



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

Fourth session, Geneva, Switzerland, 24–26 November 2025

# JOURNAL

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This preliminary Journal is intended to give participants advance indications of the arrangements and programme of work for the Fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP4) to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products. Additional information can be found in the Practical Guide for Participants (document [FCTC/MOP/4/DIV/2](#)).

The Journal does not constitute an official record of the Meeting of the Parties. It is published in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish on every working day during the session.

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## **Date and place**

MOP4 will take place at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The first plenary meeting opens at 10:00 on Monday, 24 November 2025, and the session is expected to close no later than 18:00 on Wednesday, 26 November 2025, Central European Time (CET).

## **WHO smoke-free compounds**

Smoking and the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems, such as e-cigarettes, will not be permitted at any time in:

- all indoor and outdoor areas of the WHO compound, including parking areas and gardens;
- all vehicles owned, rented by, or leased to WHO; and
- all private and commercial vehicles while they are on WHO compounds.

The above applies to all persons while on WHO premises, regardless of the purpose of their visit.

## **Registration and credentials**

Online registration is required for MOP4. Delegates who have not yet completed their registration must register via the online registration system at: <https://indico.un.org/e/Protocol/MOP4>. Instructions for online registration are available on the [MOP4 dedicated webpage](#). Queries concerning the system can be addressed by email to: [fctcgovernance@who.int](mailto:fctcgovernance@who.int).

Credentials must be uploaded in order to complete the registration process.

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

## **Badges**

Participants will be able to collect their badges before the opening of the session at the Registration Desk located on the ground floor of the main WHO building. The Registration Desk will be open as follows:

- Sunday, 23 November 14:00–17:00
- Monday, 24 November to Tuesday, 25 November 08:00–18:00
- Wednesday, 26 November until the closure of the session.

## **Interpretation and statements**

Interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

Delegates are requested to send a copy of their statement to [interpret@who.int](mailto:interpret@who.int) at least 30 minutes in advance for interpretation and records purposes. This does not prevent delegates from making changes upon delivery, but it will facilitate clarity and accuracy in all languages.

When submitting a statement by email please specify, both in the subject line of the email and at the top of the attached statement, the name of the country/group, the meeting (for example, Plenary, Committee A or Committee B) and the number of the relevant agenda item.

Delegates are requested to deliver statements at a normal speaking pace. Rapid delivery risks impeding clarity and accuracy in interpretation.

Statements provided in advance are treated as confidential and checked against delivery for the purpose of the official record.

## **Side events**

The list of side events can be found on the [MOP4 webpage](#).

## Working schedule

### Monday, 24 November 2025

10:00–13:00	Opening of the session and first plenary meeting
15:00–18:00	High-level segment <sup>1</sup> hosted by the Secretariat of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) “Justice and Prosecution: Strengthening Legal Action to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products” (more information <a href="#">here</a> ), directly followed by the second plenary meeting

### Tuesday, 25 November 2025

10:00–13:00	Plenary or committee meetings
15:00–18:00	Plenary or committee meetings

### Wednesday, 26 November 2025

10:00–13:00	Plenary or committee meetings
15:00–18:00	Plenary or committee meetings

## Programme of work

The provisional agenda and the proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents [FCTC/MOP/4/1](#) and [FCTC/MOP/4/1 \(annotated\)](#). The programme and timetable of meetings will appear in the Journal of the Meeting of the Parties, which will be issued on a daily basis.

Subject to the decision of the Meeting of the Parties, the following working schedule is tentatively envisaged on the first day of the session.

### First plenary meeting 10:00

<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Opening of the session</b>
Item 1.1	Adoption of the agenda and organizational work <i>Documents FCTC/MOP/4/1 and FCTC/MOP/4/1 (annotated)</i>
Item 1.2	Credentials of participants <i>Document FCTC/MOP/4/2</i>
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Applications for the status of observer to the Meeting of the Parties</b> <i>Document FCTC/MOP/4/3</i>

### Second plenary meeting 16:30

<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Global progress in implementation of the Protocol, followed by a general debate</b> <i>Document FCTC/MOP/4/4</i>
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<sup>1</sup> The High-level Segment will be webcast. This segment is not included in the official proceedings of MOP4.

## Meetings of the Bureau

The Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties will meet on Sunday, 23 November 14:00–16:00, and thereafter daily from Monday, 24 November to Wednesday, 26 November 18:15–18:45.

## Informal regional meetings and EU coordination meetings

The regional groups for the African Region, the Region of the Americas, the Eastern Mediterranean Region, the South-East Asia Region and the Western Pacific Region will hold informal meetings:

- from Monday, 24 November until Wednesday, 26 November 08:30–09:30.

The European Region informal meetings will be held at the following times:

- from Monday, 24 November until Wednesday, 26 November 09:00–09:45.

The European Union coordination meetings will be held at the following times:

- on Sunday, 23 November 16:00–17:00
- from Monday, 24 November until Wednesday, 26 November 08:00–09:00, 13:00–14:00 and 18:00–19:00

## WHO FCTC MOP4 App

[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 [ftcappsupport@who.int](mailto:ftcappsupport@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](mailto:mediafctc@who.int).

## Contact information

**Plenary:** [fctcgovernance@who.int](mailto:fctcgovernance@who.int)  
**Committee A:** [fctcComA@who.int](mailto:fctcComA@who.int)  
**Committee B:** [fctcComB@who.int](mailto:fctcComB@who.int)

## Announcements

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

Delegations wishing to speak in the general debate (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](mailto: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.

### 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 MOP4 webpage on WHO FCTC 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](mailto: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 MOP4 webpage on WHO FCTC 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.

## **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.

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