



Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition

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UICC statement on behalf of the Global Task Force on Nutrition and Cancer

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)) and for the Global Task Force on Nutrition and Cancer, established in 2018 and which includes the International Union of Nutritional Sciences, World Cancer Research Fund Intl., the International Malnutrition Task Force and UICC. The task force has an international commitment and responsibility in understanding the role of nutrition in cancer.

The role of poor nutrition (including intake of salt, sugar and industrial trans-fat in food and beverages) and lack of physical activity which can lead to overweight and obesity is a cross-cutting issue for public health, and especially for cancer.

The Task Force therefore welcomes the second biennial report and efforts by Member States, WHO, FAO, other UN agencies and key international partners in implementation of the Rome Declaration commitments at the country level.

We urge member states to intensify action on intersectoral policy on global nutrition targets, promote healthy diets, education programmes and social protection, as outlined in the document. In particular, we urge member states to:

- **Build capacity and increase financial commitments towards the proper implementation** of nutrition programmes and policies
- **Include** information on nutrition status and physical activity in cancer registries, which have a very important role **generating information** that can be used to better inform nutrition policies and programmes
- **Address the capacity and training needs of the health workforce** to strengthen nutrition programmes
- **Engage civil society** to help strengthen action networks and commitments made towards the Rome Declaration and monitor progress towards global nutrition targets