



Principles of Membership Engagement with UICC

1. Background and Scope

Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) is a non-governmental organisation based in Switzerland with membership comprised of cancer and health organisations around the world. UICC is governed by its member organisations, which appoint the UICC Board and select the President Elect at a biannual General Assembly. UICC is taking the lead in Convening the world's leaders for innovative, wide-reaching, cancer control events and initiatives; Building Capacity; and Leveraging past Advocacy successes to drive change in the future.

Types of membership:

1. Full Members who are entitled to vote at the UICC General Assembly and can elect the President and the UICC Board of Directors.
2. Associate members who enjoy a suite of UICC services but do not have a right to vote at the General Assembly

The UICC believes action against cancer on a global scale demands the engagement of a wide range of members, including cancer leagues and societies, research institutes, treatment centres, hospitals, scientific and professional societies, ministries of health, public health agencies, and patient support organisations. Interacting with such a broad range of stakeholders brings great benefits to our work in delivering our Purpose Statement:

“We unite the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, to promote greater equity, and to integrate cancer control into the world health and development agenda.”

2. Qualifying Criteria to become a UICC member

In order to safeguard UICC's status as an independent, not-for-profit, non-governmental organisation, a member must aspire to a number of qualifying criteria. These criteria apply to Full and Associate and are used by UICC to assess whether an organisation applying to be a member should be accepted.

- a) First and foremost, UICC only has **organisations** as its members. Individuals cannot become a member of UICC. We are a federation of organisations.
- b) Organisations must have a track record of working in some aspect of cancer control and their activities are in line with the ambitions set out by UICC in its Purpose Statement, Strategy Documents and the World Cancer Declaration.
- c) The organisation should operate ethically and with professionalism and conduct itself in line with local rules, regulations, and laws which apply in the local country. There should be no record of litigation or regulatory sanction against the organisation. Any arising issue should be brought to the attention of UICC.
- d) The organisation should be governed transparently in a robust way which ensures that it is sensitive to the views and thoughts of its stakeholders and the broader cancer community.
- e) The organisation should be transparent with its funding model, declaring any funds which originate from the private sector.

- f) The organisations should be financially sound, able and willing to meet its financial obligations, including the UICC membership fees.
- g) Whilst we are comfortable with organisations working with and accepting funds from the private sector, we wish to see best practice applied in managing potential conflicts of interest through transparency and reporting.
- h) Organisations [or any of their Board Members] should not in any way work with or be associated with the tobacco industry, its staff or organisations which receive funding from tobacco companies.
- i) In general, we wish to engage with organisations which drive their actions and activities drawing on scientific evidence, best practice or WHO/FCTC/UICC policies and recommendations.
- j) In general, we are inclined to engage with organisations which have a track record with UICC. For example, have participated in World Cancer Day or attended previous World Cancer Congresses.
- k) In general, we would expect organisations to be willing to participate in UICC convening events like World Cancer Day and the World Cancer Congress.
- l) In general, we would anticipate the organisation to have a website which contains all core documents relating to the vision, ambition and structure of the organisation.

3. Conduct of a UICC member

UICC takes great pride in its membership. It is important to us that members feel respected, heard and included in everything that we do. We regularly survey our members to ensure that the services we provide, the actions we take and the decisions we make are in line with the thoughts of our members. We aim to represent all our members with utmost professionalism, with integrity, with respect for others and in a way which engages a broad set of partners to deliver an agenda which is set out by our Board.

To be successful, we depend on our members to work with us, in partnership and across a wide range of activities. Our reputation and the reputation of our members are intricately entwined and therefore we set expectations of ourselves in terms of acceptable conduct which we feel should be reflected in the conduct of our members.

We consider acceptable conduct to be:

- a) Members will represent the UICC community with professionalism and integrity at all times.
- b) Members will support the UICC community in delivering its shared purpose.
- c) Members will actively engage with World Cancer Day, the World Cancer Congress and the range of services which UICC offers its membership.
- d) Members will interact regularly with UICC staff to keep them informed of progress in their country, new initiatives which will be of value to others in the UICC community and insights which will help UICC deliver its purpose statement.
- e) Members will seek opportunities to work closely with other members of UICC in their country and region.
- f) Members will share the successes of other UICC members through their own networks.
- g) Members will ensure that UICC news and opportunities are disseminated within their organisations.
- h) Members will advise UICC if any issue emerges in their own work or their community which has the potential to impact the reputation of UICC.

We consider unacceptable conduct to be:

- a) Members conducting themselves in a way which harms the reputation of UICC in any way.
- b) Members undermining the activities or actions of UICC or others in the UICC community.
- c) Members undermining the relationship UICC enjoys with its many strategic partners.
- d) Members misrepresenting themselves as UICC or using the UICC brand without permission.
- e) Members not paying UICC fees on time.

In cases of unacceptable conduct UICC reserves the right to:

- a) Issue a written warning to the Member
- b) Cancelling the membership of the organisation
- c) Publicly stating the reasons why the membership has been terminated.