

Mr Nick Banatvala

Senior Advisor, Non-Communicable Diseases, World Health Organization (WHO)

Nick Banatvala leads the Secretariat of the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and control of Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs). The Task Force was established by the UN Secretary General in 2013 and report to the UN's Economic and Social Council. The Secretariat is based in WHO's Headquarters in Geneva. The role of the Task Force is to bring the UN system together to tackle NCDs, mental health and other NCD-related Sustainable Development Goals. The Task Force uses its networks and expertise to help governments develop and introduce effective responses to prevent and control NCDs. It provides high quality technical support to enable governments across the world to develop and implement multisectoral action that is aligned with broader national development plans.

Prior to this, Banatvala was Head of Global Affairs at the Department of Health in the United Kingdom where he led the development and implementation of the UK Government's first-ever global health strategy. Before that, he headed up the UK Department for International Development (DFID)'s work on global health partnership and scaling up health services. Prior to this, Banatvala led DFID's health and education programming to Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Middle East. Banatvala has experience with the NGO sector, having worked with the UK aid agency Merlin on a number of development and humanitarian programmes. He trained in paediatrics and infectious diseases before doing public health and epidemiologic research in the UK and CDC, Atlanta. He has sat on government, non-government and academic boards, as well as national and international committees. He has undertaken consultancies for a number of agencies including the World Bank and has published on a range of international public health issues.



#Atoms4Life