

Preparation of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2026–2030 and its Advisory Group membership

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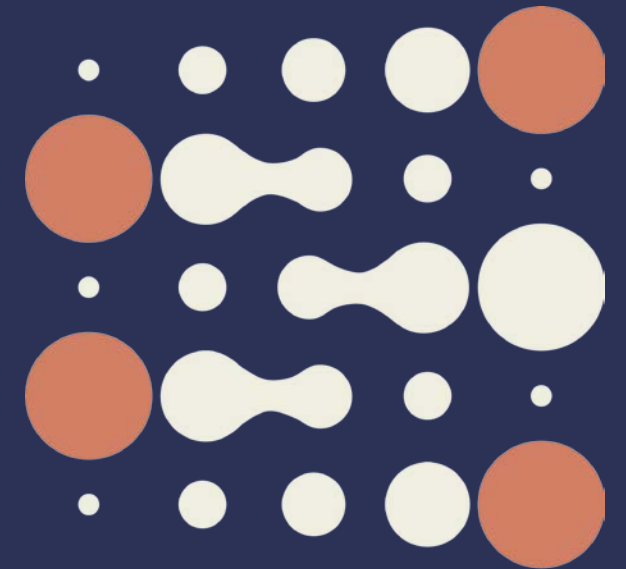


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Introduction

Ambitions for 2030

A renewed scientific ambition to better prevent cancer worldwide

Evaluation of the MTS 2021–2025 and definition of the MTS 2026–2030



Reinforced collaboration with WHO for effective translation of science to health policies

Investments for a modern and sustainable research agency

Management promoting performance, equity and wellbeing

Introduction

Key objectives

Ambitions for 2030

- New MTS 2026–2030
- Priorities & budget at pillar level
- Three new Participating States
- Enhanced cooperation with WHO
- New Business Management System
- Quality certification of biobank & labs
- Gender balance at executive level
- Promotion of well-being at work
- Carbon neutrality of the Agency

Vision for IARC

- Leader for cancer prevention research
- Open science for cancer prevention
- Recognized for public health impact
- Global capacity builder on cancer research



Methodology to prepare the MTS 2026–2030

Principles for the elaboration of the MTS 2026–2030

- The Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2026–2030 will define IARC's **priorities and action plan** over the five years to solidify the outcomes of the MTS 2021–2025, based on:

