

A PLACE AT THE TABLE: FOR COUNTRIES READY TO SHAPE GLOBAL CANCER SCIENCE

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. As cancer burden rises worldwide, reliable scientific platforms, comparable data, technical capacity, and a voice in shaping the evidence base are becoming increasingly important for national cancer control. For countries not yet participating in IARC, this is a timely opportunity to explore what a pathway into IARC could mean for your country's cancer priorities.

What the evidence shows

- 1 Trusted science enables decisive action:** When cancer policy decisions are complex, contested, or urgent, access to independent, internationally recognised assessments gives national authorities a credible basis for action, one that is difficult and costly to replicate through national science alone.
- 2 Impact depends on systems built over time:** Cancer registries, training programmes, expert networks, and long-term technical collaboration are what make evidence usable nationally. IARC's sustained support for these systems - through registry hubs, training programmes, and methodological standards - helps countries build the capacity to translate evidence into practice over time.
- 3 Participation strengthens influence and ownership:** Countries gain more from shared scientific institutions when they help shape the questions, standards, and priorities. Participation in IARC's governance and scientific processes gives countries a voice in the evidence they later apply, and contributes to a global evidence base that better reflects the full range of settings where cancer prevention is needed.

Your engagement pathways with IARC

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PUT EVIDENCE TO WORK

Adapt IARC science to national policy and implementation

Work with IARC to adapt evidence, data, tools, and standards to your country context, strengthening cancer strategies, registries, prevention planning and implementation.



CONNECT WITH IARC NETWORKS

Amplify national capacity through global collaboration

Engage with IARC programmes, regional platforms, registry networks, training initiatives, and international consortia to connect national priorities with global cancer expertise.



EXPLORE PARTICIPATION

Open a dialogue on the benefits of IARC Participating State membership

Explore how membership can give your country access to IARC's full range of scientific and governance processes, including a voice in shaping global cancer science.

Explore the evidence and shape what comes next:

Explore how IARC works with countries to turn cancer science into public health action and how deeper engagement could support your national cancer priorities.

- [Viewpoint in *The Lancet Public Health*](#)
- [IARC Impact in Practice series](#)
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