



UICC Advocacy Network

Background

In the lead up to the first UN High-level Meeting on Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs), UICC's Advocacy team worked with a group of UICC members to advocate for the inclusion of strong language to support our work on cancer control. Known initially as the CAN25by25 network, the UICC Advocacy Network continues to play an important role in positioning cancer and other NCDs as a global health and development issue, securing cancer-specific commitments from governments around the world, and helping to drive their implementation at national level.

The UICC Advocacy Network, brings together over 100 UICC members across 47 countries. The individuals involved come from national cancer societies, research institutes, patient groups, professional societies and prevention groups amongst others. Our strength comes from the diverse expertise and experiences that the Advocacy Network can draw on to help shape, inform and deliver policy changes. Looking ahead, our vision is of an active network that can help inform, shape and drive the work of the UICC Knowledge, Advocacy and Policy team globally. This group will be essential to the ongoing work in follow-up to the 2017 cancer resolution and global NCD commitments, under the umbrella Treatment for All campaign, as well in preparations for global advocacy opportunities like the UN High-level Meeting on universal health coverage (UHC).

Goals

The Advocacy Network aims to:

- Strengthen collaborations with advocacy-focused UICC members to more effectively represent their voices in global fora
- Support UICC members to use global discussions, commitments, resources and action plans to strengthen their national advocacy work

Benefits

As a member of the UICC Advocacy Network, you can expect:

- Monthly email updates on developments in key cancer-relevant global health discussions
- Notifications when there are new training opportunities and advocacy resources that can be used to support your national advocacy work
- To be consulted and updated on specific global advocacy opportunities, such as preparations for UN High-level Meetings
- Invitations to take part in key global advocacy events, such as the World Health Assembly or WHO regional committee meetings, as well as webinars and calls on specific advocacy topics

- Opportunities to input knowledge and examples from your own work into key publications and consultations
- Opportunities to share knowledge and network with likeminded and committed advocates

Your contribution

In addition to providing updates and information on global advocacy opportunities, we ask that all members of the Advocacy Network contribute to its success. The kinds of actions we will ask you to take to support global cancer advocacy are:

- Communications: Help us disseminate and promote key cancer and NCD messages
- Evidence-based advocacy: Share information, and examples of good practices in cancer prevention and control from your country
- Technical expertise: Provide timely input into UICC position papers, factsheets, and contributions to UN and WHO consultation processes.

How to join

The Advocacy Network is open to all UICC members. Requests to join the network should be sent to advocacy@uicc.org and membership@uicc.org, with a short message detailing what advocacy work you are currently undertaking and which thematic areas you are particularly interested in pursuing further.

If you are a member of the Advocacy Network but are not receiving the advocacy email updates, please contact advocacy@uicc.org.