Results-based management

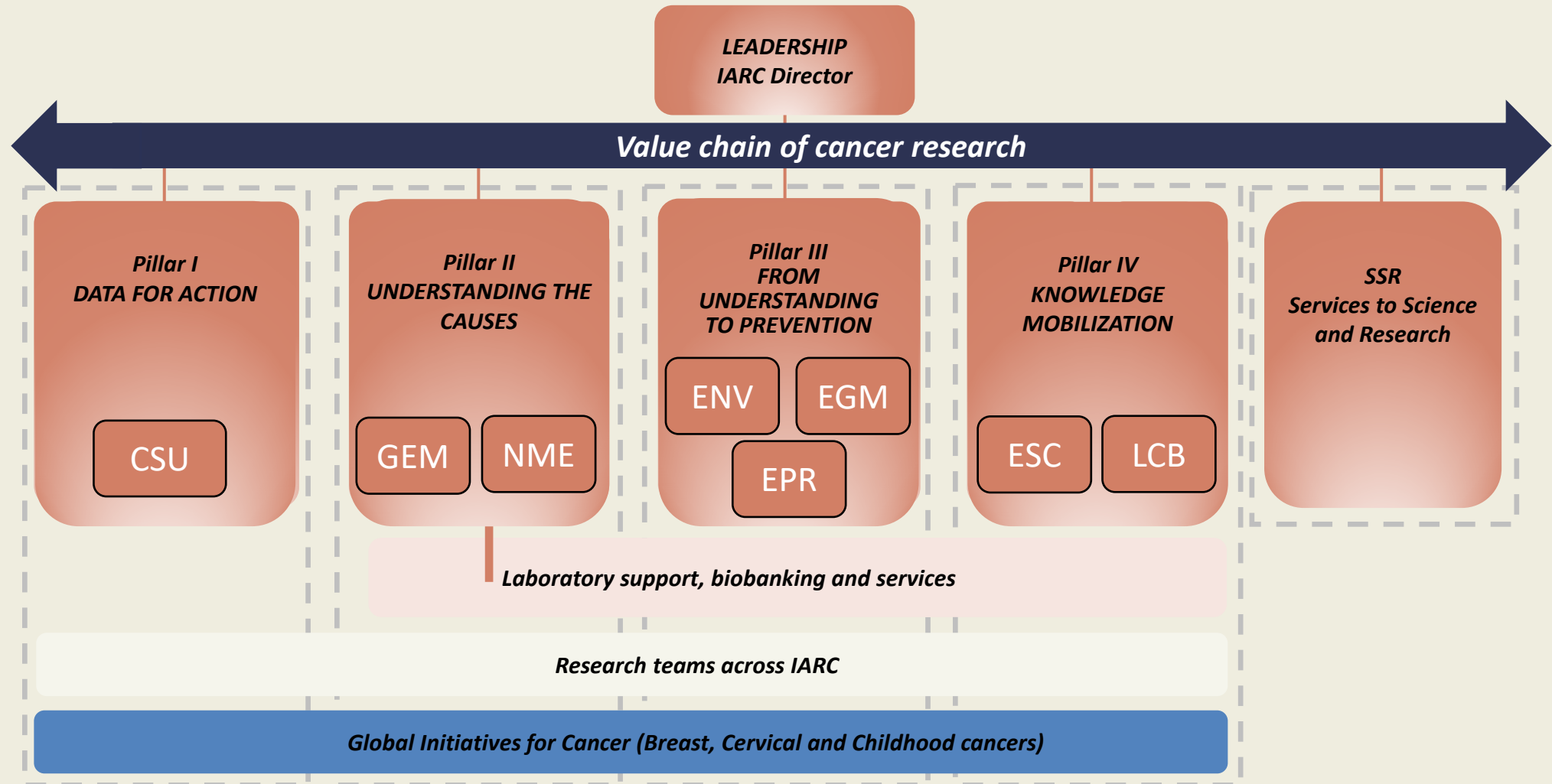


Source: United Nations

1. The recommendations of the **evaluation** of the former MTS,
 2. The Theory of Change and the **Results-based Management** (RBM) methodology of the United Nations.
 3. The **priorities of WHO's** 14th General Programme of Work 2025–2028.
- It will prioritize scientific activities characterized by **high level of excellence** and significant differentiation.

Methodology to prepare the MTS 2026–2030

To consolidate the value chain of cancer research



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To reinforce collaboration with WHO on cancer prevention

