



EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

January 2016 – December 2016

1. The Australian Direct Aid Program approved an HCC grant to fund the **Caribbean Civil Society Cervical Cancer Prevention Initiative (C4PI)** one-year, multi-country project in Belize, Guyana and Haiti for the period February 2015 to February 2016. *January 2016.*
2. HCC President and Executive Director conducted **country visit** to Trinidad & Tobago to meet with **Australian High Commissioner** Ross Tysoe and the members of newly formed TT National NCD Alliance. Trinidad & Tobago. *January 26, 2016.*
3. HCC President invited to be a member of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (**PAHO/WHO**) **Advisory Group on Advancing the Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD)** Agenda in the Caribbean. *February 2016.*
4. HCC launched the first in a series of occasional papers on NCD prevention and control: **Climate Change, NCDs & SIDS**. *February 4, 2016.*
5. HCC Policy Advisor Nicole Foster attended a **Thematic Session on Law and the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases** hosted by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) in collaboration with the world health organization (WHO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at UN headquarters, New York, USA. *February 9, 2016*
6. HCC Executive Director presented '**Success Factors of National NCD Commissions in CARICOM**' at the First WHO Global Meeting of National NCD Programme Managers and Directors: Multistakeholder Forum. Geneva, Switzerland. *February 16-17, 2016.*
7. HCC President attended and chaired session at the **Caribbean Regional Consultation on Advancing the Caribbean Cooperation in Health (CCH III): Review of CCH III and preparation for the CCH IV** in Trinidad & Tobago. *February 22–23, 2016.*
8. HCC President and Executive Director attended the **Port of Spain Declaration Evaluation and Implementation Workshop** in Trinidad & Tobago. The HCC is one of the collaborating institutions for the POSDEVAL project. *February 24-25, 2016.*
9. HCC Executive Director attended the **PAHO Saltsmart: Defining a Caribbean Social Marketing Campaign: The Workshop**. The HCC is one of the collaborating institutions for the PAHO Caribbean Dietary Salt Reduction Social Marketing Initiative. Miami, USA. *March 1-4, 2016.*
10. HCC President attended PAHO meeting in capacity as co-chair: **Cardiovascular Disease Prevention through Population-wide Dietary Salt/sodium Reduction: First Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group for 2016-19** in Washington, DC, USA. *March 8-9 2016.*
11. HCC Executive Director presented '**Experiences of National NCD commissions (NNCDCs) in CARICOM**'. NCD Alliance Webinar. *March 15, 2016.*
12. Executive Director Maisha Hutton and Member of the HCC Board of Directors, Laura Tucker-Longsworth, attended and presented at the PAHO/ PAHO Foundation/ Miami Institute for the Americas and the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami/ Breast Cancer Initiative 2.5 meeting: **Women's Cancers in the English Caribbean: A regional multi-sector discussion to define feasible strategies to improve the effectiveness of breast and cervical cancer programs**. Miami, USA. *March 11-12, 2016.*
13. HCC hosted NCD Alliance/Medtronic Philanthropy funded regional meeting: **HCC Strategic Planning Meeting**. Barbados. *April 22, 2016.*



14. HCC Board of Directors member Dr. Victor Coombs facilitated at The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) **NCD and Community-Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) Healthy Lifestyles Module workshop**. The HCC has an MOU with the IFRC and was a partner on this NCD initiative. Trinidad & Tobago. *April 26-28, 2016.*
15. Executive Director attended the **Women Deliver 2016 Conference** with funding from NCD Alliance/Women Deliver; and presented at two NCD side events. Denmark, Copenhagen. *May 16-19, 2016.*
16. President and Executive Director attended the **69th World Health Assembly**. Sir Trevor attended as a member of the Government of Barbados Delegation. Geneva, Switzerland. *May 22 – 28, 2016.*
17. HCC/NCD Alliance awards **small grants** to the Barbados Family Planning Association (BFPA) and Cancer Support Services (CSS) in support of civil society contributing to **health systems strengthening (HSS)** at the country-level. *June 2016.*
18. President attended the **CARPHA Stakeholder Dialogue about Improving Food Environments in the Caribbean** on the margins of CARPHA's 61st Annual Health Research Conference. Turks and Caicos. *June 22, 2016.*
19. HCC Policy Advisor Nicole Foster attended University of Liverpool Law School conference: **Ending Childhood Obesity: A Challenge at the Crossroads of International Trade and Human Rights Law**. Liverpool, UK. *July 7-8, 2016*
20. HCC Policy Advisor Nicole Foster and HCC Trade Policy Advisor Vincent Atkins attended and moderated a session at PAHO meeting: **Strategy for Health-Related Law: Sensitization, Dissemination and Implementation in the English Speaking Eastern Caribbean Countries**. Barbados. *July 19-20, 2016.*
21. HCC Executive Director Maisha Hutton and HCC Policy Advisor Nicole Foster Meeting attended PAHO meeting: **Health Law: Implementing Fiscal and Regulatory Policies to Prevent Obesity in Children and Adolescents in English-Speaking Caribbean Countries**. Barbados. *July 20-22, 2016.*
22. HCC launched NCD Policy Brief: **A Closer Look at the Implementation of Taxation on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages by the Government of Barbados: A Civil Society Perspective**. Series of HCC NCD Policy Briefs Informing Civil Society Advocacy for Action, supported by the NCD Alliance. *July 2016.*
23. HCC **3rd General Assembly** held virtually. 2016-2018 Board of Directors appointed and listed below. *September 14, 2016.*
 - i. Dr. Victor Coombs: Current HCC Board Member; Past Chairman, Trinidad & Tobago Partners Forum
 - ii. Mrs. Laura Tucker-Longsworth MSN. RN.: Current HCC Board Member; President, Belize Cancer Society
 - iii. Professor Sir Trevor Hassell: Current HCC Board; Board Member, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Barbados; Chairman NCD Commission, Barbados
 - iv. Dr. Karen Sealey: Founder TT NCD Alliance. International Public Health Consultant based in Trinidad and Tobago.



