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12 and 13 May 2022, by web conference

### IARC BIENNIAL REPORT 2020-2021

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the IARC Biennial Report for 2020–2021 (Document GC/64/2),

- 1. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the work accomplished; and
- 2. COMMENDS the Director and her staff on the Biennial Report.





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#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report (Document GC/64/3),

- 1. THANKS the Director for the Report and for the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) provided therein;
- 2. NOTES with satisfaction the continued efforts made towards further strengthening coordination and communication between IARC and WHO;
- 3. THANKS the Secretariat for its report on IARC 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; Recalling its Resolution GC/54/R18 in which it authorized the Director to use the unbudgeted assessments of new Participating States towards the activities of the Agency,
- 4. NOTES that, in support of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2021–2025, the Director will make partial use of the afore-mentioned funds in the biennium 2022–2023 to modernize IARC's administrative management system, by joining WHO's new Business Management System project, and to strengthen IARC's data protection framework and scientific data management systems. The Director will report on the use of these funds in future Director's Reports; 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 Fifty-eighth Scientific Council (<u>Document GC/64/4</u>) and the Director's response (<u>Document GC/64/5</u>),

- 1. NOTES the Report (Document GC/64/4) 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 Fifty-eighth Session of the Scientific Council.





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### REPLACEMENT OF THE IARC SENIOR VISITING SCIENTIST AWARD BY THE IARC MID-CAREER VISITING SCIENTIST AWARD

The Governing Council,

Recalling its Resolution GC/34/R9 in which it authorized the use of the Special Account for Undesignated Contributions to bring the IARC Visiting Scientist Award to a maximum of US\$ 80 000 per year,

Having considered the proposal to convert the 12-month Senior Visiting Scientist Award into shorter Mid-Career Visiting Scientist Awards,

Noting the support from the Scientific Council in its Report (<u>Document GC/64/4</u>, paragraphs 48–50) and the Director's response (<u>Document GC/64/5</u>, paragraphs 23–25),

Further noting the Scientific Council's recommendation for some flexibility in the duration of the Mid-Career Visiting Scientist Awards, with an average of six months but varying from three to 12 months, depending on the specific project,

AUTHORIZES the conversion of the 12-month Senior Visiting Scientist Award into shorter Mid-Career Visiting Scientist Awards, to be funded from the Special Account for Undesignated Contributions for a maximum of €71 200 per year, as long as a sufficient balance is available in this account.





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### IARC'S COVID-19 AND CANCER INITIATIVE: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT AND FUNDING

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed <u>Document GC/64/6</u> "IARC's COVID-19 and Cancer Initiative (IARC-C19): a global cancer community approach – Request for support and funding",

Noting the support from the Scientific Council in its Report (Document GC/64/4),

Further noting that in order to implement IARC-C19, a budget of €6 million is needed over a four-year period, and the request from the Secretariat for support in securing two-thirds of this funding (€4 million),

- 1. REQUESTS the IARC Secretariat to further develop the initiative and coordinate with existing initiatives in this area, including the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence, in order to complement and enhance collective efforts;
- 2. SUPPORTS the funding of this initiative through voluntary mechanisms such as voluntary contributions by Participating States and others;
- 3. ENCOURAGES Participating States to make voluntary contributions and provide support to the resource mobilization efforts towards this initiative; and
- 4. FURTHER REQUESTS updates by the IARC Secretariat on progress throughout the term of the initiative.





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### UPDATE ON THE "NOUVEAU CENTRE" AND ON RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/64/7 "Update on the "Nouveau Centre" and on resource mobilization",

- 1. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the City of Lyon, for their continued efforts and strong support throughout the challenging period preceding the move to the new building; and to the French national authorities, the Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, the Métropole de Lyon, and the City of Lyon for the continued support received and progress made on the "Nouveau Centre" project;
- 2. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the IARC Secretariat for closely monitoring the building works and for its efforts to mobilize funds;
- 3. EXPRESSES its deep appreciation to the donors for their generous contributions, in cash or in kind, to the "Nouveau Centre" project;
- 4. ACKNOWLEDGES the remaining funding gap of €4.59 million for a fully operational, modern, smart and open building, beyond "Priority 1" needs, prior to the move to the Nouveau Centre, currently planned in the last quarter of 2022;
- 5. AUTHORIZES the Director to accept further donations in cash or in kind for the purpose of furnishing and equipping the Nouveau Centre, subject to and in accordance with applicable internal rules and regulations, including inter alia with regard to FENSA and partner recognition;

Recalling its <u>Resolution GC/60/R10</u>, whereby it allowed that future miscellaneous revenue originating from the sale of old equipment and furniture during 2018–2021 and credited to the Governing Council Special Fund, be used towards the "Nouveau Centre" project,

- 6. DECIDES to extend the aforesaid authorization to future miscellaneous revenue originating from the sale of old equipment and furniture during the biennium 2022–2023;
- 7. ENCOURAGES Participating States to make voluntary contributions and provide support to the resource mobilization efforts towards the Nouveau Centre; and
- 8. REQUESTS the Director to report, every six months, on resource mobilization efforts and to keep the Governing Council Working Group on Infrastructure apprised of major future developments in relation to the "Nouveau Centre".





