

Screening and AI an important focus at UICC’s World Cancer Congress to be held in Hong Kong 24–26 September 2026

Tuesday 16 June 2026 (Geneva, Switzerland)—The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) is pleased to open media registrations to its flagship event, the [World Cancer Congress](#), which will take place in **Hong Kong from 24–26 September 2026**, bringing together the global cancer community at a pivotal moment for cancer control.

Accredited media are invited to [register here](#)

This global health event will feature **a strong scientific programme**, with a wide range of **peer-reviewed abstracts**, highlighting new research and practical insights into how cancer prevention, treatment, and care are being delivered in different income settings around the world. Further details on key abstracts and new findings will be shared closer to the event.

Hosted by UICC in collaboration with the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society, the World Cancer Congress will welcome over 2,000 medical specialists, cancer experts, scientists, NGO and civil society representatives, high-level United Nations representatives, patient groups, and people living with cancer from across the globe.

Key themes and topics

As cancer cases and related deaths increase in many parts of the world and gaps in access to care persist, the Congress will focus on practical solutions – from prevention and early diagnosis to treatment, care and policy – and what is working in different parts of the world.

Programme themes

- **Prevention, screening, and early detection**, with a strong focus on women’s cancers and lung cancer, including progress in vaccination and screening, the growing role of AI and digital tools, and emerging evidence on environmental and lifestyle risk factors.
- **Cancer research and progress**, spanning precision oncology, genomics, and new data, and how research is being applied in real-world health systems, particularly in low- and middle-income settings and across Asia-Pacific.

- **Healthcare systems and policies**, examining how countries are moving from plans to delivery, and looking at the policy choices that determine who gets access to cancer care, and how health systems are adapting to pressure from limited financing, rising costs, workforce shortages, and instability.
- **Cancer treatment and palliative care**, including access to quality treatment, survivorship, palliative care integration, and care in fragile and humanitarian settings
- **Lung health**, highlighting guidelines for early detection and screening of lung cancer, as well as a focus on air pollution as well as tobacco control, addressing the socioeconomic and commercial determinants of health, industry interference, emerging nicotine products, cessation, and evidence-based policy solutions.
- **People-centred care**, highlighting the human dimensions of cancer care and including the voices of people who have experienced cancer in decision-making, advocacy, and service delivery.

Select key speakers

- **UICC President** (Ulrika Årehed Kågström), **President-elect** (Zainab Shinkafi-Bagudu), CEO (Cary Adams), and Board Members, representing different regions and income settings
- **Dr Jie He** (Director, National Cancer Center of China)
- **Prof. Lo Chung-mau** (Secretary for Health, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government)
- **Ruihua Xu** (Vice-Chairman, China Anti-Cancer Association)
- **Zhu Jiejing** (renowned Chinese dancer and breast cancer survivor)
- **HE Dr Barr. Chioma Uzodimma** (First Lady of Imo State, Nigeria, and Chairperson, First Ladies Against Cancer)

The World Cancer Congress [programme is available here](#).

Further announcements on featured abstracts, confirmed speakers, and media opportunities will be released closer to the event.

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About the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)

The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) is the largest and oldest international cancer organisation dedicated to reducing the burden of cancer around the world. Founded in 1933, UICC has more than 1,150 members in over 170 countries and territories. Its membership base includes the world's major cancer leagues and societies, research institutes, treatment centres, hospitals, public health agencies and patient support groups. UICC also boasts more than 70 strategic partners.

UICC enjoys consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC) and has official relations with the following institutions: WHO, IARC, IAEA, UNODC. UICC is a founding member of the NCD Alliance, the McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer and the International Cancer Control Partnership (ICCP). UICC established the City Cancer Challenge Foundation in January 2019 and the Access to Oncology Medicines (ATOM) Coalition in 2022.

UICC's mission is both to unite and support the cancer community in its efforts to reduce the global cancer burden, promote greater equity and ensure that cancer control remains a priority on the global health and development agenda.

www.uicc.org

About the World Cancer Congress

The World Cancer Congress unites the global health and cancer community with a multidisciplinary programme that features the latest successful interventions in cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care.

It is the only conference of its kind that brings together patient groups, the private sector, UN organisations and countless other health and cancer NGO's from around the world.

The first International Cancer Congress was held in Madrid in 1933. It led to the foundation of the International Union Against Cancer in 1935, renamed the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) in 2010. The last edition took place in Malaysia in 2018.

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