

McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer
10-Year Impact Report

# A decade of people and progress





We respectfully acknowledge the First Nations Peoples, the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands and waterways throughout Australia, whose shared connection to culture and place brings deeper meaning to the cities and regions in which we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and embrace their cultures, knowledges and heritages in defining our shared social, spiritual, health, environmental and economic aspirations.

McCabe Centre's office is located on Bunurong and Boon Wurrung country. As we work towards a world free of preventable cancer and non-communicable diseases, access to safe and affordable cancer and non-communicable diseases treatment and care, we acknowledge the lasting impacts of colonisation and intergenerational trauma on the health inequities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities here in Victoria, nationally and globally. We understand that, working within a framework of self-determination, enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to determine and guide this work will lead to effective and sustainable change.

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### 10-Year Impact Report

## A decade of people and progress

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## A decade of people and progress



Hayley Jones, Director
McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer

#### The world today looks very different than it did when the McCabe Centre launched 10 years ago.

Back in 2012, the McCabe Centre was just a few lawyers based in Melbourne, yet to run the first edition of our flagship legal training course. Tobacco plain packaging had only just been introduced in Australia, with legal challenges from the tobacco industry still to be resolved. And many of the international frameworks that underpin our work on cancer, noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and their risk factors were yet to be agreed and adopted.

So much has changed since then, and there are so many achievements to celebrate. Though it can all seem like a blur, what brings our first decade into focus are the people we've connected with along the way – those we've worked with and supported, and those living happier, healthier lives because of our efforts.

That's why this report, which chronicles the McCabe Centre's impact over its first 10 years, is really a celebration of the people around us.

We proudly shine a spotlight on others who join us in our mission. This includes the alumni of our training program who apply what they learnt to change laws in their countries, the civil society partners who unite communities to take action, and the people affected by cancer who bravely stand up for their right to safe and effective healthcare.



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It is through them that we see the full impact of the McCabe Centre's work since launching as the only centre of our kind, and through them that we will continue to make a difference in the decades to come.



## Highlights

- Supported local lawyers and policymakers to pass laws aimed at reducing the burden of cancer and NCDs in <u>22 countries</u> and defend laws in <u>7 countries</u>
- + Trained representatives of 20+ countries on tobacco plain packaging laws, 15 of which have now adopted plain packaging
- + Contributed to reform of the Health Complaints Framework in Victoria, Australia
- + Published three-part research report on Making the law work better for people with cancer
- + Became <u>first Knowledge Hub</u> for WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
- Named the <u>WHO Collaborating Centre</u> on Law and Noncommunicable Disease
- + Recognised with United Nations Interagency Task Force Award for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases and two WHO World No Tobacco Day Awards

## Who we are

#### Our team

- + A team of lawyers based at Cancer Council Victoria in Melbourne, Australia
- + Lawyers working as Regional Managers based in Fiji, Kenya and the Philippines







#### Our network

- + Founding partners Cancer Council
  Victoria, the Union for International
  Cancer Control (UICC) and Cancer
  Council Australia
- + A Joint Oversight Committee of executives and board members from our founding partners
- + Partner organisations across civil society





A growing network of 270+ alumni from 77 countries around the world

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A decade after we launched the McCabe
Centre, we can be very grateful for the great
impact of the Centre and its team on the lives of
people affected by cancer in Victoria, Australia
and around the world. It has supported
new laws that keep people healthier, and
empowered legal reforms that help everyone
get access to the treatment and care they need.
There has never been a more important time
for such global leadership in strengthening
healthcare systems in all parts of the world."



**Todd Harper, CEO**Cancer Council Victoria

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It has been a privilege watching the McCabe Centre grow since we established it back in 2012. In just 10 years, the team has united a global network of partners in government and civil society, empowering them to advance cancer control laws through outstanding capacity building and expert technical support. And they have done it all with great care and professionalism."



Cary Adams, CEO
Union for International
Cancer Control (UICC)

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Cancer Council Australia knew from the start that this one-of-a-kind team dedicated to advancing public health laws could shape how societies prevent cancer and protect people affected by it. Ten years on, the whole world knows it, and countless people are better off for their efforts and their expertise. Congratulations to the McCabe Centre on an outstanding first decade."



