2nd Global Summit on Circulatory Health
Access to Essential and Affordable Medicines and Technologies
Summary of Discussion (1)

• Integrated PHC systems are the foundation (with linkages to community awareness-raising and screening initiatives)

• Need increased (& protected) financing for CVD & NCDs (both gov’t budgets and ODA)

• Unified messaging across all levels of care

• Need improved adherence to medications – telehealth can support this

• Need to elevate the patient voice

• Need to update evidence base, and essential medicines lists

• Robust health information systems to quantify demand for CVD meds & tech
Summary of Discussion (2)

- Political processes – civil society should track international treaties for implications on access to generic medicines
- Pooled procurement – way to make medicines more affordable & available
- Need way to identify target population (for both management and prevention)
- Make dispensing and accessing essential meds more simple for healthcare recipients – (combinations, & avoid transportation costs & missing work)
- Must remember cheap, essential technologies (esp. for management after CVD events)
Potential Action Points

Financing

• WHO & civil society call for countries to increase funding for CVD within health budgets

Advocacy support

• Support for national foundations in essential meds advocacy to governments from international organizations and NGOs

Pooled procurement

• Technical support for regions & large countries to seek pooled procurement of essential CVD medicines (e.g. PAHO Strategic Fund, which includes NCD medicines)