



**Scientific Council
Sixty-first Session**

SC/61/1-Rev2 (Prov.)
24 January 2025

Lyon, 12–14 February 2025
By Web conference

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Wednesday 12 February 2025 – Plenary Session

Time ¹	Duration	Item	Title (attendance)	Document No. ²
12:00	15 min.	1. 2. 3.	Opening of the Session (all) Election of Rapporteur (all) Adoption of the Agenda (all)	SC/61/1 (Prov.)
12:15	20 min.	4.	Scientific Council's recommendations following flash talks in December 2024 (all)	<u>SC-Recommendations</u>
12:35	45 min	5.	Discussion on the Director's Report including: 5a. Major scientific highlights (all) 5b. Highlights from the meeting of the 66 th Session of the Governing Council, held in a hybrid format (all) 5c. Director's update from the 60 th Session of the Scientific Council (all)	<u>Director's slides</u>
13:20	15 min	6.	Biennial Report of the IARC Ethics Committee (IEC), 2023–2024 (all)	<u>SC/61/2 IEC BR slides</u>
13:35	25 min.		Group photograph ³ & COFFEE/TEA BREAK	

Wednesday 12 February 2025 – Closed Session

14:00	30 min.	7.	Discussion with the Director (DIR), the Director of Administration and Finance (DAF) and the Scientific Council only (SC+DIR/DAF/DIR-PO/GBM)	
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¹ Indicative timing refers to Lyon, France time zone (i.e. Central European Time (CET), which is one hour ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)).

² All documents and presentations available <https://events.iarc.who.int/e/SC61>

³ All participants requested to switch on their videos for a "print screen" photograph.

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14:30	45 min.	8.	Evaluation Report of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2021–2025 (all)	SC/61/3 Appendices
15:15	25 min.	9.	Request for support from the Governing Council Special Fund (all)	SC/61/4 GCSF slides

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15:40	25 min.	10.	Director’s response to the Evidence Synthesis and Classification (ESC) Branch Review, held on 22–26 January 2024 (details of action taken) (SC+DIR+ESC Branch and Deputy Heads only)	
16:05	30 min.	11.	Review the day’s report and agree on recommendations (SC only with dedicated members of the Secretariat)	
16:35			End of first day	

Thursday 13 February 2025 – Plenary Session

Time	Duration	Item	Title (attendance)	Document No.
12:00	45 min.	12.	Regular update on IRCC Initiative for Resilience in Cancer Control (formerly IARC-C19) (all)	SC/61/5
12:45	1 hr.	13.	Update - IARC@60 Anniversary	SC/61/6
13:45	30 min.	14.	IARC scientific programmes: presentation and discussion (all)	
14:15	10 min.	15.	Scientific Council membership of Branch Review Panel in 2026 [Genomic Epidemiology (GEM) Branch, Head: Dr Paul Brennan] (all)	
14:25	30 min.		COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
14:55	55 min.	16.	Proposed programme and budget (2026–2027) (all)	SC/61/7 SC/61/7-Annexes
15:50	30 min.	17.	Review the day’s report and agree on recommendations (SC only with dedicated members of the Secretariat)	
16:20			End of second day	

Friday 14 February 2025 – Closed Session

Time	Duration	Item	Title (attendance)	Document No.
12:00	20 min.	18.	Scientific Reports of the Epigenomics and Mechanisms (EGM) Branch Reviews; Branch Head's response; DIR's response and discussion (SC+DIR/DIR-PO/GBM+EGM Branch and Deputy Head only)	
12:20	15 min.	19.	Finalization/endorsement by SC of EGM Review Reports (SC only)	SC/61/WP3
12:35	20 min.	20.	Scientific Reports of the Early Detection, Prevention and Infections (EPR) Branch Review; Branch Head's response; DIR's response and discussion (SC+DIR/DIR-PO/GBM+EPR Branch and Deputy Heads only)	
12:55	15 min.	21.	Finalization/endorsement by SC of EPR Review Reports (SC only)	SC/61/WP4
13:10	30 min.		COFFEE BREAK	
13:40	1 hr	22.	Drafting of Scientific Council Report (SC only)	
14:40	30 min.	23.	Draft SC Report given to DIR and DAF	
15:10	30 min.	24.	Presentation of Report to the Director only, plus discussion on issues arising	

Friday 14 February 2025 – Plenary Session

15:40	15 min.	25.	Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the 62 nd Session of the Scientific Council in 2026 (all)	
15:55	5 min.	26.	Date of next Session (all)	
16:00	25 min.	27.	Adoption of the Scientific Council Report (all)	SC/61/8
16:25			Closure of Session	

Time zones by Country	12, 13 & 14 February
Australia (Melbourne)	22:00 – 02:30
Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland	12:00 – 16:30
Brazil (Rio de Janeiro)	08:00 – 12:30
Canada (Québec), USA (Rockville, MD & Washington, DC)	06:00 – 10:30
China (Beijing)	19:00 – 23:30
Finland (Helsinki), Egypt (Cairo)	13:00 – 17:30
India (New Delhi)	16:30 – 21:00
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (Tehran)	14:30 – 18:30
Ireland (Dublin), United Kingdom (London)	11:00 – 15:30
Japan (Tokyo), Republic of Korea	20:00 – 00:30
Qatar (Doha), Russian Federation (Obninsk), Saudi Arabia (Riyadh)	14:00 – 18:30