HEALTHY CARIBBEAN COALITION (HCC)

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2. First edition of the HCC weekly online news publication ‘HCC News Roundup’ shared with all categories of HCC members. The roundup contains news from HCC members including testimonials and emerging good practices around NCD prevention, relevant news articles, invitations to webinars and funding opportunities. January 2013.

   a. HCC highlighted the power of advocacy and the HCC network and congratulated the citizens of Suriname with the passing of the Anti-Tobacco Law by parliament on February 7th.


9. HCC volunteer Mr. Ian Pitts formally contracted as part-time HCC Information Technology Coordinator to continue daily HCC IT support, build the new HCC website and support website development among HCC membership. February 2013.

10. The HCC held a regional capacity building workshop for Cancer Societies and Foundations: HCC Cervical Cancer Advocacy Capacity Building Workshop, St. Maarten, in partnership with the Sint. Maarten Ministry of Public Health Social Development And Labour, Collective Prevention Services. The meeting was attended by 21 Cancer organisations representing 16 Caribbean countries. March 2013.

11. The HCC welcomed new volunteer Ms. Kimlin Harrilal, Education Officer, Trinidad & Tobago Cancer Society. Ms. Harrilal was contracted as the HCC Social Media Content Creator to strengthen the social media capacity of HCC members and build HCC social media presence in the region. April 2013.

12. HCC mHealth: HCC signed a contract with the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS, US) and the Mobile Commons Group (MDG) to implement a pilot of the Smokefree TXT Smoking Cessation mHealth Programme in Barbados. April 2013.

13. HCC Member, Professor Anselm Hennis presented ‘Perspectives of the Healthy Caribbean Coalition on Innovative Approaches to the delivery of services’ on behalf of HCC President at the PAHO 2013 Caribbean Managers Meeting Panel Discussion: Universal Health Coverage in the Post 2015 Development Agenda, including NCDs. April 2013.

14. The American Cancer Society Meet the Targets Grant supported the HCC Manager’s attendance at the Global Forum on Cervical Cancer Prevention at the Women Deliver 2013 Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The HCC Manager was a Speaker at the Latin America Regional Breakout Session addressing HCC perspectives on CSO cervical cancer advocacy. May 2013.

15. The HCC introduced the Caribbean Cervical Cancer Electronic Petition (CCCEP) to regional leadership through emails to Ministers of Health, CARICOM and selected Prime Ministers. June 2013.

16. The HCC Caribbean Cervical Cancer Electronic Petition (CCCEP) launched across the Caribbean in partnership with HCC Cancer members NGOs.
   b. Dominica Launch, June 2013.
   c. Trinidad & Tobago Launch, June 2013.
   d. Grenada Launch, June 2013.
   e. Belize Launch, July 2013.
   g. Cayman Islands Launch, July 2013.


18. HCC President attended the PAHO 2nd SALT SMART CONSORTIUM: A Grain of Salt Goes a Long Way, a PAFNCD Initiative: To review the Five-Year Multi-Stakeholder Strategic Plan (2013-2018), work in the social marketing strategy and define next steps for its implementation. June 2013.
19. Dr. Victor Coombs, an HCC Director, represented the HCC at the 152nd Session of the Executive Committee of PAHO. June 2013.

20. A PAHO Sub Regional Meeting on Alcohol Policy held in Belize June 25-27, 2013. The HCC and Health Action Partnership International (HAPI) and the UK Health Forum (UKHF) joined forces to support the participation of 9 civil society organisations leading the way in alcohol policy and prevention in the region. June 2013.


24. HCC Member, The Belize Cancer Society supported Mrs. Kim Simplis Barrow, Wife of the Prime Minister, Special Envoy for Women and Children and a cancer survivor, in signing the CCCEP. July 2013.

25. HCC Advocacy in action: HCC regional Press Release strongly supporting and congratulating the Jamaican Government on the Public Health (Tobacco Control) Regulations-2013 in Jamaica which bans smoking in all public places and workplaces and makes provision for the introduction of graphic health warnings on cigarette packs within 6 months in keeping with the CARICOM Regional standard for the Labelling of tobacco products. July 2013.

26. The HCC President and Manager attended the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) Launch in Trinidad & Tobago. July 2013.

27. A full-day meeting of HCC Board of Directors held in Trinidad & Tobago. July 2013.

28. The Prime Minister of St. Kitts & Nevis and CARICOM Lead Head of Government for Health, HIV and Human Resources, the Right Honourable Dr. Denzil Douglas signed the CCCEP at the CARPHA Launch. July 2013.