Tanya Buchanan, CEO
Cancer Council Australia

### How we started

## The McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer launched on World Cancer Day 2012 as the only centre of its kind in the world.

Headed by Founding Director Jonathan Liberman, the McCabe Centre was created with the belief that law is one of the most effective tools to prevent cancer and protect people affected by it. The McCabe Centre's work built on Cancer Council's longstanding successes leveraging law and policy to improve cancer outcomes, and UICC's expertise uniting and building capacity in the cancer control community.

The McCabe Centre team was small in those early years, but they had an immediate impact. Just a year after our launch, the McCabe Centre broke new ground as the first ever Knowledge Hub of the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, and published landmark research on cancer treatment and supportive care.

"We believed that we could create a place where people from very different social, economic, cultural and legal backgrounds could come together, bringing their diverse experiences and their passion, learning from and empowering one another to create significant and lasting changes both in their own countries and globally. It has been amazing to see this ambition come to life, and to know that this collective work has touched so many people's lives."



## Jonathan Liberman Associate Professor Melbourne Law School and Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne

By 2014, the McCabe Centre had launched what would become its signature training program and started building a global network of lawyers and policymakers that would go on to shape public health laws around the world.

#### **Timeline**





#### The McCabe case

In April 2002, an Australian woman named Rolah McCabe became the first person outside of the United States to win a personal injury lawsuit against the tobacco industry, after she sued British American Tobacco (BAT) for negligence.

Though Rolah died of cancer before her case was finally resolved after a lengthy appeals process, her legacy lives on. The McCabe Case exposed BAT's systematic destruction of documents, and evidence the case uncovered was used in a multi-billion-dollar lawsuit in the United States against the tobacco industry.

#### What we stand for

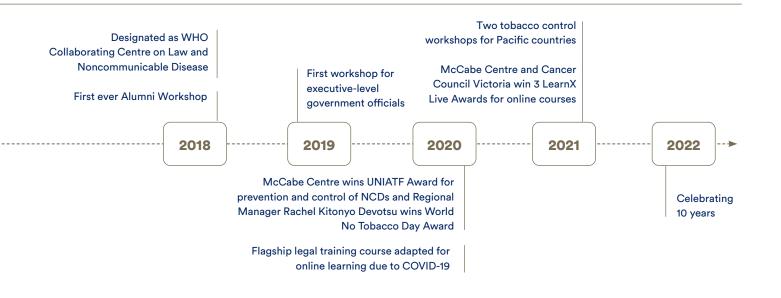
#### Our vision

A world free from preventable cancers and in which all people affected by cancer have equitable access to safe, effective and affordable cancer treatment and care.

#### Our mission

To promote the effective use of law for the prevention and control of cancer and other NCDs by building knowledge, expertise, capacity and networks at global, regional and domestic levels.

**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS** 



## What we're up against



Image: Still from "Defending NCD laws" an animation developed in 2021 for the McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer

Cancer and other NCDs kill
41 million people every year,
amounting to seven out of every
10 deaths worldwide, and stop
countless others from living healthy
and prosperous lives.

The cost of treating these diseases and lost productivity forces millions of families into poverty and is expected to cost the global economy USD47 trillion between 2010-2030. This places an especially hard burden on low- and middle-income countries, where the majority of NCD-related deaths occur. But NCDs also take their toll in high-income countries, where they reinforce disparities in healthcare and the social determinants of health.

Since the main risk factors for cancer and other NCDs – including tobacco use, alcohol, unhealthy diets, physical inactivity and air pollution – often have deep cultural connections and backing from powerful business interests, strategies to reduce their impact must reach beyond just the health sector. Protecting people with cancer and NCDs also has far-reaching implications around how societies care for people who get sick, and uphold their human rights to safe healthcare and fair treatment.

That's why law is so important as an effective and cost-efficient tool to address cancer and other NCDs. Well-drafted laws have the power to reshape social norms, behaviours and expectations that put health at risk, and stop industry from pushing products that make people sick. Working with law can also remove legal barriers to good health, and protect people who do get sick.

## What we've achieved together

#### Building capacity to harness the law

#### Flagship legal training course

Since launching in 2014, the McCabe Centre's International Legal Training Program has become a cornerstone of our work.

Our flagship three-week, in-person training and – more recently – online legal training courses have helped government lawyers, policymakers and other stakeholders from low- and middle-income countries build their capacity to develop, implement and defend laws that target cancer and other NCDs, and led to real-world impact.

