



# Welcome, introductory remarks and conference outline

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# Conference outline

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# Purpose

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- **To bring together a wide spectrum of partners from throughout the CARICOM countries – civil society, the business community, educators and researchers, policy makers to plan civil society's response to the CNCD pandemic**

# Objectives

- **To engage civil society to support implementation of the POS Declaration**
  - ✓ Produce Caribbean **Civil Society Declaration** on Chronic Noncommunicable Diseases
  - ✓ Identify priorities and develop a Caribbean **Civil Society Action Plan** in response to the POS Summit Declaration to tackle chronic diseases

# Objectives

- **Provide a forum** for cross section of representatives from various sectors of society to learn about CNCDs and consider how best to tackle them
- **Build capacity** in important elements of civil society
- Identify and promote **evidence based best practices** for addressing the CNCD epidemic in the Caribbean
- Strengthen capacity of civil society to **monitor** implementation of the POS Summit Declaration
- Consider **resource mobilization**

# Outcomes

- Caribbean Civil Society **Declaration** on Chronic Non Communicable Diseases
- Caribbean Civil Society **Action Plan** for tackling CNCDS, 2008-2012
- Conference Report produced as a **Technical Report** of the Chronic Disease Research Centre, UWI
- IAHF **Science of Peace Award and Lecture**
- 5<sup>th</sup> IAHF **Journalism Contest Awards** on Tobacco Control

# Participants

- Agriculture 3
- Business 5
- Education 3
- Faith Based 5
- Finance 8
- Food Industry 2
- Gov./Policy 13
- H C Providers 11
- Health Finance 3
- Labour 5
- Legal 1
- Media 13
- NGO/CNCD 37
- Pharma 3
- Reg./Pol 6
- Service Clubs 3
- Sports/PA 3
- Urban Dev. 3
- Youth 3

- Anguilla
- Antigua
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- British Virgin Islands
- Cayman islands
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Montserrat
- St. Lucia
- Trinidad and Tobago
- St. Kitts
- St. Vincent

# Faculty

■ USA	9	■ Jamaica	3
■ Brazil	1	■ Trinidad & Tobago	4
■ Canada	1	■ Mexico	1
■ United Kingdom	1	■ Barbados	6
■ Guyana	1		



# Agenda

- Introduction
- Civil society and the tools or instruments used by civil society
- Risk Factors
- Disease prevention and management
- Celebrating Caribbean initiatives
- Reflections and the **way forward..the ACTION...the REVOLUTION**

# Method of work

- Limited number of short presentations followed by group discussions managed by content experts
- A very preliminary draft action plan has been made available to all participants, and will be used as a frame of reference for presentations and group discussions, thus allowing for inputs into the final action plan by all participants
- A small working group of participants will over the course of the conference turn out the Declaration using an approach that will be explained later this morning

# Caribbean References

- Report of the Caribbean Commission on Health and Development
- Nassau Declaration, CARICOM Heads of Government, 2001
- Caribbean Charter for Health Promotion
- Caribbean Cooperation in Health Initiative 1,11, and now 111
- Caribbean Regional Plan for Prevention and Control of NCDs and Injuries, 2008-2012, PAHO

# Background documents

- Heads Of Government of CARICOM Summit and Declaration against CNCDS, 2007
- 20 Grand Challenges in CNCDS, Oxford Health Alliance
- Report of the Caribbean Commission on Health and Development
- CD, “Preventing Chronic Disease- a vital investment”, WHO
- WHO/PAHO Advocacy Toolkit for CNCDS
- PwC Health Research Institute docs.
- Caribbean Landmark documents

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