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### **Provisional agenda item 12. The role of the global coordination mechanism (GCM) on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in WHO's work on multistakeholder engagement for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: report on independent evaluation**

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FDI and IADR welcome the evaluation of the GCM on NCDs which emphasizes its role as a critical platform for advancing multisectoral collaboration.

Oral diseases affect nearly 3.7 billion people worldwide and oral health is a key indicator of overall health, well-being, and quality of life. The WHO Global Oral Health Action Plan recommends urgent multistakeholder collaboration to address oral diseases. We therefore urge WHO and Member States to ensure that oral health is explicitly integrated into future GCM coordination efforts by:

- Expanding national and regional implementation and technical support to meaningfully engagement of people living with oral diseases and oral healthcare professionals; and
- Embedding oral health indicators in GCM monitoring and evaluation frameworks to promote comprehensive, evidence-based NCD strategies.

The GCM's role as a platform for inclusive, science-driven collaboration and shared accountability must be preserved and strengthened.

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