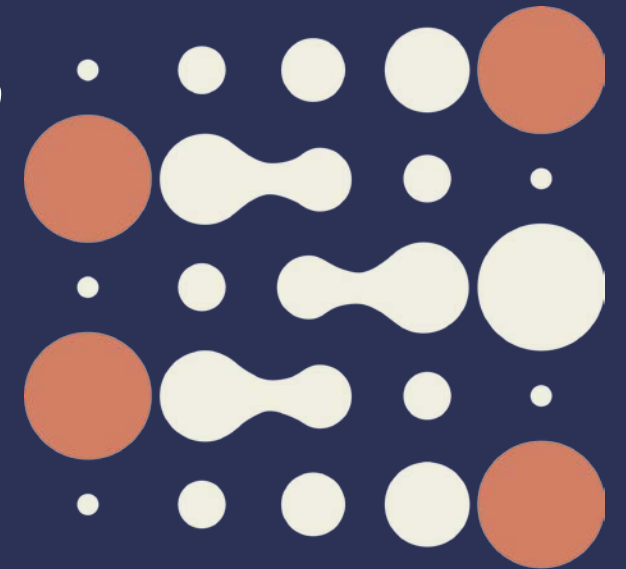


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## Item 6: Highlights from the Biennial Report of the IARC Ethics Committee (IEC) 2023–2024

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# Mission and Scope of the IEC

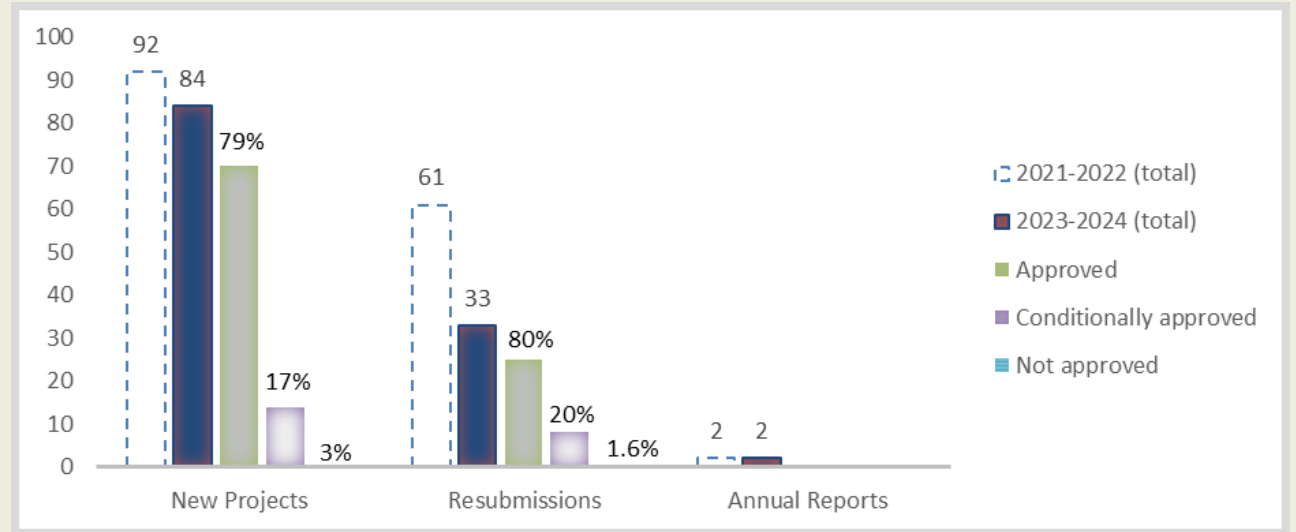
- **To ensure the protection of the safety, well-being and privacy of participants in studies carried out by IARC ;**
- **To enable and promote conduct of good quality research;**
- **To ensure that Agency's studies demonstrate the respect for the most rigorous ethical principles and standards; and**
- **To ensure that Agency's studies reflect the values of WHO and of the UN family.**

# Current composition of the IEC

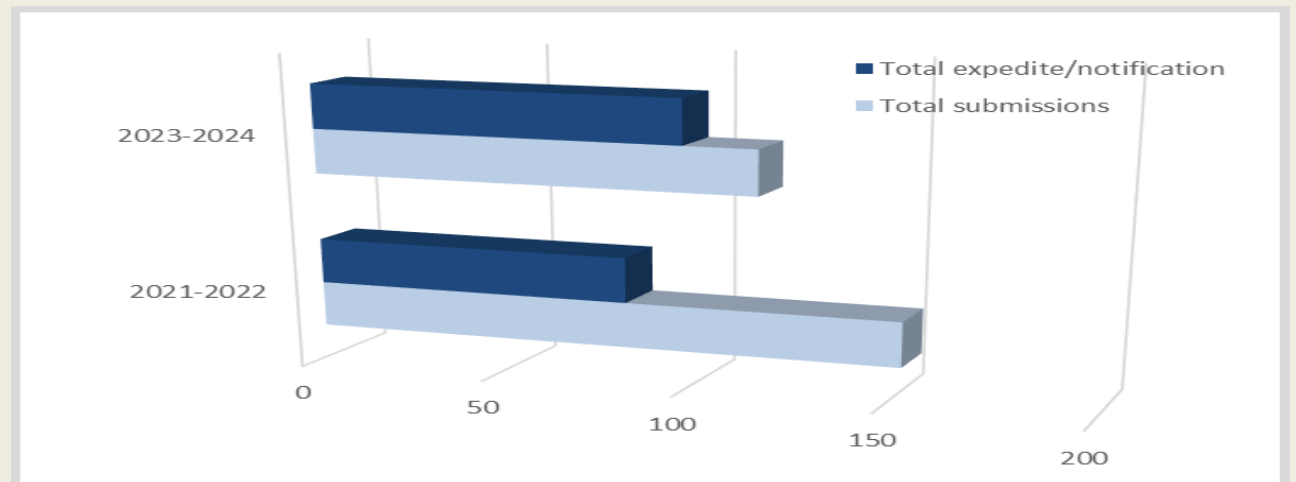
- **Ten senior individuals with diverse backgrounds and nationalities (Brazil, China, France, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, and Sweden).**
- **Representing sciences, medical care, ethics, and law.**
- **The diverse expertise of IEC members ensures the comprehensive ethical review of IARC/WHO research.**

# IEC evaluations over the biennium

Out of **117** projects evaluated, **80%** were approved, with resubmissions dropping by about **50%** compared to the previous biennium.



Compared to the previous biennium, **29.5% more projects were cleared between meetings** via expedited review and notification procedures.



# Other activities of the IEC

- **Regular update of Standard Operating Procedures to facilitate clearances of IARC/WHO projects;**
- **Monitoring of potential Conflicts of Interest in research studies;**
- **Training in biomedical research ethics for IEC members and IARC/WHO staff; and**
- **Collaborations with WHO, UN Agencies and bioethics networks.**

Thank you for your attention.

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