



Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

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Time	Event	Room
10:00–13:00 and at 15:00	Committee A – Third and fourth meetings	Auditorium, Building B
10:00–13:00 and at 15:00	Committee B – Third and fourth meetings	EB Room, Building A
Immediately following the closure of the Committees	Plenary – Fourth meeting	Auditorium, Building B

Informal regional meetings and the EU coordination meetings

09:00–09:30	Regional group for the Americas	Garden Room T, Building B
09:15–09:30	Regional group for South-East Asia	Garden Room U2, Building B
13:00–14:00	European Union coordination meeting (<i>closed</i>)	Salle C, Building A
18:00–19:00	European Union coordination meeting (<i>closed</i>)	Salle C, Building A

Other meetings and side events¹

18:00–19:00	Press conference	EB Room, Building A
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¹ These meetings are not included in the official proceedings of MOP4.

Programme of work

Third and fourth meetings of Committee A 10:00 and 15:00 – Auditorium, Building B – SS3

Item 4 (contd) Protocol instruments and technical matters

Item 4.5 (contd) International cooperation under the Protocol

Documents FCTC/MOP/4/9 and FCTC/MOP4/P/CONF./1

Third and fourth meetings of Committee B 10:00 and 15:00 – EB Room, Building A – SS2

Item 3 (contd) Global progress in implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, followed by a general debate

Documents FCTC/MOP/4/4 and FCTC/MOP4/P/CONF./3

Item 6 (contd) Budgetary and institutional matters

Item 6.2 (contd) Proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2026–2027

Documents FCTC/MOP/4/12 and FCTC/MOP/4/INF.DOC./1

Fourth plenary meeting Immediately following the closure of the Committees – Auditorium, Building B – SS3

Reports of the main committees

– First report of Committee A (Draft)

Document FCTC/MOP/4/A/R/1, containing two decisions entitled:

- Licensing (Article 6 of the Protocol)
- Evidence-based research (Article 6.5 of the Protocol)

– First report of Committee B (Draft)

Document FCTC/MOP/4/B/R/1, containing two decisions entitled:

- Assessed Contributions
- Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Meeting of the Parties

Item 3 (contd) Global progress in implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, followed by a general debate

[Discussion on a draft decision titled “Information sharing in relation to seizures by individual Parties” proposed by a Party, transferred from Plenary]

Documents FCTC/MOP/4/4 and FCTC/MOP4/P/CONF./3

Item 7 Date and place of the Fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties

Document FCTC/MOP/4/15

Item 8 Elections of President and Vice-Presidents of the Meeting of the Parties

Document FCTC/MOP/4/16

Item 9 Closure of the session

Report of meetings on Tuesday 25 November 2025

Third plenary meeting

In the chair: Mansour Zafer Alqahtani (Saudi Arabia)
President of the Meeting of the Parties

Item 1 (contd) Opening of the session

Item 1.2 (contd) Credentials of participants

The President reopened the agenda item and invited comments from the floor. The draft decision on credentials was adopted as proposed. The agenda item was closed and the meeting was adjourned.

First and second meetings of Committee A

In the chair: Ali Hajilari (Iran (Islamic Republic of))

The Chairperson opened the meeting and introduced the Vice-Chairpersons, Ananda Sarath Rathnayaka (Sri Lanka) and Gert Vorsteveld (Netherlands (Kingdom of the)) to the Committee. The Parties agreed with the Chairperson's proposal concerning the programme of work of Committee A.

Item 4 Protocol instruments and technical matters

Item 4.1 Evidence-based research (Articles 6.5 and 13.2 of the Protocol)

The Chairperson opened agenda item 4.1, invited comments and set up a drafting group, chaired by the first Vice-Chairperson of Committee A, to discuss the proposed draft decision by a Party and to report back to the Committee. The draft decision was discussed, amended and approved. The agenda item was closed.

Item 4.2 Global information-sharing focal point (Article 8 of the Protocol)

The Chairperson opened agenda item 4.2, invited the Convention Secretariat to introduce the report and Parties to make their comments. The report was noted and the agenda item was closed.

Item 4.3 Licensing (Article 6 of the Protocol)

The Chairperson opened agenda item 4.3, invited the Convention Secretariat to introduce the report and Parties to make their comments. The draft decision proposed by a Party was discussed, amended and approved. The agenda item was closed.

Item 4.4 Combating illicit trade of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS)

The Chairperson opened agenda item 4.4, invited the Convention Secretariat to introduce the report and Parties to make their comments. The report was noted and the agenda item was closed.

Item 4.5 International cooperation under the Protocol

The Chairperson opened agenda item 4.5, invited the Convention Secretariat to introduce the report and Parties to make their comments. The draft decision proposed by one Party was discussed. The agenda item was suspended.

First and second meetings of Committee B

In the chair: Fatoumata Komma (Gambia)

The Chairperson opened the meeting and introduced the Vice-Chairpersons, Bernardo Darquea Arias (Ecuador) and Robert Thomson (Samoa) to the Committee.

The Parties agreed with the Chairperson's proposal concerning the programme of work of Committee B.

Item 5 Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation

Item 5.1 Strategy for mechanisms of assistance and mobilization of financial resources to support the implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

The Chairperson opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the Convention Secretariat report contained in document FCTC/MOP/4/10.

The Chairperson invited comments from the floor on the report. The report was noted, and the agenda item was closed.

Item 6 Budgetary and institutional matters

Item 6.1 Performance and progress reports

The Chairperson opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the Convention Secretariat report contained in document FCTC/MOP/4/11. The Chairperson invited comments from the floor.

