

C/Can 2025: Africa Regional Director

Job Title: Africa Regional Director

Report To: C/Can 2025 Director of Regional Operations

Location: Remote, Africa Region

Availability: From January 2018

About 'C/Can 2025'

UICC is spearheading an ambitious new challenge to support cities to lead on cancer solutions. 'C/Can 2025' is a truly multi-sectoral challenge where all city stakeholders will be engaged in the design, planning and implementation of cancer treatment solutions and cities will be encouraged and supported to take the lead on improving the health of their citizens and reducing inequities in access to quality cancer care. C/Can 2025 has been conceived to address the urgent need to move political commitments made at the global level into fully functional, comprehensive cancer solutions, which can reach the majority of the world's population. C/Can 2025 is the inaugural initiative in a broader coordinated effort to support cities to lead on solutions for NCDs that meet the needs of their citizens. The global target to reduce premature deaths from NCDs by 25% by 2025 has been a call to mobilise national action. However, focusing solely on NCD risk factors alone will not reduce cancer mortality rates by 2025. We must also drive improvements in early detection and treatment.

Summary of Responsibilities

- Serve as Regional Director for the Africa Region for the C/Can 2025: City Cancer Challenge.
- Lead on planning and implementation efforts for all city-level activities in the Africa region.
- Lead communication and collaborative efforts with municipal governments, ministry of health officials, UICC members and other key local cancer control stakeholders.
- Provide support to the Membership and Partnerships Team (Geneva) in cultivating relationships and resource mobilization efforts with key partners, foundations and agencies in the region.
- Review and comment on all relevant technical and management documents as needed, including marketing and communications materials, program monitoring and evaluation tools, MoUs with city-level officials and other city-level program partners and consultants.
- Participate in all relevant regional level meetings, events and conferences, and others as needed.
- Assist in identifying, contracting and managing local Challenge focal points for the African Key Learning City as well as other cities who commit to this and associated challenges.
- Provide oversight for activities in all cities committed to this and associated challenges including the supervision of city focal point persons.
- Oversee organization and management of all stakeholder groups in the Africa region, which will include representatives of City Governments, UICC Members, Ministries of Health, Hospitals (public and private), Academia and local private sector.
- Participate and ensure the successful implementation of all on-site and remote face-to-face meetings, workshops and teleconferences of the stakeholder groups.

- Coordinate and communicate with key regional partners and stakeholders in the Africa region, including the regional WHO office, other UN Agencies, regional World Economic Forum representatives and UICC members.
- Pursue and cultivate new partnerships with organizations, networks and alliances in the Africa region to support achievement of strategic objectives.
- Oversee budget expenditures related to regional activities including those managed by city focal point persons.
- Participate in and oversee the preparation and dissemination of regional and city resources relevant to local stakeholder activities.
- Communicate and collaborate with other Regional Directors on city activities.
- Provide support to the C/Can 2025 global team as needed for the successful implementation of C/Can 2025 and other relevant city initiatives.

Skills and Competencies

- Highly practised professional with at least 10 years of experience of managing public health initiatives.
- Previous experience working in a health-related position in the Africa region is essential. A track record of working on cancer control projects will be considered an advantage.
- Demonstrated understanding of the geopolitical and cultural dynamics of the Africa region
- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant health, policy, international relations or business degree.
- In-depth understanding and experience of global cancer control and non-communicable disease (NCD) initiatives.
- Track record of engaging and cultivating relationships with a wide array of global, regional and local stakeholders including government representatives.
- In-depth understanding of national and city-level health system structures and the role of city-government and other stakeholder groups to support cancer control and/ or NCD efforts.
- Excellent communications and diplomatic skills.
- Outstanding organizational and planning abilities.
- Fluency in English and French. Additional languages will be considered an advantage.

Applications

Applicants be eligible to reside in a country in the Africa region. Preference will be given to candidates able to live and work in an African country.

Send your CV and motivation letter explaining how you think your skills and experience make you a strong candidate for this position and CV to careers@uicc.org.

Deadline for applications: 15 November 2017

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.