

CARIBBEAN REGIONAL CANCER NETWORK

KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION

“By 2030, the annual number of new cases in Latin America and the Caribbean is projected to increase 70% (from 114,900 to 199,300 cases of breast cancer, and 68,220 to 111,000 cases of cervical cancer).”

World Health Organization (2003)

New multi-sector partnership seeks to reduce cervical and breast cancer in the Americas



ORINC

NATIONAL CANCER
INSTITUTES NETWORK



RINC / UNASUR

A GEOPOLITICAL PLATFORM

- To have a regional cancer control strategy with the support of the governments.
- For a more equitable use of existing resources
- To develop more appropriate public cancer policies to our populations, according to our culture and existing resources.



STRUCTURE OF THE UNASUR SOUTH AMERICAN CANCER NETWORK (RINC)



MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Full Members

Associate Members

UNASUR

Deliberative body of RINC

- Decision-making assembly discusses and takes decisions on the RINC topics
- Approves strategies and projects which are considered more appropriate to the goals of the network.
- Members: representatives of national institutions responsible for cancer control strategies or nominated by the governments.

WORKING GROUPS

Responsible for the RINC operation and for implementing and coordinating the Working Plans in their respective technical areas

CRCN'S PROPOSED MODEL



BENEFITS OF CRCN (SCOPE)

- ▣ **S** - Share Knowledge **S**- Social Benefits
- ▣ **C** - Connections
- ▣ **O** - Opportunities
- ▣ **P** - Promotion
- ▣ **E** - Effective Financial Support

THE SURVEY

- ▣ What do you expect of a Regional Caribbean Cancer Network and how do you envision it should function?
- ▣ How can a Caribbean Regional Cancer Network impact on Cancer support groups and citizens of your respective islands and how would patients and caregivers be involved?
- ▣ Please identify any challenges, financial and otherwise, that your organization may encounter in the formulation of a Regional Caribbean Cancer Network?
- ▣ To ensure its financial stability, do you have any recommendation for funding the Regional Caribbean Cancer Network?
- ▣ Would you become a member of a Regional Caribbean Cancer 'Body'?

RESPONSE TO SURVEY

- ▣ Eight (8) indicated their willingness to become part of a Caribbean Regional Cancer Network initiative.
- ▣ One (1) stated that *“there have been at least four (4) previous occasions during which such a body has been discussed.”* They questioned *“whether it is needed because there is a pressing purpose which can be resolved only by its information.”*

RESPONSE TO SURVEY

GENERAL CONSENSUS

- ❖ Links and access to cancer centers for both prevention and treatment.
- ❖ Joint training and sharing of experiences.
- ❖ Umbrella of information such as best practices.
- ❖ Regional advocacy activities.
- ❖ Formulation of policies and framework and lobbying for financial resources.

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RESPONSE TO SURVEY

CHALLENGES

- ❖ Financial
- ❖ Non-governmental support
- ❖ Representation by all groups
- ❖ Communication amongst members
- ❖ Sustainability of an administrative structure
- ❖ Human Resource shortage

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RESPONSE TO SURVEY

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ Yearly donation.
- ❖ Funding support from larger NGO's and international organizations.
- ❖ Fundraising events and philanthropic organizations.
- ❖ Funding through Regional and International funding agencies.
- ❖ HCC's hosting of the Network.
- ❖ Private Sector organizations, grants, donations.

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RESPONSE TO SURVEY

NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

- ❖ One (1) indicated that if formed they would be obliged to be part of it.
- ❖ Another indicated that they are open to the opportunity but not in the near future.
- ❖ The seven (7) others indicated that they were willing to be part of the Network.

SUGGESTED TIMELINE

Regional Forum :
Identification of
challenges, creation of
goals and models

Regional Forum:
Presentation of Board
Members and creation of
regional policies and
framework

Meeting with
Board to enhance
projects

Implementing of
new information,
training, and
alliances

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

Regional
launch of
Network

Board Meeting
model and strategies
development

Annual Regional Reports

WORKING GROUPS



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