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# BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (OHSC), 2020–2021

The Governing Council,

Having examined the "Biennial Report of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OHSC), 2020–2021" as contained in <u>Document GC/64/8</u>,

- 1. EXPRESSES satisfaction with the arrangements which are in place to ensure the health and safety of the Agency's personnel; and
- 2. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting biennially on occupational health and safety issues at the Agency.





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# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Governing Council,

Having examined <u>Document GC/64/9 Rev.1</u> "Annual Financial Report, Report of the External Auditor and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 – Revision 1",

- 1. THANKS the External Auditor for his Report and "unqualified" audit opinion; and
- 2. APPROVES the Report of the Director on the financial operations of the Agency.





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### ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS, INCLUDING REPORT ON INTEREST APPORTIONMENT

The Governing Council,

Having considered **Document GC/64/10** "Acceptance of grants and contracts",

In accordance with 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 two projects over €500 000 per annum:
  - a) Extended Follow-up of the Participants of IARC-INDIA HPV Vaccination Study to Evaluate the Effectiveness of one, two and three Doses of Quadrivalent HPV Vaccine in Preventing Cervical Neoplasia [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA in an amount of €2 822 235.50 for 63 months];
  - b) IARC Monographs on the Identification of Carcinogenic Hazards to Humans Y39 Y43 [National Institutes of Health National Cancer Institute, USA in an amount of €4 155 603.87 for 60 months];
- 2. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/64/10;
- 3. NOTES the amount of interest income apportioned; and
- 4. COMMENDS the staff on its success in winning competitive research grants.





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### **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS**

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by  $\underline{\text{Document GC/64/11}}$  of the unconditional donations accepted during the year 2021 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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### **BIENNIAL REPORT ON PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES, 2020–2021**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/64/12 "Biennial report on publication activities, 2020–2021",

- 1. NOTES the Report with great interest;
- 2. NOTES that the net revenue from the sale of IARC publications to the Governing Council Special Fund amounted to  $\le$ 1 935 517 in 2020, and  $\le$ 1 946 778 in 2021, of which 75% was allocated in the following year to the publication programme; and
- 3. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting biennially on publication activities at IARC.







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### EVALUATION FRAMEWORK OF THE IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY (MTS) 2021–2025 AND ITS KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

The Governing Council,

Recalling its <u>Resolution GC/63/R4</u> in which it requested the Director to make a proposal for an evaluation approach of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy 2021–2025,

Having reviewed <u>Document GC/64/13</u> "Recommendations of the Working Group on the evaluation framework of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2021–2025 and its Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)",

- 1. THANKS the Working Group<sup>1</sup> for its recommendations;
- 2. THANKS the Scientific Council for reviewing the recommendations; and
- 3. APPROVES the proposed evaluation approach described in Document GC/64/13 as well as the list of indicators, as appended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Composition of the Working Group on the 2021–2025 MTS Evaluation Framework: IARC Secretariat, Governing Council (Dr Yui Sekitani, Japan); Scientific Council (Dr Luis Felipe Ribeiro Pinto, Brazil and Dr Mathilde Touvier, France), with support from the WHO Evaluation Office.

#### **INPUTS** What are the quantity and quality of the resources invested in the implementation of the MTS? Are they relevant according to IARC's ambitions? Category of Main ambitions Main indicators Key performance of the MTS indicators indicators and sources **GOVERNANCE** ■ Recruitment of new Activities with current Participating Integration of new (Source: DIR, SSR) Participating States Participating States Actions to integrate new Participating States ☐ Budget increase: 25% Evolution of direct funding **BUDGET** Evolution of total and (Source: DIR, SSR) in 10 years Evolution of voluntary contributions regular budget Diversification of Evolution and proportion of grants, Number and donations, legacies, fundraising, and resources evolution of funders Increase of grants with IARC as Principal Resource Investigator or Work Package/task extrabudgetary funds mobilization and ■ Innovative resource leaders fundraising (case Competitive grants: volume, number mobilization study) of funders, contracts, success rates on calls (compared with average success rates) Analysis of grants: % for IARC staff, % for IARC Early Career and Visiting Scientists (ECVS), % for low- and middle-income country (LMIC) partners, % for low-income country partners WORKFORCE ■ Attraction and building Number, distribution, and evolution of Gender balance at (Source: HRO) of talents staff members management level ■ Well-balanced Number, distribution, and evolution of (Branch Heads and geographical **FCVS** Deputy Branch representation Staff turnover and comments per Heads) ■ Equal treatment of all personnel category Geographical Report of the IARC Equity and personnel regardless diversity across the Diversity Advisory Group (EDAG) of of race, gender, Agency and at disability, religion or IARC referring to the WHO Diversity, management level belief, sexual Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Initiative orientation, and age **INFRASTRUCTURE** ☐ IARC's new building New-generation biobank and Nouveau Centre in (Nouveau Centre) in laboratories in the Nouveau Centre (Source: ASO) Gerland – investment Gerland Implementation of the IT roadmap and operating costs ☐ Support of the (Enterprise Resource Planning and (case study) Scientific IT Platform) laboratories and • Implementation of the biobank's sustainability IARC Data Protection ■ Digitalization, open **Policy** science and data

