

AC3 9th Annual Conference

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

October 26-30, 2026 | Savannah Beach Club Hotel & Spa | Barbados

Bridging Continents, Advancing Equity: The Next Decade of Impact in Cancer Research for Populations of African Descent

Monday, October 26, 2026 | AC3 Members Only

Time	Session
8:00-8:30	AC3 Opening & Welcome <i>Theme overview, Code of Conduct, multilingual guidance and expected outcomes</i>
8:30-10:30	Collaborative Leadership Workshop <i>Equitable team science skills; authorship and decision sharing</i>
10:30-10:50	Break
10:50-11:50	Interdisciplinary Co-Design Lab <i>Co-design table discussions to generate research ideas</i>
12:00-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Internal Lightning Insights <i>Cases where collaboration reshaped science</i>
2:30-5:30	Transdisciplinary Research Ideation Workshop <i>Vision casting and future collaboration</i>

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 | AC3 Members Only

Time	Session
8:00-9:00	Breast Cancer Research Working Group
9:00-10:00	Prostate Cancer Research Working Group
10:00-11:00	Liver Cancer Research Working Group
11:00-11:15	Break
11:15-12:15	Upper Aerodigestive Tract Cancers Working Group
12:15-1:15	Colorectal Cancer Research Working Group
1:15-2:15	Lunch <i>(Offsite Presentation to Medical Students - Featured Guest Lecture – Faculty of Medicine, UWI)</i>
2:15-3:00	Cervical Cancer Research Working Group
3:00-4:00	Pathology Working Group Meeting
4:30-6:00	Community Engagement: Mini Health Pop-Up & Advocacy Forum

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 | [Open to the Public](#)

Time	Session
8:30-8:40	Welcome to the 20th Anniversary AC3 Conference
8:40-10:15	Plenary Session 1: Connected by Science: 20 Years of AC3 Team Science and the Next Frontiers in Global Oncology <i>Featured presentation - Simone Badal: Building Representative Cancer Models: The AC3 Cell Line Collaboration Across the African Diaspora</i>
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:45	Plenary Session 2: Beyond the Pilot: Translating Evidence into Equitable Cancer Control
11:45-2:00	Poster Session + Lunch <i>Oral mini-presentations and networking</i>
2:00-3:30	Plenary Session 3: The Cancer Equity Equation: Behavioral, Social, and Structural Drivers of Outcomes and Survivorship
6:00-9:00	20th Anniversary Celebration and Gala

Thursday, October 29, 2026 | [Open to the Public](#)

Time	Session
9:00-11:00	Keynote: The Next Decade Begins Here: Gratitude for the Path, Inspiration for the Future
11:00-12:00	Special Education Session: The Workforce Behind Cancer Equity: Building a Learning Culture for the Next Decade <i>Dr Tanya O'Neill</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch in Poster Hall
1:15-3:15	Junior Investigator Networking - Professional Development
3:30-5:30	Science of Advance Prostate Cancer in Africa

Friday, October 30, 2026 | [Mixed Access](#)

Time	Session
8:30-9:30	Plenary Session 4: Closing the Gaps Across the Cancer Care Continuum: Screening, Treatment, Clinical Trials, and Follow-Up
9:30-11:00	Plenary Session 5: Signals for Earlier Action: Molecular Biomarkers of Cancer Risk and Early Detection in Populations of African Descent
11:00-11:10	Break
11:10-12:30	Education Session: From Engagement to Shared Power: Building Impactful Community-Academic Partnerships in Cancer Research
12:30-2:00	Lunch (Open) / AC3 General Assembly (Members Only - concurrent)
2:00-3:30	Education Session: From Tissue to Insight: Strengthening Molecular Pathology Capacity for Equitable Cancer Care and Research
4:00-5:00	Closing Ceremony
5:00-5:30	Leadership Wrap-Up (Members Only)