The report was noted, and the agenda item was closed.

Item 6.2 Proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2026–2027

The Chairperson opened the agenda item. The Committee was invited to consider the Convention Secretariat reports contained in documents FCTC/MOP/4/12 and FCTC/MOP/4/INF.DOC./1. The Chairperson invited the Convention Secretariat to provide a brief introduction of the draft decision in respect of documents considered.

The Chairperson invited comments from the floor. Discussion of the agenda item was suspended.

Item 6.3 Payment of Assessed Contributions and measures to reduce Parties in arrears

The Chairperson opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the Convention Secretariat report contained in document FCTC/MOP/4/13 Rev.1 and to consider the draft decision in the annex of the report. The Chairperson invited the Secretariat to provide explanatory remarks.

The Chairperson invited comments from the floor. The report was noted, the decision was approved and the agenda item was closed.

Item 6.4 Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Meeting of the Parties

The Chairperson opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the Convention Secretariat report contained in document FCTC/MOP/4/14 and to consider the draft decision in the annex of the report. The Chairperson invited comments from the floor. The report was noted, the decision was approved and the agenda item was closed.

Item 3 (contd) Global progress in implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, followed by a general debate

[Discussion on a draft decision titled “Information sharing in relation to seizures by individual Parties” proposed by a Party, transferred from Plenary]

The Chairperson informed the Committee that, per agreement in Plenary, the Committee would discuss the draft decision titled “Information sharing in relation to seizures by individual Parties” proposed by a Party under agenda item 3. The Chairperson opened the floor for comments on the draft decision. Discussion of the draft decision was suspended, and the meeting was adjourned.

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[The WHO Events App for the WHO FCTC MOP4](#) for smart phones and computer is now available. The App provides secure access to the official documents, basic documents and all the practical information that participants need for taking part in MOP4. For more information, check the [App Quick Start Guide](#), contact fctcappsupport@who.int or go to the App booth on site if you require any assistance regarding the App.

Social media accounts

Delegates are encouraged to raise awareness about MOP4 and the Protocol, as well as the WHO FCTC, including the importance of its implementation through social media. Official hashtags: #MOP4 and #FCTCSavesLives are recommended to be used on X, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn or other channels for this purpose.

Procedural issues

To raise a point of order, request a right of reply or make a procedural motion pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties, a delegation member should send a message to +41 79 60377 84 by SMS text or by WhatsApp. This number is staffed during meeting times and may only be used for points of order, requests for rights of reply or other procedural motions and not for any other matter. Any messages will be relayed promptly to the presiding officer.

Media

A virtual opening MOP4 press conference was held for the media on Thursday, 13 November 2025 at 15:00 (CET).

A closing press conference will be held for the media on Wednesday, 26 November 2025 following the closing of MOP4.

Members of the media are encouraged to sign up to receive WHO FCTC media alerts [here](#) in order to be kept up to date on press conferences and more.

Media requests for the Secretariat can be directed to mediafctc@who.int.

Contact information

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Announcements

Arrangements for conduct of discussion in Plenary, Committee A and B meetings

Delegations wishing to speak in the general debate (agenda item 3 – Global progress in implementation of the Protocol, followed by a general debate) are invited to notify the Convention Secretariat as soon as possible by email with the subject line “Request for general debate statement” to fctcgovernance@who.int.

Delegates can view the speaker’s list for item 3 in the [restricted online documentation portal](#).

Delegations are encouraged to opt for group or regional statements, in lieu of individual statements.

On-site facilities

Delegates are invited to consult the [Practical Guide for Participants](#) (FCTC/MOP/4/DIV/2) for any other information related to the venue.

Meditation and prayer room

The meditation and prayer room is open to all participants seeking a space for reflection, prayer or meditation. It offers a peaceful environment reserved for quiet relaxation, where participants are kindly asked to ensure that conversations, phone use and other potential disturbances are avoided. It is located in Room M.020, on the ground floor of Building M at WHO headquarters.

Seating during Plenary sessions

Due to space limitations in the main Plenary room, Parties will be allocated a limited number of seats during Plenary sessions according to their delegation size. Overflow rooms will be available for delegates who are not able to be accommodated in the main Plenary room.

Live streaming

The webcasts can be viewed on Macs and PCs, as well as all mobile devices including iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows-enabled phones.

Please visit the WHO FCTC MOP4 website [here](#).

Distribution of documents

The documents for the session can be downloaded [here](#).

A secure and restricted online documentation portal may be found on the MOP4 webpage for delegates to access in-session documentation with a username and password communicated to the Parties and observers to the Meeting of the Parties by the Convention Secretariat.

Room booking

There is limited space for bilateral or private meetings; however, upon request, rooms can be designated by the Convention Secretariat for specific appointments. Regretfully, interpretation cannot be provided for such meetings. Requests will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Requests for a meeting room should be sent to the Convention Secretariat as soon as possible – but no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting – to cmpmail@who.int, stating the date and time of the meeting, duration of the meeting, number of participants and name of the organizer (Party or observer).

List of participants

The provisional list of participants will be available on the [WHO FCTC MOP4](#) website at the opening of the session. That list will be issued on the basis of valid credentials received by the Convention Secretariat up to 12:00 (noon) on Sunday, 23 November. A revised list will be posted on the WHO FCTC MOP4 website later. In the event of any official change in the details and composition of a delegation, delegations are kindly requested to make any necessary changes directly in the registration system.
