

FCTC COP10 Outcomes

ITGA Regional Meeting

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FCTC Background

- **In force since 2005**
 - International treaty that sets minimum legislative framework for all 183 Parties
 - Argentina, Indonesia, Switzerland and USA have not ratified
 - Malawi most recent to ratify (2023)
- **Conference of the Parties (COP)**
 - Meetings where FCTC Parties adopt binding decisions and non-binding guidelines and recommendations
 - Keeps regulatory momentum for national legislation
 - Despite non-binding nature, recommendations are often implemented and declarations are used to justify national legislation
 - COP10 meeting held in Panama City, Panama, 5-10 February 2024
- **Parties, observers and NGOs participate; media and public may observe (opening/closing statements only)**
 - General trend to exclude differing viewpoints, stifle debate and shame countries defending tobacco



FCTC Relevance

- **Art 5.3: Protect policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry**
 - Tobacco industry not allowed to participate and contribute to decision-making process
 - Often incorrectly applied to prevent any interaction with industry, to ban CSR or ESG activities and to screen or exclude non-health delegates from COP
- **Art 9 & 10: Product Regulation and Novel Products**
 - Decisions at previous COPs to recommend Parties ban or restrict novel & emerging tobacco products
 - Similar proposed at COP10
- **Art 17: Promote economically viable alternatives for tobacco workers and growers**
- **Art 18: Address risks posed by tobacco growing to human health and to the environment**
- **Draft decision for COP10 proposed by Ecuador on FCTC and promotion of Human Rights**
- **Draft decision for COP10 proposed by Brazil to introduce liability for environmental damage & consumer waste (cigarette butts & e-waste)**

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- **Decisions Adopted**

- Established Expert Group to study measures not required by FCTC (e.g. generational bans, nicotine reduction, etc.)
- Guidelines on cross-border tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship and the depiction of tobacco in entertainment media
- Tobacco and human rights (Ecuador)
 - Asks Parties to consider incorporating FCTC principles when engaging with UN HR mechanisms
- Tobacco and the Environment (Brazil)
 - Extending the scope of Art 18: addressing filters, components/devices of e-cigarettes and novel products and consumer waste
 - Invites parties to consider liability
 - Urges Parties to take action in areas that relate to tobacco growing, repeating decisions taken at previous COPs

- **Decisions Deferred**

- Further work, including Working Group or Expert Group, on Product Regulation
- Further work, including Working Group or Expert Group, on novel and emerging products

- **Next COP Q4 CY2025, venue tbc**