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Indonesia joins IARC as a new Participating State, strengthening collaboration in cancer research and prevention

Lyon, France, 24 September 2026 – The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is pleased to welcome Indonesia as a new Participating State, strengthening international collaboration in cancer research and cancer control.

Indonesia, the world's largest archipelagic nation, faces a substantial and diverse cancer burden. In 2024, an estimated 474 083 new cancer cases and 283 299 cancer-related deaths occurred in the country, according to IARC's latest [GLOBOCAN 2024](#) estimates. Lung, colorectal, and liver cancers are the most common cancer types in men, whereas breast, cervical, ovarian, and colorectal cancers are the most common types in women.

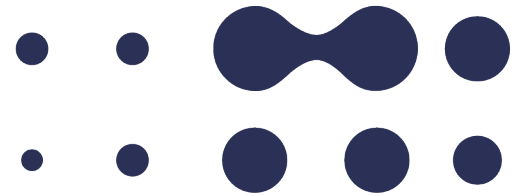
Indonesia has strengthened its national response to cancer through a comprehensive national cancer plan, including population-level vaccination against human papillomavirus (HPV), tobacco control, cancer risk screening, and public awareness campaigns. The country is also expanding cancer registration and surveillance through population-based and hospital-based registries, helping inform cancer control policies and research.

"Indonesia brings important expertise and experience in cancer prevention, surveillance, and research to the IARC community," says IARC Director Dr Elisabete Weiderpass. "We look forward to working closely with Indonesian researchers and health authorities to generate evidence that can strengthen cancer prevention and early detection in Indonesia and contribute to cancer control globally."

Indonesia's national cancer leadership is provided by Dharmas National Cancer Hospital in Jakarta, a leading centre for cancer treatment, research, training, and cancer registration. Indonesian institutions are already contributing to international cancer research, including through IARC-led initiatives such as the Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development (GICR).

With Indonesia as a Participating State, Indonesia and IARC will build on this existing collaboration, with opportunities for joint research in cancer prevention, early detection, cancer surveillance, and implementation research. Priority areas include breast, cervical, and colorectal cancers, as well as research addressing risk factors such as tobacco use, hepatitis infections, obesity, and diabetes.

Indonesia's participation will strengthen IARC's collaboration in South-East Asia and contribute to the Agency's mission of translating science into better cancer prevention worldwide.



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