



**Governing Council
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**ADMISSION OF A PARTICIPATING STATE –
PORTUGAL**

The Governing Council,

Having examined the request from the Government of Portugal for admission as a Participating State in the International Agency for Research on Cancer ([Document GC/67/18](#)),

1. DECIDES pursuant to Article XII of the Statute of the Agency, that Portugal be admitted as a Participating State in the Agency; and
2. EXPRESSES great satisfaction at the admission of this new Participating State.



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report ([Document GC/67/2](#)),

1. THANKS the Director for the Report and for the highlights provided therein;
2. NOTES with satisfaction the continued strengthening of coordination and communication between IARC and WHO;
3. THANKS the Secretariat for the update on IARC's engagement under the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) as part of the Director's Report, in accordance with [Resolution GC/60/R17](#);
4. TAKES NOTE that no further allocations will be made from the unbudgeted assessments of new Participating States with respect to the modernization of IARC's administrative management system or the strengthening of IARC's data protection framework and scientific data management systems, and that separate requests will be submitted for use of the Governing Council Special Fund; and
5. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the Director's written and oral Reports.



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REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Report presented by the Sixty-first Scientific Council ([Document GC/67/3](#)) and the Director's response ([Document GC/67/4](#)),

1. NOTES the Report (Document GC/67/3) with great interest;
2. CONGRATULATES the members of the Scientific Council for their supportive and excellent work; and
3. COMMENDS the Director for her constructive responses to the recommendations of the Sixty-first Session of the Scientific Council.



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**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The Governing Council,

Having examined [Document GC/67/5](#) “Annual Financial Report, Report of the External Auditor and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024”,

1. THANKS the External Auditor for their Report;
2. NOTES the “unqualified” audit opinion; and
3. APPROVES the Report of the Director on the financial operations of the Agency.



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EVALUATION REPORT OF THE IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY FOR 2021–2025

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/67/6](#) “Evaluation Report of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2021–2025” and its [Appendices](#);

Recalling its Resolutions [GC/63/R4](#), [GC/64/R12](#) and [GC/66/R8](#),

1. COMMENDS the Secretariat for the comprehensive and detailed report and for the work accomplished;
2. THANKS the Working Group for its excellent work on the preparation of the MTS 2021–2025 evaluation;
3. THANKS the Scientific Council for its review thereof, for its comments and for its recommendations;
4. RECOGNIZES the strong scientific and operational performance of IARC demonstrated in the report, as well as its impactful research worldwide, as highlighted by the Scientific Council; and
5. APPROVES the Evaluation Report of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2021–2025.



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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE FINANCING OF IARC

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/67/7](#) “Report of the Working Group on sustainable financing of IARC”,

Recalling Resolution [GC/66/R10](#) establishing a formal working group on sustainable financing of IARC,

1. THANKS the Secretariat for the report of the Working Group;
2. NOTES the progress made by the Working Group and its guidance to the Secretariat, as conveyed in the report;
3. APPROVES the proposed Terms of Reference of the Working Group (annexed hereto);
4. REAFFIRMS the mandate of the Working Group for an additional one year;
5. DECIDES that this Working Group shall be composed of representatives from Canada, Italy, the Russian Federation and the United States of America;
6. ENCOURAGES other Participating States to join future discussions of the Working Group as guests or observers upon invitation by the Working Group; and
7. REQUESTS the Director to report back to the Governing Council at its 68th Session in 2026 on the work and any recommendations of the Working Group.



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**Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Working Group on Sustainable Financing
for the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)**

These ToR outline the objectives, scope, composition, responsibilities, and governance framework of the Working Group (WG) on Sustainable Financing, providing a roadmap for its activities in supporting IARC's financial sustainability objectives.

Composition:

- Representatives from IARC's Governing Council; and
- A representative from the World Health Organization

The IARC Director will be ex-officio Secretary of the WG and may delegate these functions to other members of the Secretariat as deemed appropriate.

The WG may also invite representatives from other Participating States as guests or observers for the benefit of the discussions.

The WG may invite persons from the following categories to attend WG meetings and participate, as requested and appropriate, to advise in their respective areas of expertise on matters within the responsibility of the WG:

- External stakeholders with expertise in finance, fundraising, public health, and international development;
- External experts and advisors with specialized knowledge in sustainable financing and global health financing.

Objectives:

- Define the concept of "sustainable financing" for IARC and establish measurable criteria for assessing financial sustainability;
- Consider a Secretariat-developed investment case for IARC, highlighting the Agency's impact, unique value proposition, and funding requirements to support its core activities and strategic priorities; and
- Provide regular updates to the Governing Council Sessions that include recommendations on Participating State and Secretariat actions that could augment existing assessed contributions.



