



# World Cancer Leaders' Summit

Cancer and

Universal Health Coverage

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Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

## Media backgrounder

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### Event details

**Summit day:** 16 October 2019

**Location:** Congress Center – Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

**Attendance:** Approximately 350 delegates

### About the World Cancer Leaders' Summit

- Organised by the **Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)** and hosted by the **Kazakh Institute of Oncology and Radiology (KazIOR)**, the World Cancer Leaders' Summit (WCLS) is the most important **annual high-level policy meeting** dedicated to facilitating discussions and influencing global decisions which impact **cancer control**
- The event brings together **key decision makers from around the world**, and encourages timely debate on emerging global issues related to cancer
- It provides a vital forum to secure a **global, cross-sector, response and ensure accountability** in addressing the spiralling cancer epidemic
- The WCLS is traditionally held in partnership with the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, the **International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)** and the **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**, and is **hosted by a UICC Member from the region**.

### Key objectives of the WCLS include:

- Raising awareness among leading decision makers to ensure cancer is a global health priority
- Providing a forum to exchange information and innovative ideas on how to reverse the cancer epidemic and ensure a sustainable response
- Defining compelling messages to support the global call to action against cancer

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- Creating a force which galvanises politicians and policy makers and increases cancer's visibility on the international public health agenda.

### Event theme-related: 'Cancer and Universal Health Coverage'

- The theme for the 2019 Summit – Cancer and Universal Health Coverage – will focus on the different ways in which cancer detection, treatment and care should be considered as part of the global ambition to introduce Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
- Universal Health Coverage is included in the SDGs and is at the heart of WHO's 13<sup>th</sup> General Programme making it a topic at the forefront of global health and development discussions. The profile of cancer and the other NCDs has never been higher but we must ensure that it continues to be prioritised on the global agenda
- The Summit's programme aims to engage the audience through interactive high-level sponsored sessions, networking dedicated spaces, and inspirational keynote addresses including panel discussions.

### About the Union for International Cancer Control

- The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) is the largest and oldest international cancer-fighting organisation. Founded in Geneva in 1933, UICC has over 1,100 members in 170 countries, enjoys consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC) and has official relations with the following institutions: WHO, IARC, IAEA, UNODC
- UICC has over 50 partners, including associations working to fight cancer, as well as companies and foundations and is a founding member of the NCD Alliance, McCabe Centre and the International Cancer Control Partnership (ICCP)
- UICC's mission is to unite and support the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, to promote greater equality and to ensure that the cancer control continues to be a priority in the world health and development agenda. Its main areas of activity focus on convening the world's leaders for innovative, wide-reaching, cancer-control events and initiatives; building capacity to meet regional needs; and developing awareness campaigns.

**More information is available at: [www.uicc.org](http://www.uicc.org)**

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