

PLANS FOR THE PREPARATION OF IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY FOR 2016–2020

BACKGROUND

1. At its 55th Session in May 2013 (Resolution GC/55/R11 copied below as an Annex), the Governing Council decided that the current Medium-Term Strategy (as adopted by Resolution GC/52/R4) should be extended for an additional year, therefore covering the period 2010–2015, and that the next Medium-Term Strategy would cover the period 2016–2020.
2. A new Medium-Term Strategy (2016–2020) is to be prepared for discussion at the Scientific Council in January 2015 and presented for approval at the Governing Council in May 2015.

PROPOSAL

3. It is proposed to create a joint Working Group in 2014, comprising six members of the Governing Council [to be selected during the current session], four members of the Scientific Council [to be selected in discussion with the Scientific Council Chair and Vice-Chair], a representative of WHO and the Secretariat (the Director and two senior scientists from IARC) to consider and finalize a draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2016–2020.

TIMELINES

4. December 2013: following the Governing Council held in May 2013, the Chair and the Vice-Chair suggested that, by way of consultation, the Secretariat should contact its Participating States to ask for their National Cancer Strategies/Plans as background to the development of the Medium-Term Strategy (2016–2020).
5. June–August 2014: the Director, together with the Senior Leadership Team, will discuss and prepare the first draft of the “IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2016–2020” document.
6. September 2014: following the above in-house consultation, the Secretariat will circulate the draft “IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2016–2020” document for consideration by the above-mentioned Working Group.
7. October 2014: a meeting of the Working Group will be organized at IARC for further discussion of the first draft and guidance on preparation of the second draft.

8. November 2014: the second draft will be circulated to the Working Group for comments.
9. Early December 2014: the document incorporating the comments from the Working Group (third draft) will be sent to all Scientific Council members in order for it to be discussed in detail by the Scientific Council at its 51st session on 28–30 January 2015.
10. End March 2015: the Secretariat will produce a final draft version of the “IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2016–2020” incorporating the recommendations of the Scientific Council.
11. May 2015: the Governing Council will formally discuss and approve the new strategy at its 57th session in May 2015 so that it can be implemented in 2016.

DECISION

12. The Governing Council is requested to:
 1. endorse the proposal;
 2. ask the Director to proceed as suggested; and
 3. nominate six Governing Council members to participate in the Joint Working Group for the development of the Medium-Term Strategy, 2016–2020.

ANNEX **Resolution GC/55/R11**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the proposal to align the Programme, the Budget and the Medium-Term Strategy cycles, as contained in Document GC/55/8,

DECIDES that:

- Starting from 2016, the proposed programme will cover only the two years covered by the proposed budget presented in the same document (the document submitted for the regular session of the Governing Council in May 2015 will be entitled: “Proposed Programme and Budget 2016–2017”);
- Incoming Director (whether on first or second term) will be given the first year to prepare the five-year Medium-Term Strategy which will formally take effect after completion of two years at the Agency;
- In order for the proposed programme to refer to a valid Medium-Term Strategy and to align to the second year of the Director’s incumbency, the current Medium-Term Strategy (as adopted by Resolution GC/52/R4) should be extended for an additional year, therefore covering the period 2010–2015, and the next Medium-Term Strategy would cover the period 2016–2020;
- The preparation of the next Medium-Term Strategy should be done in broad consultation, beginning after the 55th session of the Governing Council.

May 2013