

Advocacy on the global arena: how we can make a difference ***TOGETHER***

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Advocacy strategy implementation

United Nations agencies

World Health Organization

United Nations Environment Programme

Strategic partners

NCD Alliance

World Health Professions Alliance

Member mobilization

Vision 2030

Global health agenda priorities

How does FDI Advocacy impact oral health?



Influencing policymakers

Secure commitments from governments to make oral health a priority



Raising awareness

Increase public awareness and understanding of the importance of maintaining good oral health



United Nations (UN): our relationship



Consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)



Official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO)



Work with UNEP (UN Environment Programme) on the Minamata Convention and the **phase-down of dental amalgam**



Intervene at key meetings and invited to consultations to ensure the **oral health community's voice** is heard

Strategic partners

Work to integrate oral health into
NCD and UHC responses



Interprofessional collaboration and
education



FDI's global advocacy priorities

Recognition of oral health among global health priorities

Ensure oral health is recognized and accepted as a core element of general health and well-being



Integration of oral health into the NCD and UHC responses

Dental Amalgam Phase Down

AMR stewardship

Vision 2030 >>> **2021-2025 advocacy workstreams**

Education
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Pillar 1	By 2030, essential oral health services are integrated into healthcare in every country and appropriate quality oral healthcare becomes available, accessible, and affordable for all.
Pillar 2	By 2030, oral and general person-centred healthcare are integrated, leading to more effective prevention and management of oral diseases and improved health and well-being.
Pillar 3	By 2030, oral health professionals will collaborate with a wide range of health workers to deliver sustainable, health-needs-based, and people-centred healthcare.

Workstream 1: Ensuring equitable access to appropriate and affordable oral healthcare

Workstream 2: Securing population-wide access to basic packages of oral care

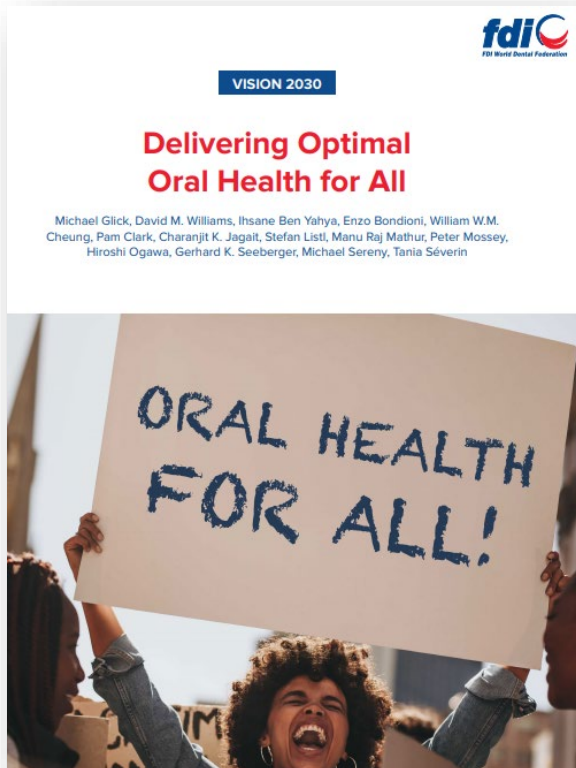
Workstream 3: Tackling shared NCD risk factors and social determinants

Workstream 4: Building strong oral health information systems and integrated surveillance

Workstream 5: Strengthening health systems through workforce education, planning and collaboration

Workstream 6: Enabling sustainable and responsible dentistry

FDI's Vision 2030 fdiworlddental.org/vision2030



← Education →

Oral health

The Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the consolidated report by the Director-General;¹

Recalling resolutions WHA60.17 (2007) on oral health: action plan for promotion and integrated disease prevention, WHA69.3 (2016) on the global strategy and action plan on ageing and health 2016–2020: towards a world in which everyone can live a long and healthy life, WHA72.2 (2019) on primary health care; and decisions WHA72(11) (2019) on the follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and WHA73(12) (2020) on the Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030;

Mindful of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages), and recognizing the important intersections between oral health and other Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 1 (End poverty in all its forms and everywhere), Goal 2 (End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture), Goal 4 (Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all) and Goal 12 (Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns);

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New WHO resolution on Oral health

