



PAHO Plan of Action
for
Cancer Prevention & Control:

Cancer
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Fact Sheet: New Alliance for Cancer Prevention and Control

The *Latin America and Caribbean Alliance for Comprehensive Cancer Control*, created in November 2007 during the 2nd *International Cancer Control Congress* in Rio de Janeiro Brazil, was conceived by Dr. Luiz Santini Director of Brazil's National Cancer Institute and includes ten countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, and Uruguay. The Alliance unites leaders in cancer control into a network, in order to facilitate working together on joint projects, and to learn from each other and exchange experiences.

During the *International Cancer Congress*, the Alliance issued the *Rio de Janeiro Declaration* to call for increased attention, resources and action from governments for comprehensive cancer control. The priority topics established by the Alliance for joint work include tobacco control, cervical cancer prevention and control, national tumor banks and human resource development. The main forum for communication has been through the Alliance website. Currently, the Alliance is working to finalize its working plans, which will be presented in August 2008 during the UICC Cancer Congress in Geneva.

The Alliance's roots began in 2005 during the 1st ICCC in Vancouver, Canada. Moreover, in 2006 the 1st *Comprehensive Cancer Control Leadership Forum on National Cancer Control Planning* was coordinated by the American Cancer Society, the International Union Against Cancer (UICC), and the National Cancer Institute (*Instituto Nacional de Cáncer*) in Mexico City. Representatives from Brazil, Mexico, Uruguay, and Peru participated in the event. Since this Leadership Forum and the 1st ICCC in 2005, it has become apparent that a structured Region-wide network would be essential for the advancement of cancer control.