



Accelerating the elimination of cervical cancer as a global public health problem

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Distinguished chair, Members of the Executive Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of UICC¹, IAHPIC², IOMP³, IPPF⁴, NCDA⁵, PATH, RAD-AID⁶ and WHPCA⁷.

Why now for the WHO global strategy?

- We are ready to harness the increasingly affordable HPV vaccine. Reductions in cost from 300 USD a dose to 8.50 (Americas) and 4.50 (GAVI) price are making this intervention cost-effective for all. We encourage WHO and manufacturers to continue on this trajectory and to prioritise access for communities with the highest risk – girls in low income countries.
- We are ready to harness new high-precision HPV tests and precancer treatments. Let's leap-frog out of date services and integrate e-health and self-sampling – increasing women's choice and improving access.
- More countries now have a NCCP, demonstrating readiness to coordinate for prevention and for rapid referral and timely, diagnosis, treatment and palliation of women suffering with this devastating disease.

We call on Member States to be inspired by the 90:70:90 2030 targets and mobilise national action, including survivor perspectives:

- Strengthening our health systems and workforce. Seeking integration with HIV and reproductive health services, with a focus on social protection of those at highest risk in our communities.
- Changing public perceptions and supporting a switch of mindset to engaging with the health system to prevent disease.
- Building adolescent health services and engaging young people as they will be the ones to realise the elimination and a world free of cervical cancer.

New Lancet publications show sustained implementation of the WHO triple-intervention strategy will result in **74 million cervical cancer cases averted** and **62 million women's lives saved** in 78 LMIC. This agenda represents not only an opportunity to eliminate a cancer it also represents an opportunity to close an unacceptable divide in global health, in line with existing UHC commitments.

¹ UICC = Union for International Cancer Control

² IAHPIC = International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care

³ IOMP = International Organisation of Medical Physics

⁴ IPPF = International Planned Parenthood Federation

⁵ NCDA = NCD Alliance

⁶ RAD-AID = RAD-AID International

⁷ WHPCA = Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Alliance