1) No global commitments on oral health since 2007

2) Formal recognition of oral health as an element of the NCD and UHC agendas

3) Strong follow-up actions to maintain political (and policy) momentum

Political momentum to recognize

Oral health as essential for general health

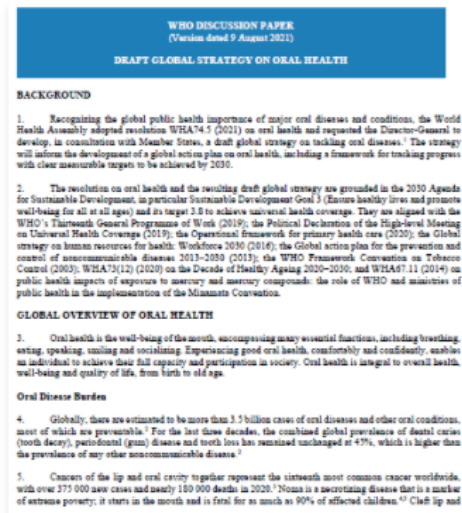
Oral healthcare as an essential health service

Oral health professionals as essential health workers

Oral Health Strategy

WHO Discussion Paper: Draft Global Strategy On Oral Health

9 August 2021 | Technical document



Overview

Recognizing the global public health importance of major oral diseases and conditions, the World Health Assembly adopted resolution WHA74.5 (2021) on oral health and requested the Director-General to develop, in consultation with Member States, a draft global strategy on tackling oral diseases.¹ The strategy will inform the development of a global action plan on oral health, including a framework for tracking progress with clear measurable targets to be achieved by 2030.

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FDI's general comments

STRENGTHS

- Strong alignment with **Vision 2030** (strategy's vision: "universal oral health coverage for all people by 2030")
- **Complements resolution**, by including clefts within the burden, access to fluorides and need for budget allocation
- Prioritizes **PHC, oral health information systems, and oral health research** as strategic objectives
- Recognizes the **role of civil society** in oral health response and the fact that oral health is considered a **human right**
- Acknowledges the need to reorient health systems towards **population-wide prevention**, increase oral health literacy
- Increases scope of **risk factors**
- Presents oral health services as essential health services that should be part of **UHC benefit packages**, ensuring quality, equitable access, and financial protection
- Recognizes need for a **wider team approach** in dentistry to increase access to care – requiring defined scopes of practice

BARRIERS

- Remains a very **high-level document** without specific guidance nor indicators to measure strategic objectives
- **Only** links oral health with NCDs by **recognizing the common risk factors**; therefore, doesn't acknowledge poor oral health as a NCD risk factor, nor makes the case for interprofessional collaboration
- Doesn't highlight the weight that **out-of-pocket payments** have specifically in oral healthcare within health systems, nor the complexity of **payment systems for professionals**
- Needs a **guiding principle on sustainability** (to include considerations around AMR and Minamata Convention)
- Needs **a strategic objective on oral health workforce**, given the complex actions required to build a resilient oral health workforce (including around education, retention, geographical distribution, planning, and collaboration)

FDI joins forces in response to WHO strategy

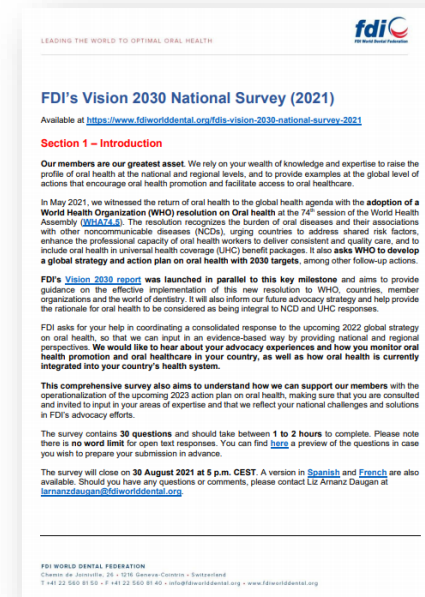
- 65 organizations co-signed FDI's response
- Great support from FDI members
- Others that signed: NCD Alliance, International Diabetes Federation, Smile Train, NCD Alliance Kenya
- <https://fdiworlddental.org/joint-response-to-WHO-global-strategy-draft>

