



NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

January 2017 – December 2017

1. Publication launched: [The HCC Caribbean Cancer Alliance Advocacy Agenda](#), in support of World Cancer Day 2017. Initiative supported by the NCD Alliance/ Medtronic Philanthropy Grant. *February 2017.*
2. Infographic launched: [A Spoonful of Sugar – The “Not So Sweet” Truth About Barbados’ Breakfast Cereals](#). *February 2017.*
3. HCC President invited to be **Co-Chair of the Governing Board for the Consortium Core of the Yale-TCC**. *February 2017.*
4. HCC President, Executive Director, Policy Advisor and Trade Policy Advisor attended the CARPHA meeting: **High Level Meeting to Develop a Roadmap on Multi-Sectoral Action in Countries to Prevent Childhood Obesity through Improved Food and Nutrition Security**. Barbados. *February 9-10, 2017.*
5. HCC hosted NCD Alliance/Medtronic Philanthropy funded regional meeting: [NCD Advocacy, Accountability and Conflict of Interest](#). Antigua & Barbuda. *February 17-18, 2017.*
6. Publication launched: [The HCC Strategic Plan: 2017-2021](#), funded through the NCD Alliance/ Medtronic Philanthropy Grant. Strategic Plan launched at the HCC Meeting on NCD Advocacy, Accountability and Conflict of Interest. Antigua & Barbuda. *February 17-18, 2017.*
7. Infographic launched: [Sodium Adds Up – A Comparison of Sample Meal Plans in Barbados](#). *March 2017.*
8. HCC invited to be member of the CARPHA **Inter-Agency Technical Committee** with responsibility for monitoring and coordinating the implementation of the *Roadmap on Multi-Sectoral Action in Countries to Prevent and Control Childhood Obesity through Improved Food and Nutrition Security*. *March 2017.*
9. HCC President and Executive Director attended the launch of the **Trinidad and Tobago National NCD Alliance**. Trinidad and Tobago. *March 22, 2017.*
10. HCC granted **special consultative status by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** (United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Branch/OESC/DESA) at its Coordination and management meeting of April 2017. *April 2017.*



11. HCC 17th Meeting of the Board of Directors. Antigua & Barbuda. February 18, 2017.
12. Publication launched: [Getting National NCD Commissions UP AND RUNNING – A Framework for the Establishment and Strengthening of National NCD Commissions in the Caribbean: Part II](#), supported by the Commonwealth Secretariat. *April 2017.*
13. HCC signs Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CIBC First Caribbean International Bank to support regional workplace wellness. Barbados. *April 12, 2017.*
14. HCC signs Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of the West Indies Open Campus. Barbados. *April 18, 2017.*
15. HCC President attends PAHO/IARC meeting: **Cancer Prevention Messages for Latin America and the Caribbean**. Washington DC. *April 24-25, 2017.*
16. HCC President attended CDC Foundation Meeting: **Global Hearts Initiative to Reduce Heart Attacks and Strokes Partners**. Atlanta, USA. *April 25, 2017.*
17. HCC President and Executive Director attended a **National Workshop on Workers' Health: Business working together to scale up impact of Non-communicable disease workplace solutions**. The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labour and Social Security in partnership with WHO headquarters through the Secretariat of the Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs (GCM/NCD) and PAHO. Jamaica. *April 27-28, 2017.*
18. Infographic launched: [An Insight into Depression in the Caribbean](#). *April 2017.*
19. HCC President attended as one of feature speakers, the launch of the **Trinidad and Tobago National Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases**. Trinidad and Tobago. *May 3, 2017.*
20. HCC President attended **the Yale University's Yale-TCC Full Team Meeting** in his capacity as Co-Chair of the Governing Board for the Consortium Core of the Yale-TCC. Connecticut, USA. *May 8-9, 2017.*
21. HCC 18th Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors. *May 15, 2017.*
22. HCC President, Executive Director, Trade Policy Advisor and Policy Advisor attended the PAHO Workshop: **Caribbean Subregional Workshop on Alcohol, Tobacco and Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Taxation**. Barbados. *May 16-17, 2017.*
 - a. Executive Director presented: **The role of civil society in advocating for alcohol, tobacco and SSB taxation.**



23. President and Executive Director attended the **Commonwealth Civil Society Forum and Commonwealth Ministers Meeting**. Geneva. *May 20-21, 2018.*
24. President and Executive Director attended the **70th World Health Assembly and the Annual Caucus of CARICOM Ministers and Heads of Delegation to the 70th WHA**. Geneva, Switzerland. *May 22 – 28, 2016.*
25. HCC Executive Director attended the **Caribbean Subregional Consultation on Building Synergies for Implementation of the Global Strategy (GS) for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health in the Americas**. Barbados. *June 1-2, 2017.*
26. HCC President invited to join the NCD Alliance Planning Committee for the **Second Global NCD Alliance Forum 2017**. *June 2017.*
27. HCC invited to become a member of the PAHO-led **Cooperation among Countries for Health and Development (CCHD)** project between the Government of Chile and CARICOM entitled **"Advancing public health policies to address overweight and obesity in Chile and the Caribbean Community"**. *June 2017.*
28. The Australian Direct Aid Program approved a fourth HCC grant to fund the **Caribbean Civil Society Cervical Cancer Prevention Initiative (C4PI)** one-year, multi-country project in Belize, Guyana and Dominica for 2017/18. *June 2017.*
29. Infographic launched: [Cervical Cancer Prevention Initiative \(C4PI\) 2016 -2017](#), funded through the Australian High Commission Direct Aid Program (DAP). *June 2017.*
30. Joint HCC/PAHO Submission to the Journal of Cancer Control 2017 Edition: '**Cancer Prevention and Control in the Caribbean**'. *June 2017.*
31. HCC Signs a **Letter of Agreement with PAHO** aimed at strengthening the civil society contribution to the multisectoral response to NCDs in the Caribbean with a focus on **childhood obesity prevention**. *July 2017.*
32. HCC High level regional advocacy around The Thirty-Eighth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). *July 2017.*
 - a. [HCC Open Letter to CARICOM Heads of Government](#).
 - b. Infographic launched: [Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Port of Spain Declaration](#). *July 2017.*
 - c. [HCC Open Letter to Membership: CARICOM Leaders Fall Short of 2007 Predecessors](#).



