



The United Republic of Tanzania
Ministry of Health

ORCI OCEAN ROAD
CANCER
INSTITUTE



30TH ANNIVERSARY OCEAN ROAD CANCER INSTITUTE AND 1ST ORCI INTERNATIONAL ONCOLOGY CONFERENCE.

**THEME: 30 Years journey of Transforming Cancer Care in Tanzania:
“Innovations, Integrations and Impact – Experience learned from the Ocean
Road Cancer Institute”**



Feb 12-13, 2026



**Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC),
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

CONCEPT NOTE





1. Background

Established in 1996 the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) has served as Tanzania's national referral center for cancer care. Over the past three decades, ORCI has played a pivotal role in delivering comprehensive oncology services, including radiotherapy, chemotherapy, surgical oncology, nuclear medicine, cancer screening, research, training, and palliative care.

As ORCI celebrates its 30th anniversary, the institute will host a high-level international Oncology Conference to reflect on its journey, highlighting achievements, and chart a way forward for cancer control in Tanzania and the region.

The anniversary event and the international oncology conference is scheduled to take place on 12th to 13th February, 2026 at Julius Nyerere convention Centre (JINCC), Dar es salaam, Tanzania

The event will bring together key stakeholders, including clinicians, researchers, policymakers, development partners, cancer survivors, and civil

society, to foster dialogue and promote evidence-based cancer care.

Over 600 participants from more than 20 countries are expected to attend, including representatives from international cancer institutes, public health experts, NGOs, academic institutions, and the private sector.



20
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600+
National and
international
delegates

2. Objectives

The primary objectives of the event are:

- i. **Honor and Recognize Contributors:** Celebrate and recognize staff, cancer survivors, donors, and strategic partners who have contributed to ORCI's mission and progress.
- ii. **Raise Awareness and Educate:** Raise public awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, and available treatment services.
- iii. **Mobilize Funding:** Attract funding and investment for cancer infrastructure development, particularly for the acquisition of advanced radiotherapy equipment. As well as to improve access to cervical cancer screening and treatment for women living in rural areas through outreach services and community-based health initiatives. Also for reaching and serving vulnerable populations, with a special focus on individuals living with albinism and those affected by cancer.
- iv. **Engage Stakeholders:** Foster multi-sectoral collaboration among government, private sector, academia, and civil society to address cancer care challenges. In reaching and serving vulnerable populations by providing targeted cancer prevention and care services, including skin cancer screening for children and adults with albinism, and the distribution of sun-protection creams.
- v. **Establish and support** transport mechanisms (health transport funds or "health passports") that enable patients from remote villages to access cancer care and treatment in major health facilities.
- vi. **Integration of cancer screening** into HIV care by identifying and serving patients living with HIV who are at increased risk of certain cancers, and ensuring they receive early diagnosis and appropriate treatment.
- vii. **Strategic Launch:** Officially unveil ORCI's Strategic Plan 2026–2030, which aims to reduce cancer mortality in Tanzania by 30% by the year 2030.



3. Proposed Topics for Discussion

- i. Cancer in Vulnerable groups (women, people with Albinism and HIV population)
- ii. Emerging Trends in Cancer Epidemiology.
- iii. Innovations in Oncology Diagnostics and Imaging.
- iv. Treatment Modalities: Chemotherapy, Radiotherapy development, 3D brachytherapy and Image guided, Surgical Oncology and Immunotherapy.
- v. Prevention and Early Detection Strategies.
- vi. Oncology Nursing.
- vii. Paediatric Oncology.
- viii. Advancing Cancer Research and Clinical Trials in Africa.
- ix. Bridging Gaps in Access to Cancer Care.
- x. Strengthening Palliative, Survivorship and Supportive Care Services.
- xi. Building Human Resource Capacity in Oncology.
- xii. Community Engagement (Women, Youth, and Grassroots Approaches).
- xiii. Involving Ancillary groups in improving cancer care (Traditional Medicine, Nutritionists, Psychologist, Social Workers, Chaplains, Physiotherapists and Pharmacists).

4. Target Audience

The conference will convene a diverse group of participants, including:

- i. Oncologists, radiologists, surgeons, Medical Physicists, Radiotherapists, nurses, and allied health professionals
- ii. Researchers and academic institutions
- iii. Government officials and health policy makers
- iv. International cancer and public health organizations
- v. Non-governmental organizations and civil society networks
- vi. Private health providers and pharmaceutical/biotech companies
- vii. Cancer survivors and patient advocacy groups



This milestone event is designed to: _____



**REFLECT ON THE
IMPACT OF ORCI OVER
THE PAST 30 YEARS.**



**SHOWCASE
INNOVATIONS IN CANCER
CARE, DIAGNOSTICS,
AND TREATMENT.**



**FOSTER PARTNERSHIPS
AND MOBILIZE
INVESTMENTS IN
ONCOLOGY.**



**600+
DELEGATES**



**LAUNCH THE ORCI
STRATEGIC PLAN 2026 –
2030 AIMING TO REDUCE
CANCER MORTALITY IN
TANZANIA BY 30% BY 2030.**



5. Expected Outcomes

- i. A national roadmap for advancing cancer control and care delivery
- ii. Strengthened research networks and regional collaborations
- iii. Practical policy recommendations to improve equity in cancer services
- iv. A commemorative publication highlighting ORCI's 30-year legacy and strategic vision
- v. A renewed commitment to patient-centered oncology care

6. Conclusion

The 30th Anniversary and the 1st International Oncology Conference marks a critical moment for ORCI and the oncology community in Tanzania. Through inclusive dialogue, knowledge sharing, and innovations, the event seeks to inspire collective action toward achieving equitable, quality cancer care for all.

ORCI warmly welcomes partners, stakeholders, and friends to join this milestone celebration and contribute to shaping the future of oncology in Tanzania and the East African region.



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