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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and has the honour to inform them that estimates related to cancer are being prepared and will be ready for consultation over the next two years. The first set of estimates to be reviewed are for cervical cancer screening coverage.

Following WHO's quality standards for data publication and prior to the official release of the above estimates, WHO is consulting its Members States to review, comment and provide advice on these comparable estimates and to ensure that latest country data have been identified and used for production of the comparable estimates.

The consultation will be conducted via email with a designated person as country focal point. To ensure accurate and timely estimates for each country, the designation of the focal point, together with contact details, should be sent no later than 22 April 2024 to the Department of Noncommunicable Diseases, Rehabilitation and Disability, by email, to ncdestimates@who.int.

Upon nomination, the focal point will receive the preliminary estimates and accompanying documentation electronically. The country consultation of the cervical cancer screening estimates will close on 31 May 2024. Any submissions after this date may not be considered in the final publication of country estimates.

Preliminary estimates for other cancer-related indicators will be shared at a future date.

The World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States the assurance of its highest consideration.

GENEVA, 25 March 2024