1. ADF - Association dentaire française
2. AIO - Italian Dental Association
3. ANDI - Associazione Nazionale Dentisti Italiani
4. Asociación Odontológica Panameña
5. Associacao Dentaria Timor Leste (ADETIL)
6. Association des chirurgiens dentistes du Burkina (ACDB)
7. Association des Chirurgiens-Dentistes du Bénin (A.C.D.B.)
8. Association marocaine de prévention bucco-dentaire (AMPBD)
9. Australian Dental Association
10. Azerbaijan Stomatological Association
11. Bahamas Dental Association
12. Bangladesh Dental Society
13. British Dental Association (BDA)
14. Bulgarian Dental Association (BgDA)
15. Bundeszahnärztekammer e.V. (German Dental Association)
16. Cercle des Médecins-Dentistes du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg
17. Chambre Syndicale Dentaire, Belgium
18. Chinese Stomatological Association
19. Chinese Taipei Association for Dental Sciences
20. Colegio de Cirujano Dentistas de Chile
21. Colegio de Cirujanos Dentistas de Costa Rica
22. Colegio de Odontólogos de Bolivia
23. Commonwealth Dental Association
24. Cyprus Dental Association
25. Danish Dental Association
26. Dental Association of Seychelles
27. Dental Association of Thailand
28. Dental Chamber of Kosovo
29. Egyptian Clinical Dental Society
30. Ethiopian Dental Professional's Association (EDPA)
31. Fiji Dental Association
32. Finnish Dental Association
33. Hong Kong Dental Association
34. Indonesia Dental Association
35. International Diabetes Federation (IDF)
36. Irish Dental Association
37. Japan Dental Association
38. Kenya Dental Association
39. Korean Dental Association
40. Malaysian Dental Association
41. Mexican Dental Association (Asociación Dental Mexicana)
42. Mongolian Dental Association
43. NCD Alliance
44. Non-communicable Diseases Alliance Kenya
45. Norwegian Dental Association
46. OMD - Portuguese Dental Association
47. Philippine Dental Association
48. Polish Dental Society
49. Romanian Dental Association of Private Practitioners (RDAPP)
50. Russian Dental Association
51. Samara State Medical University
52. Serbian Dental Society
53. Slovenian Dental Association
54. SmileTrain
55. Société de Médecine Dentaire, asbl
56. South African Dental Association
57. Sri Lanka Dental Association
58. Stomatological Society of Greece
59. Tanzania Dental Association
60. The Armenian Dental Association
61. Tunisian Dental Syndicate for Private Practice
62. Turkish Dental Association
63. Ukrainian Dental Association
64. VVT - Verbond der Vlaamse Tandartsen
65. Zimbabwe Dental Association

Vision 2030 survey focused on national implementation

Survey of our national dental associations to learn from your experiences in the following areas:

- **Carrying out national and regional advocacy** in different areas (prevention, access to care, integrated care, health workforce, etc.)
- **Monitoring progress** on oral health/NCD policy and indicators
- **Identifying case studies** demonstrating the successful integration of oral health into UHC benefit packages, as well as NCD and other health programmes



<https://www.fdiworlddental.org/fdis-vision-2030-national-survey-2021>

Vision 2030 National Survey

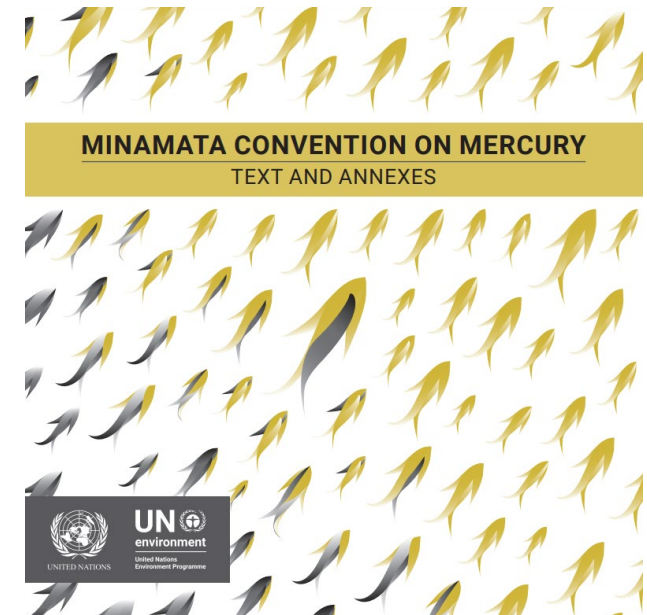
- Closed 13 September (*launched July*)
- **Two types of questions:** NDA's experience in different areas & country's status and available data
- **Survey sections:**
 - Background
 - Universal Health Coverage
 - Primary Healthcare & Basic Oral Care
 - Oral Diseases Shared Risk Factors & Programmes Integration
 - Integrated Oral Health Information Systems
 - Health Workforce's Education, Planning and Collaboration
 - Sustainable and Responsible Dentistry
 - Country's Data



