

London Global Cancer Week

Joint WHO–IAEA–IARC session

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

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Programme

Time (GMT)	Topic	Facilitator/presenter
10:00–10:02	Welcome and overview of the session	Dr Thesandree Padayachee Cancer team, NCD/WHO
10:02–10:06	Toward 2025 UN High-level meeting on NCDs: setting priorities inclusive of cancer workforce	Dr Guy Fones Director, a.i., NCD/WHO
10:06–10:11	Capacity building workforce: a decade of investing in training	Dr May Abdel-Wahab Director, IAEA NAHU
10:11–10:16	Cancer workforce in cancer control plans: Current status and emerging priorities	Dr Lisa Stevens Director, IAEA PACT
10:16–10:21	What a trained workforce means to me? Perspective of person affected by cancer	Ms Abigail Simon-Hart Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder of The Bricon Foundation and breast cancer survivor and champion
10:21–10:26	IARC training assets: A case study from Global Initiative for Cancer Registries	Dr Freddie Bray Branch Head, Cancer Surveillance, IARC
10:26–10:36	Participatory survey questions about cancer workforce	Dr Thesandree Padayachee Cancer team, NCD/WHO
10:36–10:46	Setting the scene: Status of the global cancer workforce – what the numbers tell us	Dr Raffaella Casolino Cancer team, NCD/WHO
10:46–11:21	Session 1: Challenges to global cancer workforce: current and future In the context of threatened health systems, rising inequity and a global shortage of health workers, what are the specific challenges of the global cancer workforce crisis? For countries grappling to manage health systems priorities and threats (e.g. limited access to services, worsening inequity, rising burden of NCDs) what are the implications if the cancer workforce crisis is not prioritized? Which competencies and cadre of the cancer workforce are under-recognized/prioritized? What is the role of the professional societies and civil society to advocate and contribute to capacity building to address the skills gaps?	Moderator: Dr Mary Nyangasi Technical Officer, Cancer team, NCD/WHO Panellists: Dr Jozef Suvada WHO Executive Board representative, Slovakia Dr Dilshod Egamberdiev Representative Cancer Center, Uzbekistan Dr Mauro Carrara Section Head, Dosimetry and Medical Physics, IAEA Professor Susana Banerjee Chairperson of the Resilience Task Force (ESMO) Mr Alessandro Di Capua Senior Manager, Leadership Development (UICC) Dr Mirjam Crul Co-Chair of the Workforce Network, ECO

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11:21–11:51	Session 2: Efforts to manage risks and initiatives to reverse the trend What are the low hanging fruit in attempts to build workforce capacity in a sustainable way given the current global health care workforce context? Which initiatives show the most promise in addressing the cancer workforce crisis in an equitable way, given the access disparities that exist globally? What role do players like WHO, IARC, IAEA play in leading global efforts to facilitate <i>a reversal of the workforce crisis</i>?	Moderator: Mr Clement Chauvet Strategy–Resource Mobilization Officer, Office of the Director, IARC Panellists: Dr Carolina Espina Scientist, IARC Dr Yavuz Anacak, Radiation Oncologist, IAEA Dr Nashwa Skaik Technical officer, Cancer team, NCD/WHO
11:51–12:26	Session 3: Winning ventures: Lessons learnt from country implementation teams	Moderator: Mr Arsen Juric Acting Section Head (Cancer Control Review and Planning), IAEA Case study 1: St Jude Global: Implementing Global Clinical and Systems Capacity Building for Childhood Cancer Control Dr Daniel Moreira Director, St Jude Global Academy, St Jude Children's Hospital Dr Catherine Lam Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Childhood Cancer and St Jude Global Health Systems, St Jude Children's Research Hospital Dr Sanjeeva Gunasekera National Advisory Committee for Cancer Control member, Ministry of Health, and the focal point for WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer in Sri Lanka Case study 2: Building a resilient cancer workforce through effective partnerships: perspectives from MD Anderson Cancer Centre and the Mozambican Cancer Control Programme Management Dr Mila Pontremoli Salcedo Assistant Professor, Department of Gynecologic Oncology and Reproductive Medicine, Division of Surgery, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Dr Toma Omofoye Associate Professor in the Department of Breast Imaging, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Prof. Dr Cesaltina Ferreira Lorenzoni Head of the National Cancer Control Programme, Scientific and Teaching Director at Maputo Central Hospital, Ministry of Health, Mozambique
12:26–12:30	Closing remarks	Dr Andre Ilbawi Technical lead, Cancer team, NCD/WHO