

Draft conference session description

London Global Cancer Week

A Global Cancer Workforce in Crisis: How to build capacities, reverse a threatening trend and promote equity

11 November 2024, 10:00–12:30 (GMT)

Session description

The World Health Organization (WHO) in collaboration with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), will be co-hosting a conference session entitled “**A global cancer workforce in crisis: how to build capacities, reverse a threatening trend and promote equity**”. This session represents a unique opportunity for stakeholders to elevate the global cancer workforce crisis and discuss on how to collectively address this challenge. This 2.5-hour interactive session aims to discuss trends in the cancer workforce globally and unpack current and future challenges. The session will feature leading thought experts, partners gathering data on the global cancer workforce, national cancer programme managers delivering local solutions and UN agencies implementing innovative approaches to this global challenge.

Objectives of the session are to:

1. Present the current status and most up to date evidence of a global cancer workforce crisis.
2. Elevate key messages around the global cancer workforce challenge and engage a global audience on the magnitude of the crisis and the implications for cancer care globally in the context of burdened health systems and future pandemics and health system shocks.
3. Discuss potential solutions and mitigations to the risks posed by the cancer workforce crisis including approaches to build capacity, promote equity and reverse the trend
4. Present global initiatives led by WHO, IARC, and IAEA in an effort to address some of the challenges and highlight country experiences and lessons learnt.

Attendees of the LGCW are required to register for the session using this [link](#). The session will be delivered virtually via ZOOM and does not require a registration fee. The working language of the meeting will be English and will be co-hosted by WHO, IAEA and IARC. Attendees will be able to participate and can ask questions in a Q&A chatbox or through direct communication with the speakers. The session will be recorded for future use and advocacy.

Participants

This session will be attended by a range of online registered attendees including:

- a representative from WHO, IAEA, IARC and other development agencies;
- representatives from ministries of health;
- development and multilateral partners;
- nongovernmental organizations, academic institutions and philanthropic organizations involved breast cancer and integrated women’s health programmes;
- persons with lived experiences and civil society groups.