Analyzed results will be shared later in September to inform the strategy's objectives and indicators

Minamata Convention on Mercury – COP4

- **Two amendment proposals** affecting Annex A, Part II:
 - [By EU Member States](#):
 - **complements current language, restricts phase-down approach, by 2024:**
 - only allow pre-dosed encapsulated form of amalgam (no bulk form)
 - ensure use of quality amalgam separators
 - forbid use in deciduous teeth, in children under 15 years & pregnant or breastfeeding women (except when deemed strictly necessary by the dental practitioner)
 - [By the Africa region](#) (Botswana, Burkina Faso & Madagascar):
 - **replaces current language, asking phase-out by 2029**
 - removes any language on investing in prevention/oral health promotion, alternative materials research, and waste management
- The COP4 meeting is **virtual in November 2021** and a **F2F meeting is being planned for Q1 2022** where amendments to the Convention will be discussed
- FDI is asking **NDA to understand their government's position**; get involved in advocacy for a phase-down approach and **connect their Ministry of Health with Ministry of Environment**.



Call to action



- Understand your government's position
- Ensure your voice, concerns and challenges are heard
- Coordinate a meeting with your Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment and CDO (if one exists) to influence your government's position, if needed
- Advocate for a phase down approach to ensure an equitable approach in all countries

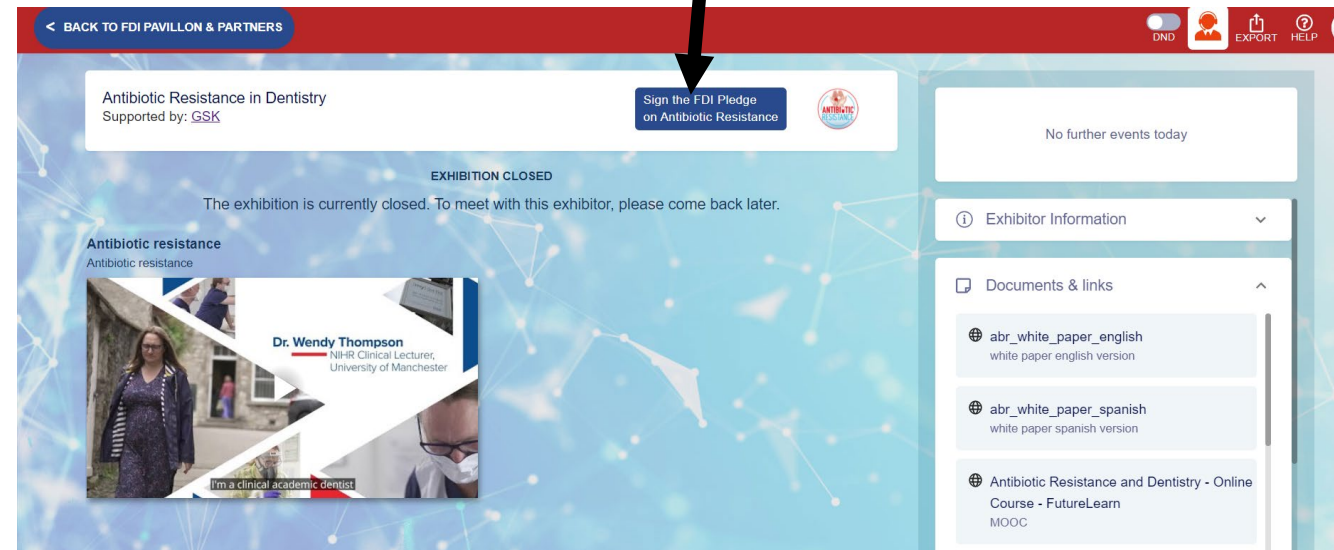
Antibacterial resistance pledge

Join our fight against ABR

Find the link to sign this pledge
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