33. HCC Signs a grant with the American Cancer Society to implement the global [Prevent20 initiative in the Caribbean](#). *August 3, 2017.*
34. HCC hosts the **National NCD Commission of St. Lucia Chair and St. Lucia MOH NCD Focal Point for a two-day observership with the Barbados National NCD Commission** as part of the collective work on CARICOM National NCD Commissions. Barbados. *August 17-18, 2017.*
35. Workshop for presentation of final result of **CDC/PAHO Standardized Hypertension Treatment Project** – Barbados Pilot. Barbados. *August 28-29, 2017.*
36. HCC awarded a grant from the **Caribbean Development Bank for Capacity-building of Civil Society Organisations to Address Childhood Obesity Prevention in 4 Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs)**. *September 18, 2017.*
37. HCC and the Permanent Missions of Barbados, Jamaica and Canada to the UN, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Pacific Island States, the World Health Organization (WHO) hosted a **high-level side event: Childhood Obesity – a Development Time-bomb: Learning from SIDS to accelerate multi-sectoral action in support of the 2025 NCD Targets and the SDGs** at the 72nd UNGA. NY, USA. *September 22, 2017.*
38. HCC Policy Advisor attended a PAHO Training for lawyers around NCDs and Law. Jamaica. *October 24-27, 2017.*
39. HCC hosts the 1st meeting of the Virtual Network of CARICOM Chairs of National NCD Commissions or Equivalents on Zoom in partnership with the UWI-OC. Washington D.C. *October 30-31, 2017.*
40. HCC 19th Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors. *October 26, 2017.*
41. HCC President attended the PAHO/WHO Advisory Group on Advancing the NCD Agenda in the Caribbean. Washington D.C. *October 30-31, 2017.*
42. Publication launched: [Civil Society Collaborating to Provide Integrated Noncommunicable Disease / Sexual and Reproductive Health Service Delivery](#), in Barbados funded through the HCC/NCD Alliance/Medtronic Philanthropy **small grant** to the Barbados Family Planning Association (BFPA). *October 2017.*
43. HCC launches [Online Portal of CARICOM National NCD Commissions](#). *October 30, 2017.*



44. Publication launched: [Civil Society action Plan 2017-2021: Preventing Childhood Obesity in the Caribbean](#), funded through the NCD Alliance/ Medtronic Philanthropy Grant. *November 2017.*
45. Publication launched: [NCDs and Trade Policy in the Caribbean, A series of HCC NCD Policy Briefs Informing civil society advocacy and action](#), funded through the NCD Alliance/ Medtronic Philanthropy Grant. *November 2017.*
46. HCC hosted PAHO funded regional meeting: **Designing a Draft Regional Advocacy Campaign Plan for Childhood Obesity Prevention Policies**, with support from Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHA) and Vital Strategies (VS). Barbados. November 7-9, 2017.
47. HCC President and Executive Director, Trade Policy Advisor and Policy Advisor attended PAHO **Technical Consultation on Front-of-Package Labeling of Food and Drink Products**. Washington. D.C. *November 13-15, 2017.*
48. HCC **2nd Annual Caribbean Alcohol Reduction Day (CARD): Drink Less, Reduce Cancer**. The 2nd Annual CARD hosted in partnership with PAHO, CARPHA and CARICOM. *November 17, 2017.*
 - a. Webinar with presentations from Dr. Kevin Shield, Dr. Maristela Monteiro and Dr. Rohan Maharaj. Attended by 57 individuals.
 - b. Infographic launched on: [Alcohol Consumption and Cancer in the Caribbean](#).
 - c. Friday November 17th [HCC Weekly Roundup dedicated to CARD](#) and featured video messages of support from PAHO (Dr. Anselm Hennis); CARPHA (Dr. James Hospedales); and HCC (Dr. Rohan Maharaj).
49. HCC announced [newest Technical Advisor, Professor Alafia Samuels](#) in the capacity as Policy and Practice Technical Advisor. *November 2017.*
50. HCC announced [newest Technical Advisor, Tara Lisa Persaud](#) in the capacity as Policy and Practice/ Our Views our Voices Technical Advisor. *December 2017.*
51. HCC President, Executive Director, Member of the Board of Directors, Belize Diabetes Association Representative, and HCC Board Member/ Chair of the Trinidad and Tobago NCD Alliance attended the **Second Global NCD Alliance Forum: Stepping up the pace on NCDs: making 2018 count**. Sharjah, UAE. *December 9-11, 2017.*



- a. President, Panellist: Plenary Session 1: *Uniting the NCD movement for 2018: Framing the narrative, advocating for action and amplifying voices.*
 - b. HCC/UICC Joint Workshop: *Promoting a multisectoral approach to NCDs through workplace wellness.*
 - c. Executive Director, Chair Closing Session: *National and Regional Advocacy to Maximise the UN 2018 HLM on NCDs.*
52. HCC wins NCD Alliance [Sharjah Award for Excellence in NCD Civil Society Action in the category of Access](#) presented at the *Second Global NCD Alliance Forum: Stepping up the pace on NCDs: making 2018 count.* Sharjah, UAE. December 9-11, 2017.

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