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This publication was developed in response to the increasing burden of cancer and the need for coordinated action in this regard. Work on a strategy to control cancer has been gathering momentum for a number of years. Two expert meetings were held in Cairo and Morocco to oversee the development of the strategy. International and regional experts participated in the process of development and review of the draft document. The draft document was circulated for comments and these were taken into account.

This publication is targeted at government and non-government agencies whose work impacts on the delivery of cancer services and activities, as well as the wide range of individuals involved in the management and delivery of cancer activities and services and people affected by cancer. Each country is invited to set its own priorities and to implement prevention and control strategies appropriate to its national situation.

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