OUTPUTS What has been done and produced according to the MTS action plan? Are these outputs aligned with IARC's priorities?					
Category of indicators and sources	Main ambitions of the MTS	Main indicators	Key performance indicators		
PUBLICATIONS (Source: PLW)	<ul> <li>□ Promotion of scientific excellence in cancer prevention</li> <li>□ Collaborations between disciplines</li> <li>□ Implementation research</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SWOT analysis of the 5-year Branch reviews</li> <li>Evaluation of IARC's contribution in the form of publications, taking into account the <u>DORA</u> and <u>Leiden</u> guidelines</li> <li>Manuscripts based on IARC grants per funders</li> <li>List of key publications per Pillar and selection of the 5 most relevant per Pillar, including comments on their scientific, public health, and societal impacts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Number and evolution of publications</li> <li>Number and evolution of publications per scientific staff and ECVS</li> <li>h-index overall and per Pillar</li> </ul>		
LEARNING EVENTS AND COURSES (Source: LCB)	<ul> <li>□ Training of the next generation of scientists</li> <li>□ Support of capacity-building in LMICs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Courses organized by IARC, and courses held in LMICs</li> <li>Number and distribution of participants, including from Participating States</li> <li>Available training materials</li> <li>Collaborations with the WHO Academy</li> <li>Diversification of training materials (digital interactive tools, webinars, etc.)</li> </ul>	Attendees of courses, and attendees from LMICs		
TRAINING AND FELLOWSHIPS (Source: LCB)	<ul><li>□ Training of the next generation of scientists</li><li>□ Support of capacity-building in LMICs</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Number and distribution of fellowships (IARC Fellowships and other fellowships)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Number of ECVS         overall and from         LMICs</li> <li>Number and         distribution of IARC         Fellowships overall         and from LMICs</li> </ul>		
IMPLEMENTATION OF MTS (Source: DIR, SSR)	Reduction of ecological footprint ("green" research) Digital transformation	<ul> <li>Reduction of work travel (avoidable working trips), teleworking, e-learning or blended learning, hybrid meetings for governance, reduction of energy consumption, paperless work</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Monitoring of carbon footprint</li> <li>Compensation programme for international travel</li> </ul>		

OUTCOMES  What progress has IARC made towards achieving the objectives of the MTS?  What are the results for stakeholders?					
PARTNERSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS (Source: DIR, SSR)	<ul> <li>□ Establishment of partnerships</li> <li>□ Engagement with UN agencies</li> <li>□ IARC as the leading global cancer authority</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>MoUs and agreements with research institutes, nongovernmental organization, patient organizations, companies, national cancer centres and health authorities, etc.</li> <li>Cooperation with UN agencies (UNSCEAR, UNEP, UNFPA, IAEA)</li> <li>Cooperation with UICC</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>International and national MoUs, MoAs, CRAs, etc., and international consortia (applications and grants)</li> <li>International team with Japan (case study)</li> <li>International publications with coauthorship</li> </ul>		
CAPACITY-BUILDING (Source: CSU, LCB)	□ Support of capacity-building in LMICs □ Training of trainers and cancer leaders	<ul> <li>Expertise missions for governments and contribution to guidelines</li> <li>Support to research infrastructure and governance</li> <li>BCNet programme (case study)</li> <li>Sponsorship of local fellows through IARC grants</li> <li>Coordination role in consortia</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Summer School and ECVS outcomes surveys</li> <li>Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development (GICRNet Training of Trainers) (case study)</li> </ul>		
DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY (Source: PLW, COM)	<ul> <li>□ Sharing knowledge and scientific evidence</li> <li>□ Dissemination of information</li> <li>□ Presence in media, on the web and social media</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Access to online tools and databases</li> <li>Traffic and downloads on IARC website</li> <li>Amount of sales of IARC publications</li> <li>Lectures given to public audiences</li> <li>Oral presentations for scientific conferences, for state actors or international organization events (governments, EU, WHO, etc.)</li> <li>Media coverage</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Printed publications and e-publications as public goods</li> <li>Media releases and social media presence</li> <li>Organization of scientific conferences and events and oral and poster presentations by IARC scientists at congresses and invited conferences</li> </ul>		
OPEN SCIENCE (Source: SSR, GEM)	Open Access as cornerstone of Open Science	<ul> <li>Development of data analysis tools, with open-source code</li> <li>Data sharing on the Scientific IT Platform in line with <u>FAIR principles</u></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Open access publications</li> <li>Scientific IT Platform (case study)</li> <li>Open access biobank (case study)</li> </ul>		

