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The implementation of the Article 11 provisions on Smokeless Tobacco Products reveals that only half of the Parties implemented pictorial health warnings on smokeless tobacco. Parties need to implement large warnings with pictorial representations and multiple messages about various diseases for all tobacco products.

There is disagreement on the evidence concerning ENDS, including their absolute and relative risk to human health, as well as their impact on broader public health.

The global financing gap to implement key measures of the FCTC is estimated to stand at US\$ 27 billion. Other health issues – HIV/ AIDS, Malaria, Polio – have attracted funds because they can explain their ambitions and have translated them into costed activities with clear returns on investment.

The Convention Secretariat is a small team and their human and financial resources are already under pressure. There is an urgent need for a wider fundraising strategy.

Bulgaria is one of the few countries in Europe where Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship is still allowed.



The United Nations has launched the Tobacco-Free Finance Pledge, which encourages lending, insurance, and investment companies to adopt tobacco-free finance policies that are in line with the UN and the World Health Organisation.

<https://www.ai-cio.com/news/un-launches-tobacco-free-finance-pledge/>

Nigeria's Minister of State for Health, Dr. Osagie Ehanire, has announced that Nigeria has ratified the protocol to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products.

<https://www.journalducameroun.com/en/nigeria-ratifies-protocol-on-elimination-of-illicit-trade-in-tobacco-products-minister/>

PMI addresses need for harm-reduction strategies

With more than one billion people expected to be smoking in 2025, PMI is urging the WHO, the hundreds of delegates convening in Geneva this week, and the wider public health community to embrace the potential of innovative alternatives to cigarettes in order to achieve the UN's sustainable development goals for non-communicable diseases as quickly as possible.

<https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/pmi-releases-position-paper-for-cop8-addresses-need-for-harm-reduction-strategies-1027584033>

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