



media and communication technologies, will be shared at the upcoming regional AMR meeting in Ghana on the topic of m-Health.

Empowering people to acquire a level of knowledge, to take action to improve, promote and maintain health will lead to changes in personal health behaviors and lifestyle

in prevention efforts to address tobacco and alcohol use, unhealthy diets, and low physical activity. I intend to bring this message regarding the importance of health literacy in controlling and addressing non-communicable diseases to the upcoming regional ministerial meeting in Doha, Qatar.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to encourage all of you, whether representatives of government, civil society, academia or the private sector, to remain actively engaged in improving health care in your respective countries. Throughout the past two days we have discussed many interesting ideas and realistic solutions to improving health literacy. Beyond the significance of discussion, there is, however, the urgent need to move from words to actions in order to solve domestic health challenges and ultimately make a real difference in the lives of the people.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite once more consider making National Presentations to ECOSOC during future Ministerial Reviews. It is an important occasion for Member States to engage in an open forum in discussions about the challenges facing individual countries, as well as the successes reached in the implementation of the MDGs.

I look forward to seeing you in Geneva in July, a

Thank you very much.