



## World Cancer Leaders' Summit

Cancer

Treatment for All

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### **World Cancer Leaders' Summit 2018 challenges global policymakers to boost cancer services across all countries**

**1 October 2018, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** - At the World Cancer Leaders' Summit (WCLS), global health leaders from across UN Agencies, the non-profit and private sectors, and academia will issue an urgent call to countries to increase access to, and investment in, cancer services to improve vital early detection, treatment, care, and public health data.

The need for national action on cancer is more urgent than ever. New data from the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) estimates that there will be **18.1 million new cancer cases diagnosed and 9.6 million cancer deaths in 2018**. This means that countries are way off-course to meet the ambitious global target of reducing premature deaths from non-communicable diseases (NCDs), like cancer, 25% by 2025 as agreed by the World Health Organization in 2013.

Commenting on the global cancer situation **UICC President, Prof. Sanchia Aranda**, said:

*"Cancer is not just a health concern, but also a serious threat to development. The growing burden has clear implications for patients, their families, and health systems, but also for the economic growth of a country as a whole."*

Following on from last week's global review of progress at the UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs, this year's WCLS urges governments to demonstrate leadership by turning their support for the Union for International Cancer Control's '**Treatment for All**' campaign into action to improve cancer outcomes.

Delivering the WCLS Call to Action **UICC President-elect, HRH Princess Dina Mired**, said:

*"We know Treatment for All is possible in every country. What we need is strategic national plans and national champions for cancer control to implement these measures"*

The WCLS is the leading global high-level policy meeting dedicated exclusively to furthering global cancer control. It will bring together decision makers from around the world including **Ministers of Health; non-profit leaders; high-level representatives from the WHO, the World Bank, the IAEA, the IARC, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS)**; as well as representatives from the public and private sector. 350 global influencers in cancer control and public health will be in attendance.

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## Location

The WCLS will be taking place from 9:00am-5.00pm MYT, 1<sup>st</sup> October, at the Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur at 12, Jalan Pinang, Kuala Lumpur, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

## About Treatment for All

Building on commitments made in the 2017 WHO Cancer Resolution, the **Treatment for All** campaign addresses the global equity gap in access to cancer services by supporting stronger health systems. Identifying four pillars to support strong health systems, **Treatment for All** focuses on improving data for public health planning, access to early detection and diagnosis, timely and accurate treatment, and supportive and palliative care. This campaign aims to help create stronger healthcare systems that support countries to deliver universal health coverage and will help to ensure that people worldwide will be able to access the cancer services that they need.

## About UICC President Sanchia Aranda

Professor Sanchia Aranda is currently serving as the CEO of Cancer Council in Australia. She also currently holds academic appointments with the School of Health Sciences, University of Melbourne and the Faculty of Nursing, University of Sydney and is a research fellow at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. She has more than 30 years' experience in cancer control and has held prior roles in healthcare, government and tertiary education.

## About UICC President-elect HRH Princess Dina Mired

HRH Princess Dina is a mother of a cancer survivor and well-known global advocate for cancer control and non-communicable diseases in Jordan. She is a former Director General of the King Hussein Cancer Foundation, Honorary Chair of the global steering committee for Tobacco Free Portfolios, and Honorary President of the Harvard University Global Task Force for Expanded Access to Cancer Control and Care in the Developing World.

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