

## **ADVISORY GROUP EVALUATION REPORT ON THE EVALUATION OF IARC ACTIVITIES VIS-À-VIS ITS MANDATE**

1. In May 2018, the Governing Council requested that an evaluation of IARC activities be included into the preparation of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) for 2021–2025 (see Resolution [GC/60/R11](#)).
2. In May 2019, the Governing Council established an ad hoc Advisory Group (see document [GC/61/8](#) and Resolution [GC/61/R7](#)) to conduct the above evaluation, to cover the following six areas:
  - (a) the alignment of IARC's activities with its mandate, as described in the Statute and the prioritization of different areas;
  - (b) the collaboration between IARC and other parts of WHO to ensure clear definition of roles and effective cooperation and coordination;
  - (c) the contribution of multi-disciplinary research to IARC's strategy, including the balance of laboratory equipment in-house and accessed through external collaboration;
  - (d) the role and infrastructure for the biobank in IARC's research strategy;
  - (e) mechanisms to ensure the financial sustainability of IARC's research including the laboratory research and biobank; and
  - (f) approaches to maximize the value and impact of IARC's work.
3. The Advisory Group assembled to undertake the evaluation of IARC activities vis-à-vis its mandate included two members of the Governing Council, two members of the Scientific Council, and five internationally recognized leaders in cancer prevention research.
4. The Advisory Group met several times and was supported in its work by the Evaluation Office of the World Health Organization (WHO). The evaluation included the review of key documents, as well as interviews and surveys conducted with Governing Council and Scientific Council members and IARC and WHO staff.
5. Following an extensive in-person discussion on 18 and 19 October 2019, the Advisory Group issued ten key recommendations, detailed in its Evaluation Report which will be available to Scientific Council members.
6. The Advisory Group conducted the evaluation in alignment with the Governing Council specifications and within the timeframe set by the Governing Council.
7. Comments and recommendations from the Scientific Council on the Advisory Group's Evaluation Report will be included in the Report of the Scientific Council on its 56<sup>th</sup> session (document SC/56/8).