



PROPOSED PRIORITIES FOR RESOURCES ACTIVELY MOBILIZED AS UNDESIGNATED VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Currently, approximately two-thirds of IARC activities are funded from the regular budget paid by Participating States and the remaining from extrabudgetary resources. The main funding source of the latter is the designated voluntary contributions that are mobilized predominantly through competitive grants, although increasingly these resources are complemented through direct funding.
2. The Secretariat is actively engaged in identifying new funding opportunities and is investing efforts to mobilize resources. An experienced Strategic Engagement and External Relations Officer was hired in September 2019 to assist the Director in putting in place a resource mobilization strategy aimed at enlarging the portfolio of strategic donors and to raise external funds to enable the Agency to fulfil its potential, including the goals described in the new IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2021–2025 ([Document GC/63/6A](#)).
3. Resources will continue to be mobilized for specific projects while at the same time efforts will be made to increase contributions that are undesignated voluntary contributions. In accordance with Resolution GC/23/R6, the voluntary contributions for which no purpose is specified by the donor or *un-earmarked* funds are credited to the Special Account for Undesignated Contributions and the amount accumulated under this account may be used for special projects recommended by the Scientific Council and approved by the Governing Council.
4. Thus far the accumulated funds under the Special Account for Undesignated Contributions have been received through unsolicited donations, including individual legacies. There are two standing authorizations for the Director to use funds from this account each year, insofar as a balance is available, to finance Visiting Scientist Awards and the Fellowships as follows:
 - a. Resolution GC/34/R9, paragraph 2 (ii): up to €55 440 (US\$ 80 000 @0.693) per year to finance the Visiting Scientist Award;
 - b. Resolution GC/58/R12, paragraph (1): up to €80 000 per year to finance two twelve-month Fellowships.

5. In 2016, the Governing Council approved a standing authorization to the Director, for the period 2016–2020, to allocate funds from this account to five priority projects, based on the Medium-Term Strategy 2016–2020 ([Resolution GC/58/R12](#), paragraphs 2 and 3). During this period, a total of €388 622 was allocated to two projects, i.e. the Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development (€225 000; see [Document GC/61/14](#)) and IARC Nouveau Centre Plus (€163 622; see Document GC/63/18).

6. The Director is requesting the Governing Council to approve a similar mechanism for the allocation of actively mobilized *un-earmarked* funds from the Special Account for Undesignated Contributions without having to wait for the following Governing Council meeting. Accordingly, for the period 2021–2025 the Governing Council is requested to approve a standing authorization to the Director to allocate these resources to the four priority projects of the Agency listed below:

a. Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development (GICR)

The GICR (<http://gicr.iarc.fr/>) is a multi-partner programme coordinated by IARC, aimed at producing a step change in the quality and coverage of accurate cancer data worldwide. It aims to achieve this by supporting capacity development of population-based cancer registries, through a series of IARC Regional Hubs and GICR Collaborating Centres that provide assistance to registries in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) in their regions. WHO has endorsed the GICR as the tool to support Member States in measuring the indicator on “cancer incidence, by type of cancer, per 100 000 population” in the NCD Global Monitoring Framework. The GICR is active in supporting the implementation of WHO Cancer Initiatives, particularly through the development of monitoring and evaluation frameworks that measure national impact as countries scale-up activities.

b. IARC Monographs and IARC Handbooks of Cancer Prevention

The IARC Monographs programme (<http://monographs.iarc.fr/>) and the IARC Handbooks of Cancer Prevention programme (<http://handbooks.iarc.fr/>) are flagship programmes of the Agency. The Monographs programme, which has a well-established reputation worldwide for its authoritative and independent evaluations, identifies carcinogenic hazards, whereas the more recent Handbooks programme evaluates the effectiveness of primary and secondary interventions for cancer prevention. Both programmes follow a rigorous and transparent process, which consists of a comprehensive review of the published scientific literature and consensus evaluation, carried out by Working Groups of international, interdisciplinary scientific experts who are selected on the basis of their contributions to the relevant areas of science.

c. IARC Training Fellowships

The IARC Learning and Capacity Building (LCB) Branch manages a range of short and long term IARC Fellowships for early career and visiting scientists (https://training.iarc.fr/cards_page/fellowships/), as part of the IARC Research Training and Fellowship Programme. One of its key components are the IARC Postdoctoral Fellowships which provide young scientists with an opportunity to continue training at IARC integrated within one of the research Branches. The Agency remains particularly committed to

promoting the development of expertise in cancer research in LMICs by training researchers from these countries.

d. IARC Nouveau Centre Plus

A budget of €48 million had initially been committed by the French Government and local authorities for the IARC Nouveau Centre project and had to be updated due to design and build additional costs. The funds from the sale of the Latarjet building are expected to cover the core requirements within the project scope. The Agency will mobilize additional funds to support the costs of the move to the new building as well as equip and modernize its core infrastructure, its laboratory and biobank facilities and its office environment (see Document GC/63/11).

7. The Director will continue to report to the Governing Council on the use of the Special Account for Undesignated Contributions on a yearly basis, clearly indicating funds actively mobilized and allocated according to the programmatic priorities listed in this document.