

# Organizations

**"Don't agonize. Organize."**  
 Florynce Kennedy, Lawyer, and Civil and Womens' Rights Activist (1916-2000)

The World Health Organization's Cardiovascular Disease Programme is conducted through its Geneva headquarters, and regional and national offices worldwide. The World Heart Federation helps people achieve a longer, better life through prevention and control of heart disease and stroke, focusing on low- and middle-income countries.

In addition to the nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) highlighted here, there are many international NGOs – from the World Medical Association to Consumers International – that include cardiovascular disease control as part of their activities.

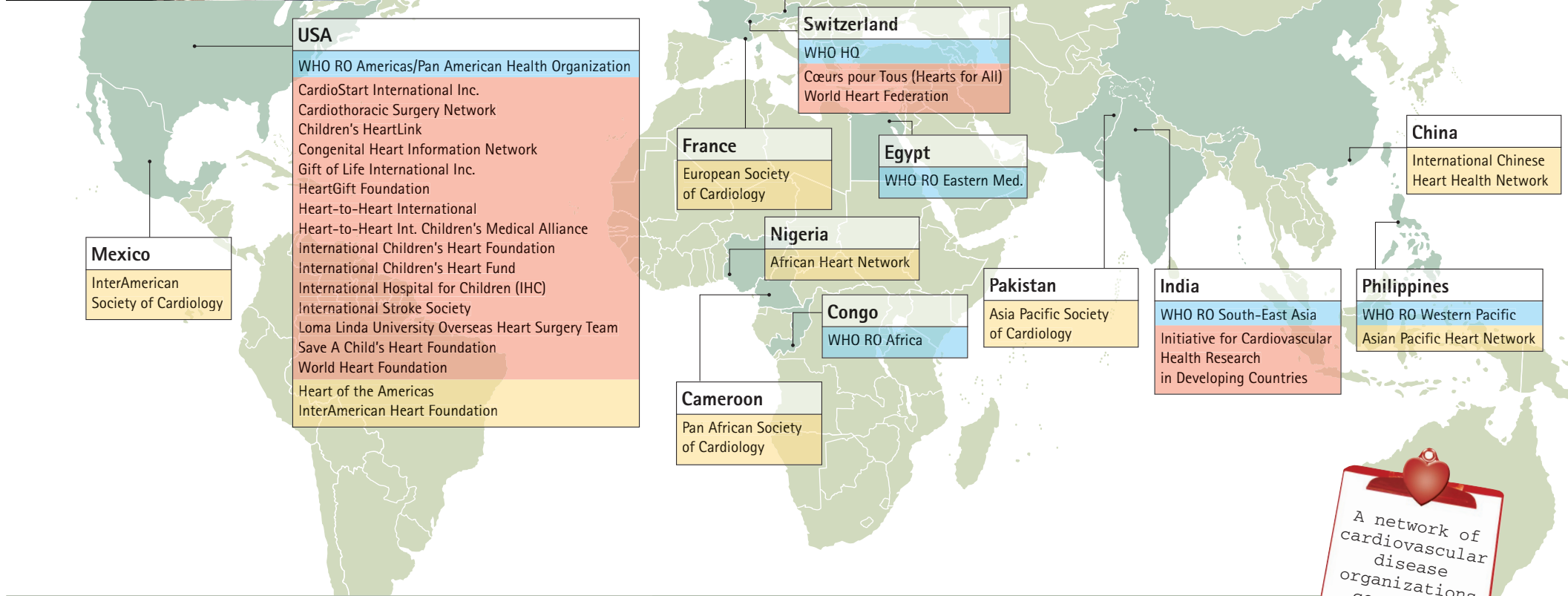
Only international and regional organizations are shown here. Not mentioned are the many national organizations, whose impact may extend outside their own country, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the USA, the British Heart Foundation, and ThaiHealth in Thailand. Other national NGOs also work part time on CVD issues.

There are numerous other partners in a vast arena of varied but related interests, including organizations involved with women, youth, law, economics, human rights, religion and development.

The capacity of virtually all cardiovascular disease control organizations is inadequate to meet the challenge of the CVD epidemic.



World Health Organization headquarters, Geneva



- USA**
- WHO RO Americas/Pan American Health Organization
  - CardioStart International Inc.
  - Cardiothoracic Surgery Network
  - Children's HeartLink
  - Congenital Heart Information Network
  - Gift of Life International Inc.
  - HeartGift Foundation
  - Heart-to-Heart International
  - Heart-to-Heart Int. Children's Medical Alliance
  - International Children's Heart Foundation
  - International Children's Heart Fund
  - International Hospital for Children (IHC)
  - International Stroke Society
  - Loma Linda University Overseas Heart Surgery Team
  - Save A Child's Heart Foundation
  - World Heart Foundation
  - Heart of the Americas
  - InterAmerican Heart Foundation

- Mexico**
- InterAmerican Society of Cardiology

- Cameroon**
- Pan African Society of Cardiology

- Congo**
- WHO RO Africa

- Nigeria**
- African Heart Network

- Egypt**
- WHO RO Eastern Med.

- France**
- European Society of Cardiology

- Switzerland**
- WHO HQ
  - Cœurs pour Tous (Hearts for All)
  - World Heart Federation

- Austria**
- European Association for Cardiothoracic Surgery

- Denmark**
- WHO RO Europe

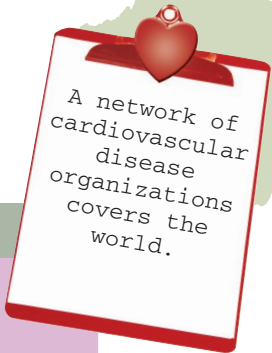
- Belgium**
- European Heart Network

- United Kingdom**
- World Federation of Neurology
  - European Heart Institute

- China**
- International Chinese Heart Health Network

- India**
- WHO RO South-East Asia
  - Initiative for Cardiovascular Health Research in Developing Countries

- Philippines**
- WHO RO Western Pacific
  - Asian Pacific Heart Network



## World Conferences on Cardiovascular Diseases

World Congresses of Cardiology		
1st	1974	Buenos Aires, Argentina
2nd	1978	Tokyo, Japan
3rd	1982	Moscow, Russian Federation
4th	1986	Washington, DC, USA
5th	1990	Manila, Philippines
6th	1994	Berlin, Germany
7th	1998	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
8th	2002	Sydney, Australia
9th	2006	Barcelona, Spain

International Conferences on Preventive Cardiology		
1st	1985	Moscow, USSR
2nd	1989	Washington, DC, USA
3rd	1993	Oslo, Norway
4th	1997	Montreal, Canada
5th	2001	Osaka, Japan
6th	2005	Iguassu, Brazil

World Stroke Congresses		
1st	1989	Kyoto, Japan
2nd	1992	Washington, DC, USA
3rd	1996	Munich, Germany
4th	2000	Melbourne, Australia
5th	2004	Vancouver, Canada

International Heart Health Conferences		
1st	1992	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
2nd	1995	Barcelona, Spain
3rd	1998	Singapore
4th	2001	Osaka, Japan
5th	2004	Milan, Italy