



**Scientific Council
Sixty-first Session**

SC/61/1
12 February 2025

Lyon, 12–14 February 2025
By Web conference

AGENDA

Item	Title (attendance)	Document No.¹
1. 2. 3.	Opening of the Session (all) Election of Rapporteur (all) Adoption of the Agenda (all)	SC/61/1
4.	Scientific Council's recommendations following flash talks in December 2024 (all)	SC-Recommendations
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)	Director's slides
6.	Biennial Report of the IARC Ethics Committee (IEC), 2023–2024 (all)	SC/61/2 IEC BR slides
7.	Discussion with the Director (DIR), the Director of Administration and Finance (DAF) and the Scientific Council (Closed session)	
8.	Evaluation Report of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2021–2025 (all)	SC/61/3 Appendices
9.	Request for support from the Governing Council Special Fund (all)	SC/61/4 GCSF slides
10.	Director's response to the Evidence Synthesis and Classification (ESC) Branch Review, held on 22–26 January 2024 (details of action taken) (Closed session)	Response to ESC Branch Review
11.	Review the day's report and agree on recommendations (SC only with dedicated members of the Secretariat)	

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12.	Regular update on IRCC Initiative for Resilience in Cancer Control (formerly IARC-C19) (all)	SC/61/5
13.	Update - IARC@60 Anniversary	SC/61/6
14.	IARC scientific programme: Oesophageal cancer, a long-neglected killer- Presentation and discussion (all)	Oesophageal cancer
15.	Scientific Council membership of Branch Review Panel in 2026 [Genomic Epidemiology (GEM) Branch, Head: Dr Paul Brennan] (all)	
16.	Proposed programme and budget (2026–2027) (all)	SC/61/7 SC/61/7-Annexes
17.	Review the day's report and agree on recommendations (SC only with dedicated members of the Secretariat)	
18.	Scientific Reports of the Epigenomics and Mechanisms (EGM) Branch Reviews; Branch Head's response; DIR's response and discussion (Closed session)	
19.	Finalization/endorsement by SC of EGM Review Reports (SC member only)	SC/61/WP3
20.	Scientific Reports of the Early Detection, Prevention and Infections (EPR) Branch Review; Branch Head's response; DIR's response and discussion (Closed session)	
21.	Finalization/endorsement by SC of EPR Review Reports (SC members only)	SC/61/WP4
22.	Drafting of Scientific Council Report (SC members only)	
23.	Draft SC Report given to DIR and DAF	
24.	Presentation of Report to the Director only, plus discussion on issues arising (Closed session)	
25.	Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the 62 nd Session of the Scientific Council in 2026 (all)	
26.	Date of next Session (all)	
27.	Adoption of the Scientific Council Report (all)	SC/61/8
	Closure of Session	

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