

NEW IARC INITIATIVES

IARC EQUITY AND DIVERSITY ADVISORY GROUP (EDAG)

The IARC Equity and Diversity Advisory Group (EDAG) was formed in November 2018. It was originally known as the Women in Science Advisory Group (WiSA). One year later, it was decided to expand the scope of the group to cover equity and diversity in general, and hence the name was changed. The EDAG currently has eight members, who represent all the different types of IARC personnel, including professional staff, administrative staff, early career scientists, and visiting scientists.

The aim of the EDAG, which advises the Director, is to ensure that individuals or groups of individuals within the Agency are not treated differently or less favourably on the basis of race, sex, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, or age.

The members of the Equity and Diversity Advisory Group.



Equity and diversity are promoted by:

- treating all IARC personnel fairly;
- enabling all IARC personnel to develop to their full potential;
- creating an inclusive culture;
- ensuring equal access to opportunities for learning and career development;
- ensuring that IARC/WHO policies, procedures, and processes do not result in discrimination; and
- equipping personnel to recognize and challenge inequality and discrimination in the workplace.

Recent EDAG initiatives include a virtual happy hour for LGBTQ+ personnel and friends, the creation of an award scheme for prominent female scientists, and a workshop followed by discussions on implicit bias.

IARC CROSS-CUTTING WORKING GROUP ON CANCER PREVENTION KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION AND TRANSFER (KTT WG)

The IARC Cross-Cutting Working Group on Cancer Prevention Knowledge Translation and Transfer (KTT WG) was created in 2020. The vision of the KTT WG is to build bridges and create links so that the scientific knowledge produced by IARC and its collaborators reaches important decision-makers in cancer prevention. The aim of the KTT WG is to translate and transfer high-quality evidence on cancer prevention to stakeholders for their benefit and use, by connecting researchers and research users.

The KTT WG is composed of a dynamic interdisciplinary group of scientists and experts in strategy and communication, who catalyse efforts and stimulate cross-Agency synergies to deliver the latest scientific results to the target audience: stakeholders, decision-makers, and policy-makers from public health institutions, ministries of health, civil society organizations, noncommunicable disease networks, health professionals' societies, and philanthropic organizations. The immediate goals of the KTT WG are to develop a set of targeted resources in the form of comprehensive packages on selected topics, by summarizing the outcomes of projects that can have an impact on recommendations, actions, and policies, and also to raise awareness.

In the first year of its existence, the KTT WG has established the IARC Evidence Summary Brief series, which has received much media attention, and launched a website dedicated to this series. It is anticipated that the Evidence Summary Briefs will help to accelerate the adoption and implementation of evidence-based strategies, while also creating new opportunities for capacity-building and research. The KTT WG is currently conducting a pilot survey and interviews of key stakeholders to obtain advice on broad dissemination strategies and on evaluation of the impact of such strategies.

The dedicated webpage of the IARC Evidence Summary Briefs series (<https://iarc.fr/evidence-summary-briefs-series/>) shows the first two Briefs to be launched: "Breast Cancer Outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa" and "The Nutri-Score: A Science-Based Front-of-Pack Nutrition Label".

The screenshot shows the IARC Evidence Summary Briefs series webpage. At the top, there are logos for the International Agency for Research on Cancer and the World Health Organization, along with a navigation menu including 'MEDIA CENTRE', 'RESEARCH', 'PUBLICATIONS', 'TRAINING', 'EVENTS', 'JOBS & CAREERS', and 'ABOUT IARC'. The main heading is 'Evidence Summary Briefs series'. Below this is a banner image of a smiling woman with the text 'IARC Evidence Summary Briefs'. The page contains two briefs:

- IARC EVIDENCE SUMMARY BRIEF NO. 2**: THE NUTRI-SCORE: A SCIENCE-BASED FRONT-OF-PACK NUTRITION LABEL. Includes 'READ REPORT' and 'READ MORE' links.
- IARC EVIDENCE SUMMARY BRIEF NO. 1**: BREAST CANCER OUTCOMES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Includes 'READ REPORT' and 'READ MORE' links.