#### Thematic and regional workshops

Beyond our flagship course, we have also held trainings that highlight regional perspectives and core themes in law and NCDs.

- + Follow-up alumni workshops in 2018 and 2021
- + Executive workshops for high-level government officials in 2019 and 2021
- + Workshops for World Health Organization Regional Offices
- + Tobacco plain packaging workshops across various regions and topic areas
- + Regional law and NCDs workshops in Kenya (2015), Indonesia (2015 & 2016), Sri Lanka (2016), Ghana (2016), Russian Federation (2016), Fiji (2016), Jamaica (2017), Malaysia (2018), Thailand (2018), Eastern African Region (2018), The Philippines (2019), Pacific Island Countries (2021)
- + Eastern Mediterannean Region (2021)



#### By the numbers: Impact of our training





#### Faces of change

66 Having people from other disciplines supporting the fight against NCDs, I see it as really beneficial in my community. I know how much this training has changed the majority of lawyers in the program, and me from a health perspective to accept the involvement of lawyers in the fight against NCDs."



#### **Dr Silivia Tavite**

Former Director, Department of Health (Tokelau), 2019 McCabe Centre alumna

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Every time you are at McCabe Centre, you learn new things and make new friends. You're in the same room as people from different parts of the world telling you what they are doing and what the challenges and successes are. It's very rewarding."

#### James Jallah

Legal Counsel, Ministry of Health (Liberia) 2017 McCabe Centre alumnus



We cannot get such information anywhere else. I am personally privileged to be part of the McCabe Centre network."

#### Suzan Apita Akello

State Attorney, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (Uganda) 2018 McCabe Centre alumna



The McCabe Centre provided specialist information and support to the Thai legal team when our law requiring graphic health warnings covering 85% of tobacco packaging was challenged in court. I also gained knowledge from the McCabe Centre training that I share with law students in my public health class."

#### **Aua-Aree Engchanil**

Associate Professor of Law, Chulalongkorn University Legal Consultant, Bureau of Tobacco Control, Ministry of Health (Thailand) 2016 McCabe Centre alumna

The exchange of information at the McCabe Centre training was wonderful, and it's still wonderful. I haven't seen that any other place in the world."

#### **Davi Bressler**

Attorney for Brazil, Attorney General's Office 2016 McCabe Centre alumnus

(quote from 2020)





#### Alumni in the spotlight

#### Vicky Wari

Program Manager – NCDs, National Department of Health, Papua New Guinea



Vicky Wari has taken many approaches to addressing noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) in Papua New Guinea (PNG) throughout her career.

She started by using her clinical skills as a Health Extension Officer at a hospital in the northern town of Wewak. She then shifted to public health, spending nine years supporting the health of communities in regional PNG. And now, as Program Manager for NCDs at the National Department of Health, she is using public policy to address NCDs in her country and harnessing the power of the law.

Vicky and her team helped develop PNG's Tobacco Control Act 2016 and are currently working on tobacco control regulations that she hopes will make a positive impact on health in PNG. "I'm hoping that smoking prevalence will reduce, thus reducing NCDs and improving quality of life for the people of my country," she says.

It has been a significant project, but she is grateful to have training and technical support from the McCabe Centre. Vicky and her colleagues attended the McCabe Centre's intensive legal training course in 2015.

At the training, Vicky says she found a "network of professionals that are speaking the same language as I am." She gained a deeper understanding of how laws can effectively reduce tobacco use and prevent NCDs, and she says she felt empowered to move her NCD projects forward.

"The McCabe Centre training gave me the confidence I needed," she says. "At the same time, the McCabe Centre gives me a team that is there for me when I need help either to develop laws and regulations, or when we are faced with a lawsuit from industry."

Challenges from industry are a major obstacle for countries implementing tobacco control laws, but governments can overcome them with legal capacity, resources and political will. Vicky encourages others working in tobacco control to stay the course and, where necessary, to step up their efforts. "I would encourage everyone to maintain and increase their pace [to keep ahead of industry]," she says.

## Sharing knowledge and supporting change

#### Protecting people with cancer

We harness the law to make sure people affected by cancer and other NCDs can access the care, support and treatment they need.

