



**Governing Council
Sixty-eighth Session**

GC/68/1
27 May 2026

27–28 May 2026
Hybrid format

AGENDA

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.	Presentation and discussion of the Biennial Report 2024–2025 (all)	GC/68/2	GC/68/R1
5.	Address by the Director-General, WHO (all)		
6.	Director’s report, including major scientific highlights (all)	GC/68/3	GC/68/R2
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	GC/68/R3
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	GC/68/R4
12.	Report of the Working Group on Sustainable financing of IARC – Activity Report and recommendations (all)	GC/68/8	GC/68/R5 GC/68/R6 GC/68/R7 GC/68/R8
13.	Transfer to the Working Capital Fund – Repayment status (all)	GC/68/9	GC/68/R9
14.	Statement by the IARC Staff Association (all)	GC/68/10	
30.	Withdrawal of a Participating State – Iran (Islamic Republic of) (all)	GC/68/21	GC/68/R22
15.	Dedicated time for any matters of interest or concern for the Governing Council (Closed session)		
16.	Annual Financial report, Report of the External Auditor and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 (all)	GC/68/11	GC/68/R10
17.	Request for support from the Governing Council Special Fund (all)	GC/68/12	GC/68/R11
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	GC/68/R12
20.	Appointment of new members of the Scientific Council (closed session)	GC/68/14	GC/68/R13

¹ All documents and presentations available on a dedicated Teams channel: [2026-Governing Council GC68](#)

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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	GC/68/R14
22.	Biennial Report on publication activities, 2024–2025 (all)	GC/68/16	GC/68/R15
23.	Biennial Report of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OHSC), 2024–2025 (all)	GC/68/17	GC/68/R16
24.	Acceptance of grants and contracts, including report on interest apportionment (all)	GC/68/18	GC/68/R17
25.	Acceptance of donations (all)	GC/68/19	GC/68/R18 GC/68/R19
26.	Membership of the Subcommittee on the admission of new Participating States ² (all)		GC/68/R20
27.	Any other business (all)		
28.	Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for next session (all)		
29.	Date of next session (all)		GC/68/R21
31.	Closure of session (all)		

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