



Governing Council
Sixty-eighth Session

GC/68/1-Revision 1 (Prov.)
24 March 2026

27–28 May 2026
Hybrid format

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Wednesday 27 May 2026 – Plenary Session

Item No.	Item ¹ (attendance)	Document No.	Resolution No.
1.	Opening of the Session (all)		
2.	Election of Rapporteur (all)		
3.	Adoption of the Agenda (all)	GC/68/1	
4.	Admission of a new Participating State – <i>(if applicable)</i>		
5.	Presentation and discussion of the Biennial Report 2024–2025 (all)	GC/68/2	
6.	Address by the Director-General, WHO (all)		
7.	Director’s report, including major scientific highlights (all)	GC/68/3	
8.	Regular update on IARC Initiative for Resilience in Cancer Control (IRCC) (all)	GC/68/4	
9.	Report of the Sixty-second Session of the Scientific Council (all)	GC/68/5	
10.	Director’s response to recommendations of the SC/62 Scientific Council (all)	GC/68/6	
11.	IARC’s impact in practice series	GC/68/7	
12.	Report of the Working Group on Sustainable financing of IARC – Activity Report and recommendations (all)	GC/68/8	
13.	Transfer to the Working Capital Fund – Repayment status (all)	GC/68/9	
14.	Statement by the IARC Staff Association (all)	GC/68/10	

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15.	Dedicated time for any matters of interest or concern for the Governing Council		
	End of first day		

¹ All documents and presentations available on the Governance website: <https://events.iarc.who.int/e/GC68>

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Item No.	Item (attendance)	Document No.	Resolution No.
16.	Annual Financial report, Report of the External Auditor and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 (all)	GC/68/11	
17.	Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund (all)	GC/68/12	
18.	Roundtable discussions: “Co-creating the future of cancer research” (themes 1 & 2) (all)		
19.	IARC Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2026–2030, including the prioritization scenario (all)	GC/68/13	

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20.	Appointment of new members of the Scientific Council	GC/68/14	

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21.	Coordination and communication mechanisms between IARC and WHO – at management and working level: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) – Update (all)	GC/68/15	
22.	Biennial Report on publication activities, 2024–2025 (all)	GC/68/16	
23.	Biennial Report of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OHSC), 2024–2025 (all)	GC/68/17	
24.	Acceptance of grants and contracts, including report on interest apportionment (all)	GC/68/18	
25.	Acceptance of donations (all)	GC/68/19	
26.	Membership of the Subcommittee on the admission of new Participating States ² (all)		
27.	Any other business (all)		
28.	Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for next session (all)		
29.	Date of next session (all)		
30.	Closure of session (all)		

² Current membership: GC Chair (ex officio), Brazil, Egypt, Japan, Morocco, Qatar, UK and USA.