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**Lessons Learned
from a Colloquium Series on a
Collaborative Multi-Stakeholder and Multi-Sectoral Approach
for Action on Non-Communicable Diseases
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The Global Social Observatory hosted a 2012 Colloquium Series on Non-Communicable Diseases to enhance understanding on a collaborative multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral approach to NCD prevention, treatment and care. The Series consisted of five Colloquium Events throughout the year and culminated in the development of a framework for a plan of action on multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral collaboration. With slight variations for each event, the Series included plenary sessions for keynote speakers and lead discussants to stimulate thinking, followed by informal and interactive “café politique” sessions where all participants had the opportunity to express their views and ideas on specific questions or issues. We present the outcome of the Colloquium Series in terms of six lessons learned, as described below:

- The multi-stakeholder approach is an umbrella for meaningful dialogue
- Perceptions of conflict of interest must be dealt with through an inclusive approach
- Multi-stakeholder collaboration requires everyone to operate beyond their respective roles
- People-centered care is the starting point for a systemic social and health care approach to NCDs
- A life-course approach integrates healthy lifestyles with prevention, treatment and care and further reinforces the need for a multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder approach.
- The issue of equitable access to prevention, treatment and care requires a central role for governments.