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Responsibilities:

- Assess the current financial landscape of IARC, including funding sources, budgetary constraints, and financial challenges faced by the Agency;
- Review and analyze past funding models and mechanisms employed by IARC and similar international organizations to identify best practices and lessons learned;
- Conduct regular meetings and teleconferences to discuss progress, share insights, and make recommendations on sustainable financing strategies;
- Explore innovative financing methods, mechanisms and partnership opportunities to diversify IARC's funding sources and enhance financial resilience;
- Identify potential risks and barriers to sustainable financing and propose mitigation strategies to address them effectively;
- Collaborate with the Secretariat to facilitate information sharing, data collection, and analysis necessary for decision-making;
- Liaise with WHO and other partner organizations to leverage their experiences and expertise in sustainable financing;
- Explore opportunities for efficiency and cost savings through further collaboration with WHO; and
- Review:
 - o The development of the investment case for IARC and other relevant documents.
 - o Reports, presentations, and other communication materials prepared by the Secretariat to disseminate findings and recommendations to the Governing Council, Participating States official representatives, and other stakeholders.
 - o Relevant organization rules, regulations and policies around the financing of IARC including the use of IARC Working Capital Fund (WCF).



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PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET (2026–2027)

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Agency's Proposed Programme and Budget for the biennium 2026–2027, as contained in [Document GC/67/8](#), and [Annexes](#),

Recalling Resolution GC/65/R10 approving the budget for the biennium 2024–2025,

1. APPROVES the budget for the biennium 2026–2027 at the level of €53 522 415;
2. NOTES with appreciation the efforts made to present the attribution of costs across the budget sections in a result-based budgeting approach, and the strategic priorities (IARC Flagships);
3. ACKNOWLEDGES that the presentation and priorities of the proposed budget for 2026–2027 are meant to enable the implementation of the future IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2026–2030 currently under preparation;
4. DECIDES that the budget shall be financed primarily by annual assessments on Participating States as follows:

€25 710 696 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2026,

€25 753 165 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2027,
5. DECIDES that €2 058 554 shall be exceptionally funded from the Governing Council Special Fund;
6. RESOLVES to appropriate an amount of €53 522 415 to the six main Level 2 Pillars of the IARC Project Tree ([Document GC/67/8 Annex 2](#)) for the biennium 2026–2027 as follows:

Section	IARC Project Tree – Level 2 Pillars	Amount (€)
1.	Data for Action	5 723 200
2.	Understanding the causes	9 187 220
3.	Prevention for Impact	7 711 550
4.	Knowledge Mobilization	5 663 449
5.	Research Infrastructure	7 783 956
6.	Leadership Governance and Services to Science	17 453 041
	Total	53 522 415



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7. NOTES that, to align IARC's organizational structure to the future Medium-Term Strategy for 2026–2030, the Secretariat may implement some organizational changes affecting how the individual programmes report within the pillar structure; in which case, the Secretariat will present an updated table with the new appropriations per pillar at the next Session of the Governing Council in 2026;
8. DECIDES that the Director shall have authority under Financial Regulations Article III, Paragraph 3.3 to transfer credits between sections of the budget, provided that such transfers do not exceed 30% of the section from which the credit is transferred. Transfers in excess of 30% of the section from which the credit is transferred may be made with the prior written concurrence of the majority of the members of the Governing Council;
9. DECIDES that for the remainder of the budget for the biennium 2024–2025, the same authorization to transfer credits between sections of the budget up to 30% is hereby granted. Transfers in excess of 30% of the section from which the credit is transferred may be made with the prior written concurrence of the majority of members of the Governing Council;
10. DECIDES to grant authority to the Director to use a maximum of €500 000 in the biennium 2026–2027 from the Governing Council Special Fund to cover unforeseen budgetary costs due to currency realignments, subject to there being sufficient fund balance, noting the base rate of exchange for 2026–2027 is €0.922/US\$;
11. REQUESTS the Director to report on the use of the Fund for this purpose in future financial reports;
12. ENCOURAGES Participating States to contribute to the Core Voluntary Contribution Account to supplement the regular budget; and
13. REQUESTS the Secretariat to continue dialogue with Participating States who are amenable to providing a voluntary contribution. The Secretariat shall report back at the next Governing Council on total voluntary contributions received.



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REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document [GC/67/9-Rev.1](#) "Requests for support from the Governing Council Special Fund: A. Computing infrastructure for the IARC Scientific IT Platform, B. Staffing expenditure and C. New Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system" and Document [GC/67/Inf. Doc. No.2](#) "Projection of Governing Council Special Fund Account for 2025–2028",

Noting the support from the Scientific Council (as contained in Document GC/67/9),

AUTHORIZES the Director to use up to a maximum of €6,75 million from the Governing Council Special Fund, subject to there being sufficient fund balance, for the items and amounts detailed below:

	Approximate cost (€)
Computing infrastructure for the IARC SIT platform	250 000
Staffing expenditure	1,5 million
Investment in a new ERP system	5 million
Total requested budget	6,75 million



