</p>

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