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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Founded in 1933, the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) is a membership organisation dedicated to reducing the global cancer burden, and advocating for the implementation of tools for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer in developing countries. UICC advocates for greater attention to cancer within the international health community and works in partnership with UN agencies and other relevant institutions and NGOs. UICC's mission is to eliminate cancer as a life-threatening disease for future generations.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Cancer prevention and control
- Awareness raising and advocacy
- Knowledge transfer and capacity building
- Diagnosis and treatment of cancer
- Childhood cancer and women's cancer
- Cancer treatment in developing countries

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

UICC's priorities are in advocacy and capacity building for better diagnosis, prevention and treatment of cancer globally. Advocacy activities focus on detection, screening and surveillance of cancer, reduction of the exposure to cancer risk factors and increasing immunisation against cancer where vaccines exist. It also includes access to adequate treatment and care, both curative and palliative, as well as to adequate radiation therapy and surgical operations where needed. Capacity building activities focus on training of the health workforce, innovative incentivising of trained health workers to prevent skilled migration, and training health professionals in detecting curing women's and children's cancer.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

UICC is governed by its member organisations, which meet in a general assembly, held in conjunction with the World Cancer Congress, every two years. Between assemblies, a board of 16 directors, elected by the general assembly, acts as the executive body of UICC. The organisation is headquartered in Geneva and has approximately 45 staff members. The CEO of UICC is Cary Adams.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

The total annual budget of UICC is approximately USD 11 million. The organisation is funded

by grants and donations, member and partner contributions, profits from the conferences it organises and by the NCD alliance.

PUBLICATIONS

For all UICC's publications, see: <http://www.uicc.org/resources>

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