#### From unsafe care

Working with Cancer Council Victoria, we contributed to the development of the new Victorian Health Complaints Act 2016 supporting people to recognise and report fake and unsafe treatments for cancer, and published guidance on navigating false claims about do-it-yourself cancer tests.

#### From discrimination and inequities

We researched and published our findings on how law can ensure that all people with cancer understand their rights, have equitable access to safe and effective healthcare, and are represented in cancer research. We also contributed information on legal rights to Cancer Council's *Understanding Cancer* booklets and factsheets, providing people affected by cancer with tips, checklists and directions to find support.

#### From financial hardships

In 2014, we partnered with more than 30 cancer, chronic disease and patient support organisations and worked with the the Victorian Government to increase transport and accommodation subsidies for rural and regional people who have to travel for cancer treatment. We've published articles on legal strategies to reduce 'financial toxicity' among people with cancer and contributed to Cancer Council publications that inform people about their rights – including the Informed Financial Consent Standard, which aims to protect Australians from unexpected cancer costs.

#### From challenges at the end of life

We contributed to legal reform in Victoria, Australia to support people to plan for the end of their lives, and make sure their wishes are respected.

#### Making healthcare universal

Health is a fundamental human right, but at least half of the world lacks access to essential health services. And those who have access often pay steep prices for care.

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) means that all people have access to the care they need without financial hardship, and the McCabe Centre is working to help countries realise UHC in line with global priorities.

Though UHC requires action from all sectors of society, laws play an essential role. For example, laws can help secure and direct funding for public insurance schemes, remove barriers to access for marginalised populations, and to ensure quality and safety by regulating the health workforce.

The McCabe Centre is raising awareness of law's role through publications like our 2020 *Leaving no one behind* factsheet, and by reaching out directly to the regulatory and health workforce and incorporating UHC into our legal training courses.

We have also supported partners in government and civil society to support laws that make health coverage more universal. This includes working alongside UICC to provide mentorship to the Cancer Warriors Foundation, a civil society group that successfully championed a new law in the Philippines that improves access to equitable and affordable cancer treatment and care for all cancers, at all ages and stages.

## A hub for knowledge on tobacco control

In 2013, the McCabe Centre became the first-ever Knowledge Hub of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC), a model that has since been replicated for seven other Knowledge Hubs around the world.

## As the **WHO FCTC Knowledge Hub on Legal Challenges**, we:

- + Facilitate the exchange of information between Parties to the WHO FCTC
- + Provide technical assistance on defending legal challenges
- + Run the Knowledge Hub on Legal Challenges website
- + Conduct training, especially regarding the use of law to prevent noncommunicable diseases, with tobacco use as a risk factor
- + Participate in relevant WHO FCTC work supporting the Parties and the work of the Convention Secretariat

We also work closely with other Knowledge Hubs to share information and evidence on best practices to even broader audiences. For example, we produced a 2020 policy brief about the tobacco industry litigation in collaboration with the Knowledge Hub on Tobacco Taxation and Illicit Trade, based at the University of Cape Town Research Unit on the Economics of Excisable Products (REEP), and we have regularly worked with the Knowledge Hub to run sessions on tax policy for our training participants.

In 2019, the McCabe Centre was awarded a threeyear grant from the Australian Government Department of Health to scale up Knowledge Hub work in the Pacific, leading to a series of Pacific Tobacco Control workshops starting in 2021.

"The McCabe Centre was the first designated Knowledge Hub to support Parties to the WHO FCTC to fully implement the Convention. With its expertise in the use of law to prevent non-communicable diseases and address their risk factors, the McCabe Centre has provided training and support for countries around the world in the development of tobacco control laws and the defense of such laws from the attacks of the tobacco industry. I commend the McCabe Centre on its 10th anniversary and look forward to continuing our very fruitful collaboration."

#### **Dr Adriana Blanco Marquizo**

Head of Secretariat of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control



#### Good policy that's plain to see

In 2011, just before the McCabe Centre launched, the world's first tobacco plain packaging law was passed in Australia. The new law aimed to restrict one of the tobacco industry's last marketing vehicles – its packaging – by requiring that cigarettes be sold in drab, neutral-coloured packages without industry branding. The results speak for themselves: a 2016 review found that plain packaging resulted in 108,000 fewer smokers in Australia over a three-year period.

