



On the occasion of the UN High Level Meeting on the Prevention
and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases

**The Permanent Mission of Australia to the UN, The Permanent Mission of Barbados
to the UN, The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the UN, and the Healthy Caribbean
Coalition (HCC)**

invite

Heads of Delegations, Permanent Representatives and experts

to attend

Working together to prevent, control and manage NCDs: Responses to cervical cancer in the Caribbean

**Thursday 10 July, 2014 from 1.15-2.45pm
Conference Room 7, North Lawn Building
Light lunch from 12.45pm**

Chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are a major health threat and a significant hindrance to human development in all regions of the world, contributing to approximately 36 million deaths a year. Cervical cancer is a compelling example of a devastating NCD that kills up to 275,000 women every year, but 95% of these deaths are preventable. Using cervical cancer in the Caribbean as a case study, this high-level panel discussion will explore ways that Government Ministries can work together, in partnership with the private sector, civil society and other actors, to prevent, control and manage NCDs.

With the participation of:

Hon John Boyce, Minister of Health, Barbados

Hon Dr Fenton Ferguson, Minister of Health, Jamaica

Dr Colin Furlonge, Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, Trinidad and Tobago

HE Mr Gary Quinlan, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN

Sir Trevor Hassell, President, Healthy Caribbean Coalition

Sir George Alleyne, Director Emeritus, PAHO/WHO

Dr James Hospedales, Executive Director, Caribbean Public Health Agency

Ms Ann McMikel, Vice President, Global Partnerships & Planning, American Cancer Society

Dr Silvana Luciani, Advisor, Cancer Prevention and Control, Department of NCDs and Mental Health, Pan American Health Organisation

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Background

It is estimated that 80% of NCD-related deaths occur in low and lower-middle income countries, and death rates are highest in persons aged 30-70 years old. Should this trend continue, developing countries are projected to lose more than USD7 trillion in productive capacity during the period 2011-2025.

Addressing NCDs is not just a challenge for the health sector. If we are to prevent, control, and manage the triggers, social influences, and consequences of non-communicable diseases, Government Ministries will need to work across the health, education, finance and other sectors, in cooperation with the private sector, civil society, and other actors.

Concept

CARICOM countries have embraced cooperation across sectors in their approach to NCDs. Showing a commitment to regional coordination, Governments across the Caribbean supported the establishment of one of the world's earliest regional NCD Alliances – the Healthy Caribbean Coalition. National NCD Commissions have also been set up to provide a coordination mechanism for multi-sector engagement. In a relatively short period of time, much has been achieved across the region and many lessons have been learned.

On the occasion of the UN General Assembly High Level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, this side event will use cervical cancer as a case study to demonstrate the value and effectiveness of taking a “whole of Government” and “whole of society” approach to NCDs in the Caribbean.

Panellists will discuss what they have found to be the best methods of working across sectors for cervical cancer prevention. The panellists will also reflect on how these effective partnerships can be applied to responses to NCDs more broadly, at the national, regional, and global levels.

Note this event will also be webcast on the UNTV website at <http://webtv.un.org>

This side event is hosted by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Barbados, and Jamaica to the UN, and the Health Caribbean Coalition (HCC). Support has also been provided by The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), The NCD Alliance, The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), and The American Cancer Society (ACS).