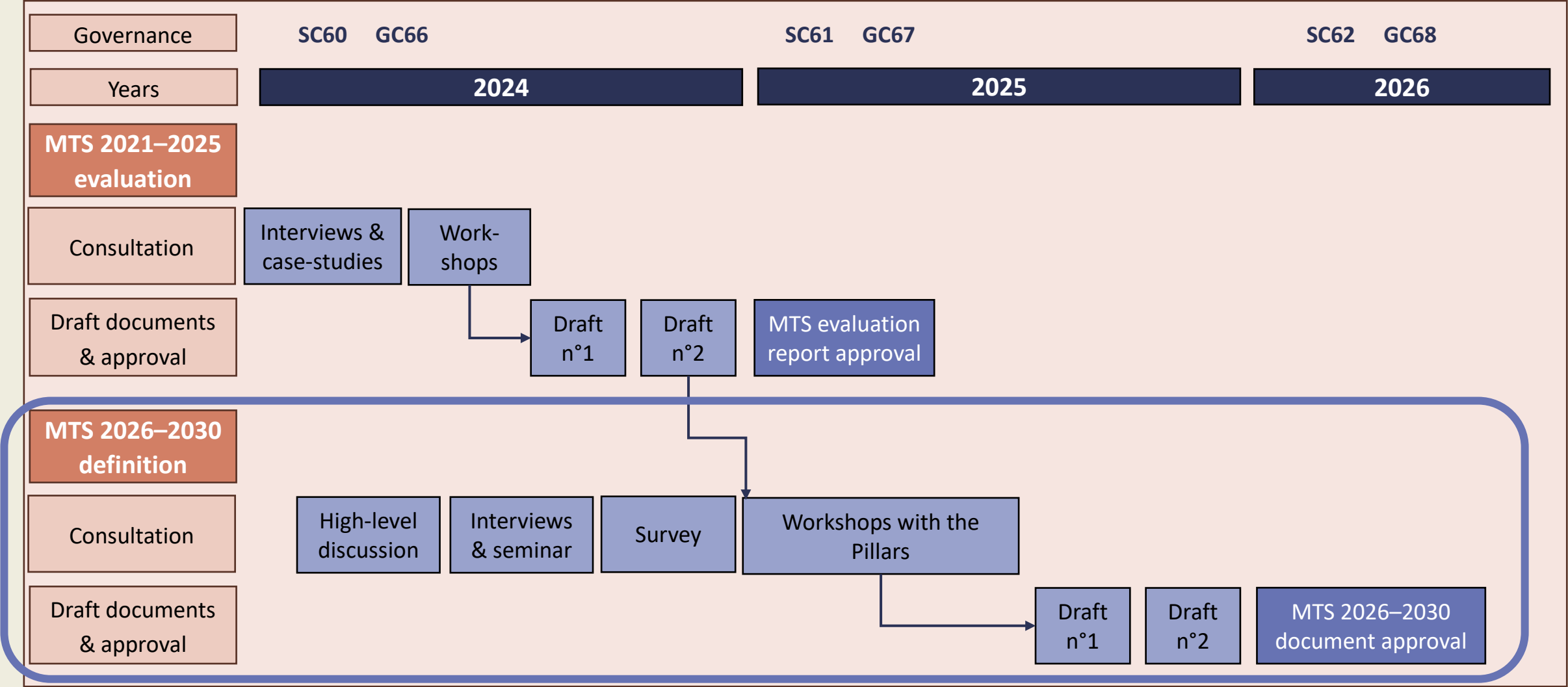
- The MTS 2026–2030 will intensify coordination with:
 1. **WHO/HQ & WHO Regional Offices** for more effective translation of science to policies for cancer prevention, the WHO global cancer initiatives being a major field of collaboration;
 2. **WHO Academy** to contribute to the learning platform on evidence-based health practice & policy.

- The MTS 2026–2030 will consider the priorities of the **WHO's 14th General Programme of Work** (GPW 14) for 2025–2028.



Planning for the MTS preparation

Macro-planning for 2024–2026



Deliverables for the MTS preparation

Month	Deliverables
May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High-level discussion and GC recommendations on the priorities for the MTS 2026–2030
June-July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interviews with the Governance, the main stakeholders and funders of IARC
July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated version of the MTS project tree
December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning of the evaluation of the MTS 2021–2025
January - March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshops on the MTS strategic priorities
March - May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshops on the MTS action plan
July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft document of the MTS 2026–2030 for consideration by the Advisory Group
September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second draft document of the MTS 2026–2030
December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft document of the MTS 2026–2030 for discussion during the Scientific Council meeting
March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final draft version of the “MTS 2026–2030” with the SC recommendations
May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion and approval of the MTS 2026–2030 by the GC for immediate implementation

Advisory group for the MTS 2026–2030

Resolution on the MTS Advisory Group membership

- **The Advisory Group for the MTS 2026–2030**

- An **Advisory Group** for the elaboration of the new MTS will provide guidance and will review the document of the MTS 2026–2030. Its members coming from **IARC's governance** and WHO HQ will meet over 2024–2026 and will present the draft proposal of the MTS 2026–2030 to the Scientific Council (SC) in February 2026 and to the Governing Council (GC) in May 2026.

- **Membership of the Advisory Group**

- The Secretariat would like to welcome **two IARC SC members** as part of the Joint GC/SC MTS Advisory Group for the definition of the MTS 2026–2030.

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Opportunity
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