The McCabe Centre's involvement with plain packaging began even before its launch. Cancer Council had a long history of work in tobacco control and plain packaging, and the McCabe Centre's Founding Director served on an Australian plain packaging expert advisory group in his role with Cancer Council Victoria.

When Australia was forced to defend its plain packaging law against legal challenges from the tobacco industry, the legal battle generated a lot of interest from other countries facing similar challenges. So the McCabe Centre worked with the Australian Government to help other countries move forward with public health laws despite industry threats.

The McCabe Centre has since worked directly with several other countries that have passed plain packaging laws, or have laws in the works. We provided technical support to policymakers in Singapore, South Africa, Iran, Georgia, Mauritius, and the Seychelles through our alumni network, and gave written and oral submissions to a New Zealand parliamentary committee exploring a plain packaging law. We have also held dedicated national workshops to help the governments of Thailand and Malaysia work through the implications of what Australia's win in the World Trade Organization would mean for their own plain packaging laws, and supported our alumni in Thailand and Sri Lanka to defend related challenges to requirements for large graphic health warnings on tobacco packages.

In 2015 and 2016, we hosted workshops bringing together government and civil society representatives working on plain packaging in the WHO European region, and took part in a global plain packaging workshop with WHO for World No Tobacco Day 2016. We then hosted two more workshops in 2018 and 2020 about the World Trade Organization rulings in favour of Australia's plain packaging laws. Through it all, we have been researching and disseminating our findings about plain packaging through journal articles, policy briefings, and reports by our partners UICC and WHO.

#### Regional expertise, local support

The McCabe Centre is a truly international organisation with expertise that runs across oceans and borders. While we're based in Australia, we are uniquely privileged to have Regional Managers located in Fiji, Kenya and the Philippines who understand local context and have contacts across their regions.

Regional Managers provide ongoing technical support to alumni of the McCabe Centre's International Legal Training Program, and also work directly with countries and Regional Offices of the WHO as a trusted source of expertise on legal considerations around NCDs.

#### Changing tides in the Pacific

Across the Pacific, where NCDs are responsible for about 75% of deaths, laws are at the forefront of a movement to change the tide of NCD risk factors.

In recent years, at least 14 Pacific Island countries have implemented law and regulations to increase taxes on unhealthy foods and beverages, and at least two have lowered taxes on fruits and vegetables. Progress has also been made on tobacco control laws, including in Niue, where the Tobacco Control Act 2018 earned Niue recognition as a global leader in the fight against the number one NCD risk factor.

Much of this progress is being led by McCabe Centre alumni, a growing group of 43 lawyers and policymakers based around the region who receive training and technical support from the McCabe Centre. Our alumnus from Niue, for example, played a key role in developing the 2018 law and getting it passed. Elsewhere in the Pacific, our alumni have helped adopt a sugar-sweetened beverages tax in the Solomon Islands, amend tobacco control laws in Samoa, and enact a comprehensive tobacco control law in Papua New Guinea.

"McCabe Centre training is very helpful in assisting us to work on laws to address NCDs. Learning from other success stories through the alumni network motivates and gives us confidence," says Vicky Wari, Program Manager – NCDs for the Papua New Guinea National Department of Health.

We are proud to have supported these alumni with technical advice through our Regional Manager in the Pacific, who also provides advice to member governments working on NCD legal measures. We also offer Pacific-focused training, including a series of tobacco control workshops for policymakers and civil society representatives based in the Pacific in 2021.



#### Collaborating for change

Partnerships and collaborations are the backbone of our work. From combining efforts with Cancer Council on reports and policy submissions, to hosting master course sessions with UICC, we have a greater impact when we work together.

In 2018, we formalised one of our most impactful partnerships when we were designated the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Law and Noncommunicable Disease. With the goal of building legal capacity in low- and middle-income countries, we worked with WHO to develop technical resources on law and NCDs, share updates on significant legal developments, and publish research on best practices to develop, implement and defend public health laws.

Our work as a Collaborating Centre builds on ongoing partnerships with WHO regions and country offices, which have helped us deliver training and technical support to people making a difference on the ground.

"At WHO we are very proud of our partnership with the McCabe Centre, especially since its designation as a WHO Collaborating Centre. Law is a powerful tool in the fight against noncommunicable disease, and the McCabe Centre provides much needed expertise in this area, helping to make WHO's supports to countries on NCDs more effective and impactful."