- v. Dr. Homer Bloomfield: Longstanding Member of the Cancer Society of the Bahamas and current Board Member.
- 24. President attended the **Thirtieth Meeting of The Council For Human And Social Development – Health (COHSOD)**. Washington, D.C. *September 24-25, 2016*.
- 25. HCC Member of the Board of Directors Mrs. Laura Tucker-Longworth attended **Women’s Cancers in the Americas: Strategies for Synergy**. University of Miami, Miami, USA. *October 5-6, 2016*.
- 26. HCC launches Caribbean Sugar Infographic illustrating sugar content of international and endemic soft drinks and sweetened juices.
- 27. HCC Executive Director attended University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT)/Healthy Caribbean Coalition and City of Hope, Center of Community Alliance for Research & Education (CCARE) the **Inaugural Caribbean Cancer Survivorship Conference**. Trinidad and Tobago. *October 21, 2016*.
 - a. HCC/NCD Alliance hosted a community consultation with cancer survivors to inform a Caribbean Patient Led Cancer Advocacy Agenda
- 28. President attended and presented at the **WHO Global Dialogue Meeting on the role of non-State actors in supporting Member States in their national efforts to tackle noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**. Balaclava, Mauritius. *October 19– 21, 2016*.
- 29. President and Executive Director attended and presented at the **UICC World Cancer Congress 2016**. Paris, France. *October 31-November 3, 2016*. Presentations are listed below:
 - a. Sir Trevor Hassell
 - i. Harnessing the media landscape for advocacy and effective health communications. *Using the media to generate public demand in the Caribbean*. Speaker.
 - ii. *Complex realities – Innovative solutions: identifying priorities and mobilising action in the areas of nutrition, physical activity, alcohol and overweight and obesity*. Session Chair.
 - iii. Advancing cancer prevention and early detection in Latin America and the Caribbean through regional collaboration. *Raising awareness and mobilizing communities for cancer prevention in the Caribbean*. Speaker.
 - b. Mrs. Maisha Hutton
 - i. Mobilising NCD civil society in the Post-2015 era: *Caribbean experiences in building capacity among CSOs in SIDS/LMICs to support cancer and NCD Programmes in Post-2015*. Speaker.
 - ii. NCD Alliance NCD Café. *Leave No-one Behind: Strategies to Reduce the Burden of Cancer and NCDs in Vulnerable Populations*. Session Moderator.
- 30. HCC announced Tobacco Control Policy Advisor, Barbara McGaw (volunteer Programme Coordinator at the Jamaica Coalition for Tobacco Control/ Heart Foundation of Jamaica). Mrs. McGaw had been acting in this role informally since 2008. *October 2016*.
- 31. HCC Tobacco Control Policy Advisor, Barbara McGaw, attended the Pre-COP7 regional meetings for the Americas region, co-organized by the Convention Secretariat and AMRO. Mrs. McGaw attended as a civil society representative. Panama City, Panama. *4-6 October 2016*.



32. HCC Tobacco Control Policy Advisor, Barbara McGaw, attended the Seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP7). Delhi, India. 7 – 12 November 2016.
33. HCC Member of The Board of Directors, Dr. Homer Bloomfield attended the Caribbean Global Health Security Agenda Roadmap Development Workshop. Miami, USA. November 14-18, 2016.
34. Launched the first **HCC Caribbean Alcohol Reduction Day: Misuse of alcohol is a bigger problem than you think. Drink Less. Live Better.** November 18, 2016.
35. HCC publishes an Open Letter To Hon. Freundel Stuart, Prime Minister of Barbados: 'Congratulations on 'Standing Up" to the Beverage Industry'. November 24, 2016.
36. Report launched: **Capacity and Information Needs Assessment of Healthy Caribbean Coalition Civil Society Organisation Members Working in the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases.** Supported by NCD Alliance. November 24, 2016.
37. Report launched: **Civil Society Led Tobacco Control Advocacy in the Caribbean - The experiences of the Jamaica Coalition for Tobacco Control (JCTC)**'. Supported by the American Cancer Society. December 15, 2016.
38. HCC Tobacco Control Policy Advisor, Barbara McGaw, attended The Institute for Global Tobacco Control (IGTC) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH), 2016 Latin America and Caribbean Tobacco Control Leadership Program. Santiago, Chile. December 4-10, 2016.

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