IMPACTS What are the long-term, sustainable changes in cancer prevention that are attributable to the MTS?				
Category of indicators and sources	Main ambitions of the MTS	Main indicators	Key performance indicators	
COOPERATION WITH WHO ON IMPLEMENTATON (Source: ESC, CSU, PLW, ENV, EPR)	<ul> <li>□ Common strategy with WHO NCDs department</li> <li>□ Support of WHO normative work</li> <li>□ Establishment of a formal engagement structure (IARC, WHO headquarters and regional offices)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Actions with WHO headquarters</li> <li>Actions with WHO regional offices</li> <li>Contribution to WHO guidelines or policy briefs</li> <li>IARC-WHO co-publications</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High-level oversight committee and implementation committee</li> <li>Contribution of IARC Handbooks to prevention policies (case study)</li> <li>Contribution to the three WHO global initiatives (case studies)</li> </ul>	
PREVENTION POLICIES (Source: ESC, CSU, PLW, ENV, EPR)	☐ Translation of IARC's scientific production into WHO public health prevention policies	<ul> <li>Production of IARC Evidence Summary Briefs. Expertise missions. Contribution to WHO guidelines or policy briefs</li> <li>Citations in public health policy documents (Altmetric/Google Scholar)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Contribution of IARC         Monographs         programme to         prevention policies         (case study)</li> <li>Codes Against         Cancer (case study)</li> <li>Documentation on         primary prevention         advocacy</li> </ul>	
CLINICAL PRACTICES (Source: CSU, ESC)	☐ Translation of IARC's scientific publications into clinical practices	<ul> <li>Research on cancer survival (SURVMARK-2)</li> <li>Research on patterns of care in cancer</li> <li>Number and scientific production of research programmes on secondary or tertiary cancer prevention and cancer survival</li> </ul>	Contribution of tumour classification programme and scientific production to clinical practices (case study)	
ECONOMIC AND SOCIETAL IMPACTS (Source: CSU, other Branches)	☐ Integration of economic and societal impacts into IARC programmes and studies	<ul> <li>3 emerging priorities</li> <li>Contribution of teams related to emerging priority number 3</li> <li>Integration of economic indicators into the Global Cancer Observatory database</li> <li>Number and scientific production of research programmes on the reduction of health inequalities in cancer prevention</li> </ul>	Teams: Health     economics and     cancer, Cancer     inequalities (case     study)	





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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 Jeanette Falck Winther, Denmark )				
Dr Sirpa Heinävaara, Finland				
Professor Valery Lemmens, Netherlands	)	to serve for four years on the Scientific Council		
Dr Ben Spycher, Switzerland	)			
Dr Satish Gopal, USA	)			

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Drs Hendriek Boshuizen (Netherlands), James Robert Cerhan (USA), Janne Pitkäniemi (Finland), Sabine Rohrmann (Switzerland), Anne Tjønneland (Denmark) and Kazem Zendehdel (Islamic Republic of Iran) 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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### PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF IARC DIRECTOR IN 2023

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/64/15 "Procedure for the election of the IARC Director in 2023",

Recalling its <u>Resolution GC/59/R7</u> through which it adopted the procedure to be followed for the election of the Director,

DECIDES to maintain the existing procedure for the next election of the Director, to be held at its 65<sup>th</sup> Session in May 2023.

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

The Governing Council,

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,

DECIDES that this Subcommittee shall be composed of the Chairperson of the Governing Council (member ex officio), and representatives of Brazil, Japan, Qatar, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council.





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# DATE OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

DECIDES to hold its next regular session in Lyon, France, in the « Nouveau Centre » (25, avenue Tony Garnier, 69007 Lyon), on 10-12 May 2023.





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### **DEATH OF DR PAUL KLEIHUES, IARC DIRECTOR EMERITUS**

The Governing Council,

Having taken note of the death of Dr Paul Kleihues, IARC Director Emeritus,

EXPRESSES its deep regret at the death of this internationally renowned researcher and its gratitude for his role in enhancing the reputation of the Agency, with major contributions to international collaboration, the consolidation of the WHO Classification of Tumours series and the initiation of the World Cancer Report series, during his directorship, from 1994 to 2003.