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Dear Ms Gabunia,

**WHO European Conference on Screening  
UN City, Copenhagen, Denmark, 11–12 February 2020**

I have the honour to inform you that the WHO Regional Office for Europe will hold a conference on screening in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 11–12 February 2020, with the financial support of the German Government.

The Conference is organized in the framework of a WHO European initiative aimed at improving decision-making related to screening practices to maximize benefits and minimize harms. It is a progressive effort to include all Member States of the WHO European Region following the 2019 WHO European Technical Consultation on Screening. The Conference will include experts, technical advisers and policy makers in the Region, and will be supported by a WHO Secretariat team from the global, regional and country levels.

The Conference aims to discuss the harms and benefits of screening for noncommunicable diseases and other conditions across the life-course, in light of scientific evidence and country experiences. With supporting policy briefs, guidance documents, expert presentations and country experience, participants will exchange views on the most pressing challenges and cross-cutting issues regarding screening, such as legal, ethical and resource implications, as well as political, social, commercial and technological drivers of screening.

I have the pleasure to invite you to nominate two participants from your country with technical background and experience in screening, who will be able to share your country experience in relation screening for noncommunicable diseases and through the life-course. The working languages will be English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation provided.

Travel for the participants will be arranged and paid for by this office, and they will also receive a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the meeting in accordance with our travel regulations.

I look forward to receiving your nominations, with the name, functional title and address (including email) of the proposed participants. We will then communicate directly with the nominees. We would appreciate

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if you could reply directly to the Secretariat, NCD Integrated Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable diseases, email [euncd@who.int](mailto:euncd@who.int) at your earliest convenience, but no later than **8 November 2019**, in order to plan adequate time for travel arrangements and related logistics.

Dr Jill Farrington, Coordinator, is responsible for this event, and we would appreciate you addressing your reply to her.

Yours very truly,



Dr Bente Mikkelsen  
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