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**TRANSFER TO THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND
REPAYMENT STATUS**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document [GC/67/10](#) "Transfer to the Working Capital Fund – Repayment status",

Recalling its Resolution [GC/66/R7](#),

1. THANKS the Secretariat for the report;
2. NOTES that no payments of outstanding contributions having caused the need for such transfer have been received;
3. REQUESTS the Secretariat to report on the status of any repayment of the arrears and the budgetary implications of any continued non-payments;
4. NOTES that it is a common principle in the UN system for the Working Capital Fund to be used for short term cash deficits resulting from late payments of Assessed Contributions and that it is not designed to cover chronic arrears in Assessed Contributions;
5. NOTES that Article 5 of the IARC Financial Regulations allows for the Working Capital Fund to temporarily finance appropriations pending receipt of statutory annual contributions to the budget, with interim financing reimbursed as soon as and to the extent that income is available for that purpose; and
6. REQUESTS that the Secretariat work in close consultation with the Working Group on Sustainable Financing, to develop a sustainable solution to end the use of the Working Capital Fund in instances of chronic arrears starting from the Financial Year 2026, to be proposed for consideration by the Governing Council at its 68th session in 2026.



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IARC–IRCC: IARC INITIATIVE FOR RESILIENCE IN CANCER CONTROL

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document [GC/67/12](#) “IARC – IRCC: IARC Initiative for Resilience in Cancer Control”,

Recalling its Resolutions [GC/64/R5](#), [GC/65/R4](#) and [GC/66/R11](#),

1. THANKS the Secretariat for the update on this initiative;
2. THANKS the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for their voluntary contribution to support funding for this initiative; and
3. REQUESTS regular updates to the Governing Council by the IARC Secretariat on progress throughout the term of the initiative.



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BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE IARC ETHICS COMMITTEE, 2023–2024

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document [GC/67/14-Rev.1](#) “Biennial Report of the IARC Ethics Committee 2023–2024”,

1. WELCOMES the Biennial Report of the IARC Ethics Committee 2023–2024; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting biennially on issues related to ethics at the Agency.



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ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by [Document GC/67/15](#) of the unconditional donations accepted during the year 2024 under the authority vested in the Director by [Resolution GC/4/R3](#),

EXPRESSES its deep appreciation to the donors for their generous contribution to the research activities of the Agency.



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ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

The Governing Council,

Having considered [Document GC/67/16](#) “Acceptance of grants and contracts, including report on interest apportionment”,

In accordance with the IARC Financial Regulations,

1. CONFIRMS the provisional approval given by the Governing Council Chair between sessions, in accordance with [Resolution GC/52/R13](#), paragraphs 2 and 3, for the following project:

Human Biomonitoring Health Study for Ogoniland [Federal Ministry of Environment of Nigeria, in an amount of US\$ 3 247 055.00 for 36 months];

2. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/67/16;
3. NOTES the amounts of interest income apportioned; and
4. COMMENDS the staff on its success in winning competitive research grants.



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APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

In accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Statute of the Agency,

1. APPOINTS

Professor Eva Schernhammer, Austria)	
Dr Mariana Emerenciano Cavalcanti de Sá, Brazil)	
Dr Rayjean Hung, Canada)	
Professor Robert Barouki, France)	to serve for four years on the Scientific Council
Professor Lúcio José de Lara Santos, Portugal)	
Professor Mohammed Ussama Alhomsy, Qatar)	
Professor Henrik Hjalgrim, Denmark)	to serve for one year to replace Dr J. Falck Winther

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Drs Walter Berger (Austria), Luis Felipe Ribeiro Pinto (Brazil), Marie-Elise Parent (Canada), Jie He (China), Jeannette Falck Winther (Denmark), Mathilde Touver (France) and Einas Abudlaziz Eid Al Kuwari (Qatar) for their valuable work in the Scientific Council and for the contribution which they have made to the research activities of the Agency.



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**MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES**

The Governing Council,

Having read the report of the Subcommittee on the admission of new Participating States appended to [Document GC/67/18](#),

Recalling its Resolution [GC/18/R14](#) nominating members of the Subcommittee on the Admission of new Participating States and the requirement to nominate new members at the end of each session of the Governing Council,

Recalling its Resolution [GC/53/R20](#) deciding that the number of members and composition of the Subcommittee shall be agreed upon at each regular session of the Governing Council,

1. DECIDES that this Subcommittee shall be composed of the Chairperson of the Governing Council (member ex officio), and representatives of Brazil, Egypt, Japan, Morocco, Qatar, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council; and
2. REQUESTS the Secretariat to work with the Subcommittee to develop a proposal regarding Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council to be presented to the Governing Council for its consideration at its 68th session in 2026.



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**DATE OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION
OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

The Governing Council,

1. DECIDES to hold its next regular session in Lyon, France, within the two weeks following closure of the World Health Assembly in the year 2026; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Governing Council as soon as these dates are known.