#### **Dr Angela Pratt**

Director, Office of the Regional Director &
Acting Director, Division of Healthy Populations
and Environments, World Health Organization
Regional Office for the Western Pacific



As part of our WHO
Collaborating Centre workplan,
we published *Multisectoral*coordination to address *NCDs*through law in 2020. The report
draws on case studies from the
Western Pacific region to provide
lessons on collaborating across
sectors to develop, implement,
and defend laws that prevent and
control cancer.

## How we're adapting



In 2020, we were able to quickly adapt our inperson training into an intensive, fully virtual course that successfully trained more than 70 people in the midst of a pandemic, and included updated content dealing with the links between COVID-19 and NCDs. The new online course actually expanded our reach, allowing us to offer training to larger groups of policymakers from an even broader range of countries, and to easily adapt our offerings to different contexts and audiences.

I truly enjoyed the course! I learned a lot and was actually able to apply some of my learnings in our draft legislation. The course was truly informative and effective!"

Online course participant

Virtual communication has also helped us strengthen our interactions with our alumni network, providing more tailored support and collaboration. Moving forward, it will allow us to increase our focus on regional and thematic events, and help us respond to local needs without requiring travel.

Though these changing times are not without their challenges, the foundation we built during the pandemic has set the McCabe Centre up to continue our impact in an increasingly virtual future that rewards agility.

#### Being agile, going virtual: Impact of our online training



### Where we're headed

As the McCabe Centre enters its second decade, the world is increasingly taking action on cancer and other NCDs. Laws are a big part of that progress, and we are proud to support a network of lawyers and policymakers making a difference on the ground.

Yet despite some huge gains, NCDs remain the world's number one killer, and progress on global targets to address these diseases is stalling – especially as the world faces an ongoing pandemic.

The next 10 years will be pivotal. Countries will need to invest in cost-effective solutions that prevent people from getting sick. Progress on tobacco control will need to continue, and laws to regulate risk factors like alcohol and unhealthy

diets will need to be prioritised. At the same time, countries will need to ensure all their people can get the care they need without financial hardships by working to realise Universal Health Coverage.

This is a lot to ask of countries. And so we, as the global health community will need to support them with training, resources and technical assistance. That's why the McCabe Centre remains just as committed as we were a decade ago to working toward a world free of preventable cancer and NCDs and where people affected by them have access to safe and affordable treatment and care.



Here is what we're focusing on right now.

Vision	A world free from preventable cancers and in which all people affected by cancer have equitable access to safe, effective, and affordable cancer treatment and care			
Guiding frameworks	Work is guided by, and aims to contribute to, global frameworks and commitments, including: Sustainable Development Goals, WHO Global Action Plan on Prevention and Control of NCDs, WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, World Health Assembly Resolution on Cancer Prevention and Control, Universal Health Coverage			
Goals what we will contribute to	International networks with expertise use the law effectively for prevention and control of cancer / NCDs  Legal and regulatory frameworks are developed and implemented around the world  Multisectoral collaboration achieves policy coherence across health, trade, and investment law			
Outcomes what we will achieve	Empowered individuals  Develop champions for cancer / NCD laws and policies around the world	Knowledge and insight  Serve as a trusted source of information on law and cancer / NCDs		Strengthened networks  Our legal expertise is used to support international and domestic cancer / NCD networks
Activities what we will do in the next two years	Support our alumni with the development and implementation of laws and policies for cancer NCD prevention and control	Continue as WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Knowledge Hub on Legal Challenges		Provide quality, timely technical legal support to Cancer Council and UICC
	Deliver training on law, and cancer /NCD prevention and control	Continue as WHO Collaborating Centre on Law and Noncommunicable Disease		Collaborate with Cancer Council and UICC on shared strategic priorities
	Develop training materials and resources on UHC, the law, and cancer / NCD control as adapted for COVID-19	Share our knowledge and expertise via presentations and publications		Strengthen alumni community including delivering alumni workshops
Priorities what we will focus on in the next two years	Equity			
	Law and universal health coverage			
	Cancer / NCDs, sustainable development and human rights, and the impact of COVID-19			
	Treatment and supportive care		Prevention	
	Access to treatment		Tobacco control	
	Health and human rights		Alcohol control	
	Health information and health services  NCI		Healthy diets  NCD risk factors regulation and trade / investment law	







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