



Provisional agenda annotated¹

1. Opening of the session*²

1.1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Documents FCTC/MOP/4/1 and FCTC/MOP/4/1 (annotated)

The provisional agenda was prepared by the Convention Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, in accordance with Rules 6 and 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP.

In considering the method and organization of its work, the MOP may wish to keep the existing approach by establishing two committees, A and B, working in parallel. Committee A could be entrusted with work on Protocol instruments and technical matters under provisional agenda item 4. Committee B could work on reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation under provisional agenda item 5, and on budgetary and institutional matters under provisional agenda item 6. Provisional agenda items 1–3 and 7–9 would be considered in the plenary session.

The MOP is invited to review and consider adopting the provisional agenda and to decide on the organization of work of the session.

1.2. Credentials of participants

Document FCTC/MOP/4/2

In accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP, credentials shall be submitted to the Convention Secretariat, if possible, no later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. In accordance with Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP, the Bureau of the MOP, with the assistance of the Convention Secretariat, shall examine the credentials and report thereon to the MOP in document FCTC/MOP/4/2, which will be prepared during the session. Pursuant to Rule 20

¹ At the recommendation of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties, it is proposed that the agenda items marked with an asterisk be webcast.

² Under agenda item 1, the opening would be webcast, whereas the deliberations on agenda items 1.1 and 1.2 would not.

of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP, representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the session, pending a decision by the MOP to accept their credentials.

2. Applications for the status of observer to the Meeting of the Parties

Document FCTC/MOP/4/3

The MOP is invited to review the applications for the status of observer, in accordance with Rules 30 and 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP. Document FCTC/MOP/4/3 contains, in its annex, a draft decision for consideration by the MOP.

3. Global progress in implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, followed by a general debate*

Document FCTC/MOP/4/4

The Head of the Convention Secretariat will provide an overview of global progress in implementation of the Protocol. The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/4/4. A general debate on the theme “Justice and prosecution: strengthening action to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products”, as decided by the Bureau, will follow the introduction of this agenda item.

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

4. Protocol instruments and technical matters

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

Document FCTC/MOP/4/5

Document FCTC/MOP/4/5 describes the activities undertaken by the Convention Secretariat to implement the road map to conduct evidence-based research in accordance with Articles 6.5 and 13.2 of the Protocol, the related outcomes and recommendations, pursuant to decision FCTC/MOP3(16).

The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/4/5 and provide further guidance.

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

Document FCTC/MOP/4/6

Document FCTC/MOP/4/6 outlines the activities carried out by the Convention Secretariat concerning the global information-sharing focal point, in accordance with decisions FCTC/MOP2(6) and FCTC/MOP3(15).

The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/4/6.

4.3 Licensing (Article 6 of the Protocol) – proposed by Parties

Document FCTC/MOP/4/7

Document FCTC/MOP/4/7 provides context for work that could be undertaken to strengthen the implementation of Article 6 of the Protocol, in relation to licensing. The report is intended to facilitate the deliberations of Parties under the item “Licensing (Article 6 of the Protocol)”, proposed by Parties.

The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/4/7 and provide further guidance.

4.4 Combating illicit trade of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) – proposed by Parties

Document FCTC/MOP/4/8

Document FCTC/MOP/4/8 provides context for work that could be undertaken to support Parties in their efforts to address the issue of illicit trade of electronic nicotine delivery systems. It is intended to facilitate the deliberations of Parties under the item “Combating illicit trade of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS)”, proposed by the Parties.

The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/4/8 and provide further guidance.

4.5 International cooperation under the Protocol – proposed by Parties

Document FCTC/MOP/4/9

Document FCTC/MOP/4/9 provides context for work that could be undertaken to strengthen the implementation of Part V (International Cooperation) of the Protocol. The report is intended to facilitate the deliberations of Parties under the item “International cooperation under the Protocol”, proposed by Parties.

The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/4/9 and provide further guidance.

5. Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation

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

Document FCTC/MOP/4/10

Document FCTC/MOP/4/10 describes the activities undertaken by the Convention Secretariat to support the review of the Strategy for mechanisms of assistance and mobilization of financial resources to support the implementation of the Protocol, the related findings and recommendations, pursuant to decision FCTC/MOP2(11).

The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/4/10 and provide further guidance.

6. Budgetary and institutional matters

6.1 Performance and progress reports

Document FCTC/MOP/4/11

- (a) Performance report for the 2022–2023 Workplan and Budget
- (b) Interim performance report for the 2024–2025 Workplan and Budget

The MOP is invited to note the performance and progress reports for the reported periods contained in document FCTC/MOP/4/11.

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

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

The MOP is invited to consider the report and adopt the proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2026–2027, as presented in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 of document FCTC/MOP/4/12, and to note the additional information contained in the explanatory note FCTC/MOP/4/INF.DOC./1.

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

Document FCTC/MOP/4/13

The MOP is invited to note the report providing information on the progress made on the payment of Assessed Contributions and the current status of Parties in arrears, contained in document FCTC/MOP/4/13, and consider adopting the draft decision annexed to it, as recommended by the Bureau.

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

Document FCTC/MOP/4/14

Document FCTC/MOP/4/14 provides a summary of the work reported by the nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that are accredited as observers to the MOP as part of the review of their accreditation by the MOP.

The MOP is invited to note the report contained in document FCTC/MOP/4/14, and, following the recommendation of the Bureau, to maintain observer status of the 11 NGOs accredited as observers to the MOP, as well as the proposal for a process and standard reporting questionnaire in relation to the review of accreditations of NGO observers to the MOP, to consider adopting the draft decision contained in Annex 2 of the report.

7. Date and place of the Fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties*

Document FCTC/MOP/4/15

In accordance with Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP, the MOP shall decide on the date and duration of its next regular session. The report contained in document FCTC/MOP/4/15 proposes a date and place for the Fifth session of the MOP (MOP5). It also makes reference to the basic requirements for Parties to host future sessions of the MOP. The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/4/15 and consider adopting the draft decision annexed to it to decide the date and place of MOP5.

8. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Meeting of the Parties**Document FCTC/MOP/4/16*

The election of officers of the MOP is governed by Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP. Each regional group of Parties is invited to put forward a candidate for membership of the Bureau and to inform its respective current Bureau Member and the Convention Secretariat of its nomination, if possible before the opening of the session. The procedure is described in document FCTC/MOP/4/16. The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/4/16 and elect the officers that constitute the Bureau of the MOP.

9. Closure of the session*
