



**Governing Council
Sixty-eighth Session**

GC/68/1 (Prov.) - Revision 2¹
23 April 2026

27–28 May 2026
Hybrid format

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Wednesday 27 May 2026 – Plenary Session

Item No.	Item ² (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.	Presentation and discussion of the Biennial Report 2024–2025 (all)	GC/68/2	
5.	Address by the Director-General, WHO (all)		
6.	Director's report, including major scientific highlights (all)	GC/68/3	
7.	Regular update on IARC Initiative for Resilience in Cancer Control (IRCC) (all)	GC/68/4	
8.	Report of the Sixty-second Session of the Scientific Council (all)	GC/68/5	
9.	Director's response to recommendations of the SC/62 Scientific Council (all)	GC/68/6	
10.	IARC's impact in practice series (all)	Activity reports	
11.	Admission of new Participating States – Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council – Rule 50	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 Given that there will be no admission of a new Participating State (PS) at the forthcoming session, the item on admission of new PS has been rescheduled (now item 11 of the provisional agenda) and revised to include specifically, the Subcommittee's recommendation on Rule 50 "Admission of new Participating States" of the Rule of Procedure of the Governing Council, as per resolution [GC/67/R15](#).

² Public 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 support from the Governing Council Special Fund (all)	GC/68/12	
18.	Roundtable discussions: “Co-creating the future of cancer research” (themes 1 & 2) (all)		
18. cont.	Roundtable discussions: “Co-creating the future of cancer research” (themes 3 & 4) (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.	Update on the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) “Coordination and communication mechanisms between IARC and WHO – IARC Monographs and Handbooks” (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	

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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 ³ (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)		

³ Current membership: GC Chair (ex officio), Brazil, Egypt, Japan, Morocco, Qatar, UK and USA.