

**Caribbean Cancer Portal
Scoping Meeting
Development of Cancer Prevention and Control Policy
8 October, 2025. 6 – 8 p.m.**

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Chair – Dr. Kamario De Castro (Chief Medical Officer, Antigua and Barbuda)

Welcome	Dr. Kamario De Castro – <i>Chief Medical Officer, Antigua and Barbuda</i>	6:00
Setting the Context (brief remarks)	<p><i>Best Practices in Cancer Prevention and Control Policy Development</i> <i>Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)</i> <i>Dr. Lisa Indar</i></p> <p><i>Relevance of Policy for Cancer Prevention and Control in the Region</i> <i>Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)</i> <i>Dr. Taraleen Malcolm</i></p>	6:05
Objectives and Process for the Policy Development	<p><i>Introduction to the CCP Cancer Prevention and Control Policy Initiative</i> Dr. Lindonne Telesford</p>	6:15
<i>Group Dialogue</i>		
Group 1	<p><i>Policy and Strategic Mapping</i></p> <p><i>Facilitators: Dr. Sonia Nixon, Dr. Tamikara Williams, Ms. Sherry-Ann Joseph</i></p>	6:20

	<p>Objective: Map existing cancer policies and identify critical gaps.</p> <p>Output: A prioritized list of gaps and a "Policy Wishlist" of new recommendations.</p> <p>Interactive Task: Real-time collaboration on virtual whiteboard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (5 min) Introductions: Introductions, clarify objectives • (15 min) Mapping exercise: List existing cancer prevention and control policies, strategies, and workplans in participating countries (country, name of document, and status - draft, active, expired). • (15 min) Gap analysis and wishlist: Identify missing policies/strategies. • Propose 3–5 high-impact policy measures for the new regional policy. • (10 min) Prioritization: Use voting tool to prioritize 3–5 proposed measures. • (5 min) Output consolidation: Facilitator summarizes top gaps and the "Policy Wishlist" for the final report. 	
<p>Group 2</p>	<p>Implementing Prevention (Including Screening) and Control Measures</p> <p><i>Facilitators: Ms. Shadia Williams, Dr. Jane Noel, Dr. Merisa Grant-Tate</i></p> <p><i>Support Organization: PAHO</i></p> <p>Objective: Prioritize evidence-based interventions for cancer prevention and control in the region.</p> <p>Output: A prioritized matrix of high-impact, feasible interventions based on participants' experience.</p> <p>Interactive Task: Present SGU MPH Practicum students pre-filled matrix with potential interventions. Include and refine interventions.</p>	<p>6:20</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (5 min) Introduction: Introductions, clarify objectives • (10 min) Matrix presentation: SGU students and facilitators present matrix of evidence-based interventions for prevention and control relevant to the Eastern Caribbean context. • (20 min) Prioritization and contextualization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Virtual poll to rate each intervention's impact and feasibility for participating countries. ○ Discuss highest-priority interventions and how to address potential barriers, including psychosocial ones. • (10 min) Action planning: Focus on top 2–3 interventions. Brainstorm next step for implementation (e.g., Develop a regional advocacy campaign for HPV vaccination). • (5 min) Output consolidation: Facilitator captures the final prioritized list and key action ideas. 	
Group 3	<p>Cancer Data Strategy</p> <p><i>Facilitators: Dr. Shawn Charles, Dr. Shana Cyr-Philbert</i> <i>Support Organization: CARPHA</i></p> <p>Objective: Design a streamlined and effective mechanism for data collection and sharing to support cancer policy.</p> <p>Output: A "Data Action Flow" schematic demonstrating the pathway from data collection to policy implementation.</p> <p>Interactive Task: Brainstorm on a virtual whiteboard to create a visual flow diagram.</p>	6:20

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<p>Group 4</p>	<p>Access and Sustainability</p> <p><i>Facilitators: Dr. Owen Gabriel, Dr. Kamario De Castro, Dr. Hanybal Yaziji,</i></p> <p>Objective: Identify and address barriers to accessing and sustaining cancer prevention and treatment initiatives.</p> <p>Output: An action list of priority interventions to improve access and a "Sustainability</p>	<p>6:20</p>

	<p>Blueprint."</p> <p>Interactive Task: Collaborative brainstorming and ranking access and sustainability solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (5 min) Introduction: Introductions, clarify objectives. • (15 min) Identifying barriers: Brainstorm the main barriers to access and sustainability in participating countries, focusing on socioeconomic issues, health system gaps, and patient communication. • (15 min) Brainstorming solutions: For the top 3–5 barriers identified, brainstorm practical solutions. • (10 min) Creating a "Sustainability Blueprint": Create diagrams or lists how prevention and control could be integrated across the six building blocks of the health system (service delivery, workforce, information, medical products, financing, leadership/governance) to improve sustainability. • (5 min) Output consolidation: Facilitator summarizes the priority interventions for access and the high-level recommendations for sustainability. 	
Presentation	<p>7 minutes per group <i>Facilitator: Dr. Lindonne Telesford</i></p>	7:20
Closing Exercise	<p>Summary and Next Steps - <i>Dr. Shana Cyr-Philbert, Senior Medical Officer for Non-Communicable Diseases at the Ministry of Health and Wellness, Saint Lucia</i></p>	7:50

Reference Documents for Perusal

1. <https://www.paho.org/en/topics/cancer>



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2. [Latin America and the Caribbean Code Against Cancer](#)

[International Agency for Research on Cancer](#)



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The Latin American and Caribbean Code Against Cancer proposes a series of prevention measures to contribute to the prevention of cancer.

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