Regional Meeting on Implementation of the
WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC)

New Delhi, India, 23–26 July 2013

Programme

Tuesday, 23 July 2013

08:00-09:00 Registration
09:00-09:30 Opening ceremony
09:30-10:30 Session 1
   Introduction to the programme
   Update on treaty work, including decisions of the fifth session of
   the Conference of the Parties (Convention Secretariat)
   Treaty instruments available to support implementation
   (Convention Secretariat)
   Update on regional implementation activities (Regional Office)
10:30-11:00 Coffee break
11:00-12:30 Session 2
   Updates by Parties on implementation experiences: achievements
   and challenges (open round-table discussion)
   Brief introductions by Parties, followed by questions and answers.
12:30-14:00 Lunch break
14:00-15:30  Session 3

The Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products
- Brief introduction to the relevant provisions of the Protocol
- The process of ratification and entry into force of the Protocol
- Exchange of views on matters related to promoting entry into force and future implementation of the Protocol

Presentation by the Convention Secretariat, followed by country updates on status of signature and ratification, and discussion. The principal international partners, the World Customs Organization (WCO) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), have also been invited and will make presentations on their respective areas of expertise and capacity in relation to the Protocol. Interested Parties can have individual bilateral meetings to discuss Protocol-specific questions with the Convention Secretariat, WCO and UNODC on the second day of the meeting.

15:30-16:00  Coffee break

16:00-17:30  Session 4

The Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (cont’d)

Wednesday, 24 July 2013

09:00–10:30  Session 5

Implementation of time-bound provisions of the Convention (Articles 11 and 13, and recommendations contained in the guidelines for implementation of Article 8) in the regional context

Presentations by interested Parties and the World Lung Foundation (WLF), followed by discussion

During this session, participants will share their experiences and challenges in implementation of the time-bound provisions and learn about some of the emerging best practices in the Region.

This session will also cover Article 12 as an inter-linked and cross-cutting Article in implementation of the time-bound provisions contained in Articles 11 and 13 and the recommendations of the Article 8 guidelines.

10:30-11:00  Coffee break
11:00-12:30  
**Session 6**

Implementation of time-bound provisions of the Convention (Articles 11 and 13, and the recommendations contained in the guidelines for implementation of Article 8) in the regional context (cont’d)

12:30–14:00  
**Lunch break**

14:00–15:30  
**Session 7**

Smokeless tobacco: challenges and policy options

*Introduction by moderator*

*Presentation by interested Parties on their experiences including a segment covering voices of victims organized by India, followed by discussion*

15:30-16:00  
**Coffee break**

16:00-17:30  
**Session 8**

Smokeless tobacco: effective response and way forward

*Presentation by interested Parties, followed by discussion*

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**Thursday, 25 July 2013**

09:00-10:30  
**Session 9**

Implementation of Article 5 of the Convention (General obligations)

*Introduction by moderator*

Status of adoption of national tobacco control action plans and legislation (Article 5.1 and Article 5.2(b)) (Convention Secretariat)

National coordinating mechanisms for tobacco control –
Presentation by the UNDP (Bureau of Development Policy)

- National coordinating mechanisms: the UNDP perspective and assistance to implementation of Article 5.2(a) through UN Country Teams
- Strengthening the “whole of government approach” to WHO FCTC implementation and contributions by UNDP
- The United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs) and national development planning processes
In this session, mechanisms of assistance established by the Conference of the Parties will be presented. This will be followed by a presentation by the UNDP, focusing on harmonization and alignment issues and technical assistance to Parties with regard to integration of the WHO FCTC into the UNDAFs. Presentations will be followed by discussion, with the participation of Parties, WHO and international partners.

10:30-11:00  
Coffee break

11:00-12:30  
Session 10

Resources, mechanisms of assistance and international cooperation (Convention Secretariat)

- The framework for mechanisms of assistance of the Conference of the Parties, including needs assessment
- Harmonization and alignment of the WHO FCTC implementation with national health and development programmes and policies
- UNDAFs
- Introduction to interagency coordination for implementation of the Convention

12:30-14:00  
Lunch break

14:00-15:30  
Session 11

The role of development partners in implementation of the WHO FCTC

- The World Bank and its framework for assistance to Parties, including the Sector-Wide Approach (SWAp) in the Region; taxation, illicit trade, statistical capacity and strengthening of data collection
- The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD): its expertise and potential areas of assistance to Parties
- Other development partners (TBC)

This session will focus on the roles of development partners in assisting implementation of the Convention by the Parties. Presentations by development partners will be followed by discussion and conclusions.

15:30-16:00  
Coffee break
16:00-17:30  Session 12

Other priorities in the Regional context not covered in previous sessions; in particular, a discussion on emerging issues such as electronic cigarettes and hookah bars (India and Maldives). Other priorities identified by the Parties will also be discussed in this session.

*Parties can discuss any other provisions of the Convention which have not been discussed.*

**Friday, 26 July 2013**

09:00-10:30  Session 13

Discussion on Regional best practices and implementation challenges deriving from the discussions during the week

10:30-11:00  *Coffee break*

11:00-12:00  Session 14

Outcome document of the meeting, including recommendations, the way forward and actions for follow-up

12:00-12:30  World No Tobacco Day Award Presentation Ceremony (India)

12:30  Closure

12:30-14:00  *Lunch break*