29. a. HCC Press Release Announcing CCCEP support by the Right Honourable Dr. Denzil Douglas PM SKN, Most Honourable Portia Simpson Miller PM Jamaica and other regional leaders. July 2013


32. The HCC Caribbean Alcohol Policy Network (CARIBAPAN) developed and launched with the support of HAPI/UKHF. CARIBAPAN is an electronic platform for connecting individuals, civil society organisations (CSOs) and other related organisations working in the field of alcohol advocacy and prevention. August 2013.

33. 5th International Cancer Control Congress (ICCC5) accepted CCCEP Abstract for Oral Presentation ICCC5 Lima Peru November 3-6, 2013. August 2013.

34. HCC President presented at the Anglican Congress 2013 on ‘Promoting (and living) Healthy Lifestyles in the Caribbean’. August 2013.

35. The Honourable Minister of Health of Dominica, Mr. Julius C. Timothy signed the CCCEP. August 2013.
36. His Grace, Archbishop John Holder, on behalf of entire Anglican community signed the CCCEP and committed the Church’s full support to the HCC. August 2013.
   a. HCC Press Release highlighting Anglican Church support for the CCCEP. August 2013.
37. The HCC CCCEP Public Service Announcement (PSA) (English and Multi-Language) launched throughout the region through partners and available on social media (YouTube, Facebook). August 2013.
40. NCD Alliance/ Medtronic announced the HCC as one of three National Implementing Partners for the Strengthening Health Systems, Supporting NCD Action’ NCD Alliance, Medtronic Philanthropy Global Grant. September 2013.
42. The HCC President visited local Health NGOs in The Bahamas including HCC member, Cancer Society of Bahamas and prospective members The Sir Victor Sassoon Heart Foundation and the Bahamas Heart Foundation. September 2013.
43. Dr. Vikash Chatrani, Specialist Physician Member of HCC, presented at the Annual Barbados Cancer Association (BACA) USA Symposium in New York. The presentation was entitled: ‘Access to Cancer Care in Barbados’ and featured the successes of the HCC regional cervical cancer advocacy initiative. September 2013.
44. Ms. Deborah Chen, an HCC Director, received Tobacco Control Champion Award for her advocacy in tobacco control in Jamaica at the International Conference on Public Health Priorities in the 21st Century: The Endgame for Tobacco held in New Delhi India. September 2013.
45. The HCC supported the International Globeathon 2013: The Walk to End Women’s Cancers through our national cancer societies across the Caribbean. September 2013.
47. The Caribbean SmokeFreeTxt Project ended. The project report ‘Caribbean SmokefreeTxt Barbados Pilot Final Report’ was submitted to the Department for Health and Human Services, National Cancer Institutes and Mobile Commons. September 2013.
49. The HCC established a regional Civil Society Organisation (CSO) NCD Advocacy Technical Working Group (TWG) to support the NCD Alliance Grant and to support HCC strategic priority Advocacy. October 2013.
50. The HCC was awarded a grant from the **Australian High Commission** Direct Aid Program (DAP) in support of the multi-country **Caribbean Civil Society Cervical Cancer Prevention Initiative (C4PI)**. October 2013.

51. Mrs. Yulit Gordon, Executive Director of the Jamaica Cancer Society represented the HCC at the 5th International Cancer Control Congress (ICCC5) in Lima Peru. The oral presentation was entitled: ‘**Creating a Civil Society Led Cervical Cancer Advocacy Movement - The Caribbean Cervical Cancer Electronic Petition**’. November 2013.

52. HCC President and Chairman of the Barbados National NCD Commission presented at the PAHO Workshop ‘**Promoting Healthy Living: Multisectoral Efforts in the Americas**’ in Washington DC. The presentation was entitled: ‘**Chronic Disease Policy in Barbados: analysis and evaluation of policy initiatives**’. November 2013.


54. NCD Alliance/Medtronic Philanthropy ‘Strengthening Health Systems, Supporting NCD Action’ Grant meeting. **Advocating for Policies and Action: From The Declaration of POS to The Global NCD Framework and Beyond: A Meeting of Caribbean NCD Stakeholders to Advance National NCD Plans, and Consider Priorities for Action**. The meeting was held in collaboration with PAHO/WHO and CARPHA. November 2013.

55. Launch of the HCC publications: **Caribbean Civil Society Cervical Cancer Advocacy Handbook & Planning Tool** and **Connecting, Communicating, Collaborating – Social Media ‘How to’ Guide**.

56. Dr. Vikash Chatrani, Specialist Physician member of the HCC presented at the Best of ASCO Cancer Conference. The presentation was entitled: ‘**The Value of Civil Society Advocacy in Driving Cancer Policy and Programming Priorities - The Caribbean Cervical Cancer Electronic Petition**’. December 2013.