

UPCOMING ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

1. Second United Nations High-Level Meeting on UHC

About	The President of the UN General Assembly is convening a High-level Meeting (HLM) on UHC.
Key dates	21 September 2023
Advocacy in action	In the run-up to the meeting, FDI members can lobby their governments to ensure they contribute to the negotiation of the Political Declaration to be adopted at this meeting, as well as propose global commitments that can improve access to oral health specifically.

2. Fourth NCD Alliance Forum

About	The NCD Alliance will host the next global Forum in Kigali, Rwanda in partnership with the Rwanda NCD Alliance. The event will bring together the NCD community from around the world to unite in advocating for the prevention and control of NCDs.
Key dates	20–22 October 2024
Advocacy in action	Urge policymakers to develop and implement oral health actions plans that are integrated into strategies to address the burden of untreated NCDs of which oral diseases comprise a major fraction.

3. Fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

About	Referred to as COP5, this meeting is important as the Convention includes provisions on the phase down of dental amalgam. Therefore, it is key that dental professionals, living in a country that has ratified the Convention, are aware of the direct impact it will have on their profession.
Key dates	30 October–3 November 2023
Advocacy in action	FDI members are encouraged to coordinate a meeting with their Ministries of Health and Environment as well as Chief Dental Officer (where one exists) to understand their country's position and to ensure their voice is heard when national targets for the phase down of dental amalgam are set.

4. Fourth United Nations HLM on NCDs

About	The President of the UN General Assembly is convening a HLM on NCDs.
Key dates	2025
Advocacy in action	The preparatory process leading to the fourth HLM is ongoing and includes the release of a progress report by the UN Secretary-General in 2024. FDI members and other oral health champions can urge their governments to call for an assessment of the oral health agenda as part of this process.