

# UNITING ORGANIZATIONS

A cancer community united behind implementation of the commitments from the World Health Assembly 2017 cancer resolution will harness the political drive for real national impact.

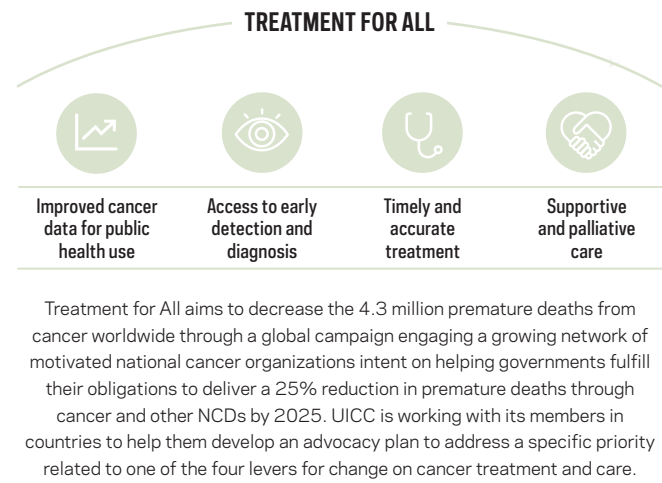
Now is the time to drive national action to reduce cancer deaths. Governments are following up on major global commitments including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the United Nations (UN) Political Declaration on the Prevention and Control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and the 2017 World Health Assembly cancer resolution, which outlines a clear roadmap to scale up action on cancer control, irrespective of income level. Because cancer knows no borders, cooperation is necessary to reduce the burden of cancer nationally and internationally. **FIGURE 37.3** Working in partnership has benefits such as amplifying cancer control initiatives and bringing them to the attention of key decision-makers, expanding the reach and scale-up of interventions, stimulating idea generation and peer-to-peer support, and shaping cancer policies that can leave a long-lasting footprint around the world. The global cancer community—including the UN, WHO, Ministries of Health, national cancer institutes, cancer societies, research and treatment centers, academia, patient support groups, appropriate private sector, and survivors at the local, national and global levels—is collaborating on a broad spectrum of activities that support cancer surveillance, early detection, treatment and care, and the delivery of palliative care. **FIGURE 37.1** Many of these organizations work on the development, implementation, and monitoring of National Cancer Control Plans (NCCPs) that are

the foundation for the prevention and control of cancer in their countries. **MAP 37.1** The 2017 World Health Assembly cancer resolution entitled “Cancer prevention and control in the context of an integrated approach” (WHA 70.12) aligns national cancer control with the growing dialogue on universal health coverage, emphasizing the links and opportunities for integration across health platforms to deliver sustainable cancer care and stronger health systems. The resolution also emphasizes the importance of partnerships where these are fundamental to achieving the SDGs by 2030. **FIGURE 37.2**

**MEXICO**  
JUNTOS CONTRA EL CÁNCER

More than 50 civil society organizations from Mexico have created the “Juntos Contra el Cáncer” (Together Against Cancer) coalition to position cancer in the national health agenda and be the voice of patients in the country.

**FIGURE 37.1** Treatment for All, an advocacy campaign run by UICC



**FIGURE 37.3** Creative opportunities to convene stakeholders within and beyond the cancer community



This high-level policy meeting is an opportunity to reach key decision-makers, and identify new and innovative solutions with thought-leaders in the cancer field.



The biennial World Cancer Congress provides a forum for cancer control experts, practitioners, and advocates to share best practice and the latest advances in cancer control.



World Cancer Day (February 4) unites the entire world in the global fight against cancer, raising general awareness around the disease.

**MAP 37.1** A global network of cancer organizations

There are over 1,100 Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) members in 170 countries.

UNION FOR INTERNATIONAL CANCER CONTROL (UICC), based in Geneva, is the largest and oldest international cancer organization dedicated to taking the lead in convening, capacity building, and advocacy initiatives that unite and support the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, promote greater equity, and ensure cancer control continues to be a priority in the world health and development agenda.



**FIGURE 37.2** Multisectoral collaboration in cancer control

**CITY CANCER CHALLENGE (C/CAN)** is building a collective movement of cities, bringing together civil society, private companies, professional associations, and government. City Cancer Challenge is engaging all city stakeholders in the design, planning, and implementation of cancer treatment solutions. [citycancerchallenge.org](http://citycancerchallenge.org)

**INTERNATIONAL CANCER CONTROL PARTNERSHIP (ICCP)** is helping governments to develop and implement effective national cancer control plans. [iccp-portal.org](http://iccp-portal.org)

**FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ALLIANCE** is supporting global tobacco control efforts through the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. (FCTC). [fctc.org](http://fctc.org)

**THE MCCABE CENTRE FOR LAW AND CANCER** is building capacity for the effective use of law in cancer control. [mccabecentre.org](http://mccabecentre.org)

**THE NCD ALLIANCE** unites over 2,000 civil society organizations to raise the profile of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) as a development priority. [ncdalliance.org](http://ncdalliance.org)

**UICC, NGOS, AND UN AGENCIES** are uniting behind WHO's ambitious call to eliminate cervical cancer. The challenge is high coverage of HPV vaccination, high coverage of screening, and access to diagnosis, treatment, and care of invasive cancers for all. [who.int/reproductivehealth/call-to-action-elimination-cervical-cancer/en/](http://who.int/reproductivehealth/call-to-action-elimination-cervical-cancer/en/)

**eHOSPICE** is a palliative care advocacy network that includes palliative care organizations from countries around the world working to position palliative care and pain relief within Universal Health Coverage (UHC) policy and programs. [ehospice.com](http://ehospice.com)

These innovative and strategic partnerships are working to achieve the SDG target of reducing premature deaths from cancer and other NCDs.