



The Healthy Caribbean Coalition is a civil society network established for the purpose of combating chronic disease (NCD) and its risk factors and conditions.

Mission

To harness the power of civil society, in collaboration with government, private enterprise, academia, and international partners, as appropriate, in the development and implementation of plans for the prevention and management of chronic diseases among Caribbean people.

Vision

Reduction in disability and death from chronic diseases among people of the Caribbean.

Values or Guiding principles

Carries out its mission with the minimum of structure and bureaucracy; guided by the themes of action, inclusivity, simplicity and flexibility. An inclusive Caribbean civil society network providing opportunity for civil society and public, private organizations both nationally and regionally, and their members, with core values of transparency and integrity to come together in response to the pandemic of NCDs. Focus on population-based public health programmes that are evidence based. A network that upholds and pursues the strongest democratic principles. Significant consideration given to equity issues, favouring the more vulnerable and disadvantaged. Encouragement of the exchange of experience and knowledge and the provision of an environment that enhances personal and professional development, and empowers people.

Strategic Objectives

- Position the Healthy Caribbean Coalition as the leading Caribbean civil society organisation for responding to the NCDs.
- Develop and strengthen the management and governance of the Coalition.
- Identify funding and mobilise resources and people for the Coalition.
- Strengthen leadership of Caribbean civil society organisations and build capacity around NCDs in these organisations.

Specific objectives

Contribute and participate in all aspects of advocacy as a tool for influencing positive change around NCDs through mobilisation of Caribbean people and the creation of a mass movement aimed at responding to the NCDs. Development of effective methods of communication for and among members of the Coalition and the people of the Region. Contribute to NCD public education campaigns and programmes. Support for Caribbean Wellness Day which is held annually throughout the region, as mandated by Heads of State and Government of CARICOM.



Advocacy and support for NCD risk factor reduction through:

- a. tobacco control and implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control,
- b. increased physical activity,
- c. improved dietary intake including reduction of salt and sugar, elimination of trans fats, and responsible alcohol use,
- d. support of initiatives, plans and programmes at country and organization level, and
- e. advocacy and support for enhanced detection and management of chronic diseases.

Functional status

The Coalition is a not for profit limited liability company registered in Barbados, governed by rules and regulations determined in a transparent and inclusive way by the members of the Coalition.



Membership

Membership of the Coalition is open to all voluntary associations and informal networks in the Caribbean and extra-regionally where individuals and groups engage in activities of public consequence, and have similar objectives, goals and interests as the Healthy Caribbean Coalition, and include nongovernmental health organizations, professional health and other associations, faith based organizations, neighbourhood organizations, cooperatives, charities, unions, social movements, and special interest groups.

Membership by individuals is permitted irrespective of race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation. Membership by institutions or organizations outside the Caribbean region is permitted. Institutions/organizations or individuals with links to the tobacco industry and those that take part in activities and have goals deleterious to public health are not accepted as members of the coalition. A condition of membership of the Coalition is commitment to being an active member of the network: sharing information and working with other members of the network, especially within an organization's country.

No fee is attached to being a member of the Coalition.

Membership categories

Full member: Civil society organisation within the Caribbean Region

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Individual within the Caribbean Region

Associate member:

Civil society organisation or individual "residing" outside of the Caribbean Region.

Observer/supporter:

Non civil society institution or organisation "residing" outside of the Caribbean Region.

What is required to become and remain a member?

An interest in responding to the challenge posed by chronic diseases. No connection with the tobacco industry.

Management

Secretariat

The Coalition is managed by a small volunteer secretariat. One or more secretariats will subsequently be established in additional host organizations and countries dependent on the need. The operational details will be determined by a memorandum of understanding between the host organisation and the Coalition.

Governance

The Coalition is governed and managed by an Executive Committee comprising of 11 persons, elected to hold office for 2 years. The term of office of the first Executive Committee is 1st November 2010 – 31st October 2012. The Executive Committee meets as often as needed via teleconference or face to face as and when required. The membership of the first Executive Committee was finalized/confirmed at the HCC workshop, 2010, based on a recommended slate of members provided by the Chair of the HCC which took into consideration, among others, country representation, type of organization, interest of the organization, participation in the affairs of the Coalition.