

Programme Summary
A world free of Cervical Cancer
Monday, 24th September 2018
13:15 – 14:30, Room 7, United Nations New York City

Background

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus announced a Call to Action for the Elimination of Cervical Cancer on 19 May 2018. This side event is timely in view of the High Level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases on Thursday 24 September 2018 and will emphasise elements central to the NCD agenda: taking a lifecourse and community centred approach and integration of services to strengthen health systems.

Issues and Significance

Cervical cancer affects over half a million women each year, and kills a quarter of a million, largely in low and middle income countries. One woman dies of cervical cancer every two minutes, making it one of the greatest threats to women's health, especially for those living with HIV. Cervical cancer is one of only a few cancer types that can be prevented and managed with a comprehensive strategy using tools available today, such that we can aspire to eliminate this cancer as a public health concern.

Outcome and Format

An interactive session with Heads of States, First ladies, Heads of UN Agencies and Civil Society from the child and women's health, cancer and NCDs and HIV-AIDs communities, resulting in national commitments to the elimination challenge.

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Welcome by Femi Oke (Moderator)

Introduction to the *call to action* film, an Australian perspective
Brendan Murphy, CMO Ministry of Health Australia

Film on *call to action* featuring WHO Director General

Panel discussion. Confirmed speakers include:

- ❖ His Excellency President Edgar Lungu, President of Zambia
- ❖ His Excellency President Roch Marc Kaboré, President of Burkina Faso
- ❖ Her Excellency Madame Neo Masisi, The First Lady of Botswana
- ❖ Her Excellency Madame Hinda Deby Itno, First Lady of Chad
- ❖ His Excellency Professor Isaac Adewohle, Minister of Health of Nigeria
- ❖ Brendan Murphy, Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health of Australia
- ❖ Suwit Wibulpolprasert, Senior Advisor to the Office of the Permanent Secretary of Public Health, Thailand

Interactive discussion with attendees, with comments from the floor including:

- ❖ Lelio Marmora, Unitaid
- ❖ Seth Berkley, GAVI Alliance
- ❖ Nathalia Kanem, UNFPA
- ❖ Trevor Hassels, Healthy Caribbean Coalition
- ❖ HRH Princess Dina Mired, President-elect, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)

Closing remarks

Dr Tedros Adhenom Gebreyesus, Director General WHO

Moderator vote of thanks

Any Other Details

Simultaneous interpretation in English and French