

Lisa Stevens

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Biography

Lisa Stevens, Ph.D joined the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in June of 2019 as the Director, Division of Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy (PACT). Her experience in partnership building and National Cancer Control Plan development drew her to this position. Prior to joining the Agency, Ms. Stevens spent 24 years in various roles at the US National Cancer Institute (NCI).

Ms. Stevens' desire to facilitate and promote science is what brought her to the Office of the Director, NCI, in 2000. She joined the Center for Global Health (CGH) as the Deputy Director for Planning and Operations in 2012. In support of NCI, she fostered collaborations, created decision making tools, and oversaw the development of strategic plans.

While at CGH, Lisa focused on gathering input—both internal and external—to facilitate the development of the strategic priorities for the Center. As the Senior Lead of the International Global Cancer Control Program Lisa worked with Ministries of Health and other multi-sectorial groups in all WHO Regions to include evidence-based policies in cancer control and/or NCD control plans. In addition, Lisa co- founded the International Cancer Control Partnerships to organize multiple global partners working with stakeholders in cancer control. This partnership focused on collating published cancer control and NCD plans as well as other tools that individuals charged with developing, implementing, or evaluating national plans can utilize. In September of 2018 a global review of plans was published in Lancet Oncology.

Prior to joining CGH, Ms. Stevens worked on many strategic planning activities across NCI. She facilitated interactions among the NCI Divisions, Offices, and Centers, as well as other NIH Institutes and Centers. Ms. Stevens guided the creation and communication of the long-range plan of the Institute, the yearly plan and budget request, and highlights of scientific progress.