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**IAW ACTION SHEET - June 2011**



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**NCD Civil Society hearings - 16 June at the UN General Assembly in New York**

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The General Assembly of the United Nations will hold a High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) on 19 and 20 September 2011 in New York. This session will address the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases worldwide, with a particular focus on developmental and other challenges and social and economic impacts, particularly for developing countries.

The International Alliance of Women joined the Framework Convention Alliance and the NCD Alliance along with other representatives of governments and civil society for a one-day Informal Interactive Civil Society Hearing on 16 June 2011 at the UN General Assembly in New York. Around 90 Member States reportedly attended the hearing across the day.

Many speakers supported the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and highlighted the harm done to women's health as well as poor countries' ability to achieve the MDG goals.

The draft document is expected to be available for Member States inputs in about a month.

**It is important for IAW members to lobby governments to make sure that women, gender and tobacco are in the draft outcome document leading up to the General Assembly meeting.**