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FG can drive SDGs with increased tobacco taxation - NTCA

Nigerian Tobacco Control Alliance, NTCA, a tobacco control advocacy group, has urged the Federal and state governments to include tobacco control in their sustainable development priorities, increase the excise duty on tobacco products to expand the nation's revenue base and enforce the provisions of the National Tobacco Control Act 2015. [Read more](#)

Tobacco Industry wants to be part of the FCTC conference in Geneva

Tobacco Institute of India has appealed to the Government of India to undertake prior consultation with farmers and other Industry stakeholders and include stakeholder representatives in the official Indian delegation to the FCTC COP 8. [Read more](#)

[New report on global progress in implementation of tobacco control treaty.](#) [Read more](#)



Switzerland criticised for tobacco control treaty

The fact that Switzerland has yet to have ratified the World Health Organisation (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and is hosting its conference is shameful, a top WHO official has declared. **[Read More](#)**

https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/who-fctc_switzerland-criticised-for-tobacco-control-treaty-stance/44416974



Presentation of the Head of the WHO FCTC Secretariat on the 2018 Global Progress Report, given at the opening of COP8 <http://www.who.int/fctc/secretariat/head/statements/2018/>

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Brazilian delegates to COP 8 request the FCTC Secretariat to: To support the implementation of FCTC Articles 17 and 18 as a mean to safeguard tobacco growers' livelihoods; Prepare national action plans to support researches and pilot projects in tobacco growing countries, ensuring tobacco growers participation in policy development through their legitimate representatives; Promote international cooperation and exchange of information on implementation of FCTC articles 17 and 18; Facilitate the inclusion of measurable outcomes and impact indicators of Implementation of Articles 17 and 18; Seek collaboration with relevant international organisations to support Parties in the implementation of FCTC articles 17 and 18; Identify and recommend options and sustainable mechanisms to enhance the implementation of alternative livelihoods to tobacco growing and measures to mitigate social, environmental and health harms of tobacco production; Promote and support the creation of a working group linked to UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (TFSSE), or to other relevant UN Task Force, to develop an action plan to enhance the implementation of FCTC Articles 17 and 18; Develop, in partnership with ILO and other relevant UN agencies, a fundraise strategy to tackle child labor and promote decent work in tobacco farming.

[The FCTC live session ca be accessed here:](https://www.who.int/fctc/cop/sessions/cop8/live-streaming/en/)

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COP8 a great opportunity for the electronic cigarettes

An international meeting of tobacco control representatives this week presents a great opportunity for UK delegates to promote the UK's dramatic success with electronic cigarettes
<https://www.tobaccoreporter.com/2018/10/cop8-a-great-opportunity/>

Michael Bloomberg was reappointed as the WHO Ambassador for non-communicable diseases

The renewal of his appointment as the MEDs Ambassador was done in New York, as world leaders meet at the United Nations.

[Read More](https://www.premiumtimesng.com/health/health-news/286751-who-reappoints-bloomberg-non-communicable-diseases-ambassador.html)

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[Shame about the venue](https://www.tobaccoreporter.com/2018/10/shame-about-the-venue/) The fact that Switzerland has not ratified the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) but is hosting its conference is shameful, according to a story at swissinfo.ch quoting a top WHO official.

<https://www.tobaccoreporter.com/2018/10/shame-about-the-venue/>

[Amprotabaco Brazil to create an international association to access COP meetings](https://gauchazh.clicrbs.com.br/economia/campo-e-lavoura/noticia/2018/10/amprotabaco-deve-formar-associacao-internacional-para-acessar-cop8-cjmqdjbv5014d01piesgiqjc3.html)

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