

BUILT TOGETHER, SUSTAINED TOGETHER: A MESSAGE FOR IARC PARTICIPATING STATES

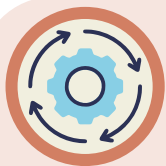
Through [a new Viewpoint published in *The Lancet Public Health*](#), IARC shows how shared cancer science enables countries to turn evidence into policy, prevention, and stronger cancer control. The evidence points to what works: trusted assessments, robust data, sustained technical cooperation, and shared governance. These foundations take time to build and can erode without sustained support. As IARC presents its Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2026–2030 amid growing pressure on multilateral institutions and public health financing, Participating States have a critical role to play: invest for continuity, measure what matters, and build momentum for broader engagement with IARC.

What the evidence shows

- 1 Trusted science enables decisive action:** When cancer policy decisions are complex or contested, IARC's independent assessments provide national authorities with a shared and credible basis for action. That independence is a collective asset, sustained by Participating States together.
- 2 Impact depends on systems built over time:** Cancer registries, training programmes, expert networks, and long-term technical collaboration are what make evidence usable at the national level. These foundations accumulate slowly and are difficult to rebuild once weakened. Where they are strongest, IARC evidence translates most reliably into policy and practice.
- 3 Participating States shape global cancer science:** Through IARC's governance, countries contribute to setting research priorities, defining methodological standards, and ensuring the global evidence base reflects the settings where cancer burden is highest. Participation strengthens both national ownership of evidence and countries' influence over the science they later apply.

Your engagement pathways with IARC

“ *What is at stake is more than a set of programmes. It is the institutional basis that makes shared international cancer science usable in practice.* ”
IARC Viewpoint in *The Lancet Public Health*, May 2026



INVEST FOR CONTINUITY

Protect the scientific infrastructure countries rely on

Predictable, multi-year support for IARC's Medium-Term Strategy 2026–2030 sustains the enabling layer that allows evidence to translate into national action over time.



MEASURE WHAT MATTERS

Show how evidence becomes national action

Working with IARC to track impact beyond outputs helps make the case for sustained investment and gives Participating States a clearer picture of shared returns.



BUILD MOMENTUM

Champion IARC as a platform for shared cancer science

Participating States can use their experience and leadership to champion IARC, promote engagement among potential members, and mobilize partners and funders.

Explore the evidence and shape what comes next

Explore how IARC and your country have worked together to turn cancer science into public health action and how deeper engagement can strengthen the next phase of impact.

- [Viewpoint in *The Lancet Public Health*](#)
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