A needs assessment of representatives from the secretariats of the newly formed national NCD organizations from Myanmar, Philippines, Ghana, Egypt, Indonesia, Nigeria, Vietnam, and Mozambique identified the opportunity to improve skills around organizational management. The Union facilitated a three-hour strategic session that allowed participants to better understand how to define shared priorities and visioning as an advocacy network.

The session focused on practical exercises and discussions to help participants:

- Build consensus in an advocacy alliance/network
- Define shared priorities and vision as a network/alliance
- Develop a strategic plan with defined areas of cooperation and clear deadlines

Participants expressed increased capacity in setting up domestic NCD Alliances, including the development of a strategic plan to involve new members and how to work towards securing sustainable funding.