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NCD Alliance founding member

About UICC

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Founded in 1933 and based in Geneva, Switzerland, UICC is dedicated to taking the lead in convening, capacity building and advocacy initiatives that unite the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, promote greater equity, and integrate cancer control into the world health and development agenda.

UICC is the largest and oldest international cancer organisation. With over 1,000 members and 56 partners across 162 countries, UICC features the world's major cancer societies, ministries of health, research and treatment institutes, patient groups, and industry leaders.

Over many years, UICC has earned a reputation for being an independent, objective voice for cancer control, urging governments to take action and ensure it is a priority amongst influential organisations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Economic Forum (WEF).

Through UICC's UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) status, the organisation also works closely with key UN agencies including: the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

UICC and its multisectoral partners are committed to driving shared value creation and looking towards the implementation and scale-up of quality and sustainable programmes that address the global burden of cancer and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

UICC is a founding member of the NCD Alliance, a global civil society network that now represents almost 2,000 organisations in 170 countries.

UICC priority areas of work

Convening the world's leaders

- Driving the global cancer community's core convening platforms: World Cancer Day, the World Cancer Congress and the World Cancer Leaders' Summit
- Increasing recognition, maximising reach, fostering engagement, and developing innovative ways to engage all parties in dialogue
- Gathering key decision-makers to address the most urgent topics in cancer control and convening regional leaders to build networks and address challenges
- Offering regional workshops to address specific local issues.

Building capacity to meet regional needs

- Driving sustainable initiatives tailored to local and regional needs that furthers greater equity and impact
- Offering international fellowships, training courses, and master classes to accelerate learning opportunities in areas with the most need
- Fostering peer-to-peer learning by bringing together experts in organisational management, fundraising, partnerships, awareness campaigns and patient support
- Building a portfolio of online and offline resources including toolkits, webinars, online trainings, and guidelines to generate global knowledge sharing
- Publishing the TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, the International Journal of Cancer, and the Global Journal of Oncology to further expand scientific knowledge amongst healthcare professionals.

Transforming global commitments into local actions

- Pushing countries to follow through on global cancer and NCD commitments including the WHO NCD Action Plan and Sustainable Development Goals to drive national progress
- Promoting consensus for an update of the 2005 World Health Assembly Cancer Resolution so that all governments recommit to making cancer control a public health priority
- Engaging UN agencies in cancer control initiatives across the care continuum
- Ensuring UICC members' perspectives are reflected in global discussions including the UN Review and World Health Assembly
- Ensuring that national health expenditures invested in cancer control and other NCDs increase, and that countries least able to address their cancer burden have a larger proportion of official development assistance earmarked.

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