



ANCCA Sub-Committee eMtg.22.5 (May 5) – Minutes of Meeting draft1 (0505).

Meeting Time (70 minutes)	From	To
Sri Lanka	12:30	13:30
Nepal	12:45	13:45
Myanmar	13:30	14:30
Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam	14:00	15:00
China, Malaysia, Singapore	15:00	16:00
Japan, Korea	16:00	17:00

Participants (16 participants from 9 countries & organizations)

1. Bhutan (BT): Mr Kinley Tshering / 2. Brunei (BR): Dato Dr Babu Sukamaran, Dr Ong Sok King and Datin Dr Noraslinah Hj Ramlee / 3. China (CN): Dr. Zhang Yawei, Ms. Bella Tian / 4. Japan (JP): Dr. Tomohiro Matsuda / 5. Malaysia (MY): Dr Siti Norbayah / 6. Myanmar (MN) C/CAN: Dr Aung, Dr Thet Ko Aung / 7. Nepal (NP): Dr. Kishore Pradhananga / 8. Philippines (PH): Dr. Clarito U. Cairo / 9. Singapore (SG): Prof. William Hwang, Dr Gillian Phua Li Gek, Mr Koh Liang Kai, Mr. Muhammad Taufiq Bin Jaafar

1. Update on Asian Code Against Cancer Manuscript

1.1. Dr Sok King provided the manuscript update. Started last year since the webinar, to provide key recommendations against cancer and till date have gone through several stages of edits of the drafts

- Current proposed title: *“Towards an Asian Code Against Cancer: An Asian National Cancer Centre Alliance Initiative”*
- From members’ feedback, introduction has been shortened, a few more paragraphs can be further shortened, the main objective of manuscript is included before going into methods.
- Methods section consist of 4 stage process:
 - *Identify the criteria for selecting recommendation or code for cancer prevention.*
 - *Formulation of national codes or recommendations on cancer preventions at national level*
 - *Review of published evidence on cancer risks and preventive measures*
 - *Dissemination, evaluation, and update as new evidence emerges*
- Results section has been compiled from contributions of different member countries
 - Criteria adapted from ECAC and IARC, however some members suggested for the manuscript to be inclusive of various target audience. Hence risk factors affecting/applicable some countries should be included as well
 - Table 2 of cancer burden and Table 3 of ANCCA key recommendations, recently Thailand has contributed, and others has given suggestion on improving the accuracy
 - Systematic review is beyond the scope of this manuscript and will done for each cancer risk factor in Asian setting to be published in future.
 - Work in progress where ANCCA will continue to provide supportive platforms for members
- Discussion – has included some aspect from introduction, still work in progress. Hope to include more feedback specially to describe the burden in different countries and how risk factors contribute to the burden. Most countries do not have national codes currently.
- Limitations and Strengths as well as Conclusion sections are included in this manuscript
- Additional Points: Aim to submit for publication in *Lancet*, as a regional paper where the word count limit is 5000 and has a maximum of 30 references. The manuscript consists of codes that can be considered by each countries’ Ministry of Health to implement. The published manuscript



can serve as a position paper that can be referenced when suggestions to the government are made.

ACTIONS

- Require about 10-15% more input/suggestion from members to make manuscript stronger. There is no hard deadline but hope to strengthen this paper as soon as possible with an update next monthly meeting.
- Manuscript team to check how many figures and tables limit as well as if images are allowed. Educational images from member countries can be showcased as well including infographics for recommendations.

2. Review of the Subcommittees

2.1. Purpose of each subcommittee is to have specific groups focus on specific topics so that can increase productivity and reach of what ANCCA do.

2.2. Currently there are 9 Subcommittees,

- Current proposal is for subcommittee to organise their own meeting with their own staff at the centre. The members of subcommittee participate in meetings and contribute to craft papers/proposal/initiatives. Every quarter the subcommittee will then report their progress.
- Leaders for SC1 (NP), SC2 (JP), SC3 (BN), SC5 (KR) and SC7 (SG) have been identified and can initiate these subcommittee meetings first.
- New leaders and members
 - SC2 – NCCP (SG – member)
 - SC3 – Asian Code (BN – lead), (CN – member)
 - SC4 – Registries (ID – lead), (CN – potential member)
 - SC5 – Education and training (CN – potential member) (SG – member)
 - SC6 – Research and clinical trials (CN – potential member) (SG – member)
 - SC9 – Tobacco free zone (KR – lead), (PH – member)

ACTIONS:

Indicate interest via email to ANCCA Secretariat (JP/SG) for members who have not had a chance to do so

3. AOB:

3.1. Current monthly meeting falls on first Thursday and has been a combined one with all subcommittees. Next meeting shall still be combined as the subcommittees may not be ready to branch out yet and SC7 will be presenting the proposal for the subcommittee during this meeting.

3.2. Upcoming meetings: Quarterly e-meeting on 12th May 2022, and the High-Level e-meeting on 10 Nov 2022, in conjunction with a symposium

ACTIONS:

Think about the proposed topics for high level meeting and to be discussed on 12th May 2022



★ Next ANCCA quarterly regular e-meeting: May 12th , same time (1.5 hour) ★

Thank you all for the great participation and contribution
to our ANCCA activities!