



DATE AND VENUE OF FUTURE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETINGS

IARC's two governing bodies are the [Scientific Council](#), which monitors and reviews the Agency's scientific activities, and the [Governing Council](#), made up of [representatives of IARC Participating States](#) and of the Director-General of WHO. Inter alia the Governing Council sets the general direction of the Agency, approves the Agency's programme and budget, as well as elects the Director of IARC.

The traditional dates of IARC Governance meetings partially collide with WHO Governance meetings i.e. the Programme Budget and Administrative Committee (PBAC), Executive Board (EB) and World Health Assembly (WHA). It has been the tradition to hold IARC Governance meetings close to WHO's, in order to enable Representatives/Delegates from distant countries to attend both, back to back, thus avoid time-consuming and costly travels.

However, in recent years, it has become evident that representation on WHO and IARC governing bodies was different. Various IARC Participating States expressed that neither the EB nor the WHA are well informed of IARC activities, having direct bearing on the noncommunicable diseases (NCD) agenda.

The Secretariat would therefore like to propose the following options for discussion by the Governing Council:

- Decide on different dates (e.g. June) for the IARC Governing Council, no longer colliding with WHO governance meetings;
- Choose between: (i) keeping Lyon as the venue of choice for IARC governance meetings, because of the convenience of having the Agency's senior staff available to interact with representatives; and (ii) identifying alternative venues for IARC Governing Council meetings (every second year), including Geneva, or rotating the venue between various Participating States, as is customary in WHO Regions.