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Time	Event	Room
10:00–13:00	Third plenary meeting	America Hall 1/2, first floor
Immediately after conclusion of item 5 in Plenary	Committee A – First and second meetings	America Hall 1/2, first floor
Immediately after conclusion of item 1.1 in Plenary and 15:00	Committee B – First and second meetings	Canal Hall 1, ground floor

Informal regional meetings and the EU coordination meetings

08:00–09:00	European Union coordination meeting (<i>closed</i>)	Canal Hall 1, ground floor
08:30–09:30	Regional group for Africa	Caribe 6, ground floor
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Americas	Caribe 5, ground floor
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Eastern Mediterranean	Pacifico 3, ground floor
08:30–09:30	Regional group for South-East Asia	Caribe 2, ground floor
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Western Pacific	Caribe 3, ground floor
09:00–09:45	Regional group for Europe	ISTMO 1, first floor
13:00–14:00	European Union coordination meeting (<i>closed</i>)	ISTMO 4, first floor
18:00–19:00	European Union coordination meeting (<i>closed</i>)	Canal Hall 1, ground floor

Other meetings

08:30–08:50 and 18:00–18:20	Daily press briefings	Pacifico 5, ground floor
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	Side events:	
08:30–08:50 and 18:00–18:20	Daily press briefings	Pacifico 5, ground floor
13:30–14:45	Cross-border TAPS (Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship)	Caribe 6, ground floor
13:30–14:45	Global funding gap and investment case for the implementation of the WHO FCTC	Caribe 3, ground floor
13:30–14:45	Making Tobacco Industry Pay (Tobacco Industry Liability): Empowering Parties to Implement Article 19 of the WHO FCTC	Caribe 5, ground floor
18:30–19:45	The FCTC a tool to advance human rights Organizers: Action on Smoking and Health (ASH)	Caribe 3, ground floor
18:30–19:45	Social Secrets: Countering Big Tobacco's Marketing in a Digital Age	Caribe 5, ground floor
18:30–19:45	State of Tobacco Taxation: Latest Global Developments and Outlook	Caribe 6, ground floor

Meeting of the Bureau

18:15–18:45	Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (<i>closed</i>)	ISTMO 4, first floor
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Programme of work

Third plenary meeting 10:00 – Plenary Hall, America Hall 1/2, first floor

Item 1 (cont) **Opening of the session**

Item 1.1 (cont) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
Election of the officers of Committee A and Committee B

Item 5 (cont) **Global progress in implementation of the WHO FCTC, followed by a general debate**
Document FCTC/COP/10/4

First and second meetings of Committee B Immediately after conclusion of item 1.1 in Plenary and 15:00 – Canal Hall 1, ground floor

Item 8 **Budgetary and institutional matters**

Item 8.1 Performance and progress reports
Document FCTC/COP/10/16

(a) Performance report for the 2020–2021 Workplan and Budget
(b) Interim performance report for the 2022–2023 Workplan and Budget
(c) Global Strategy to Accelerate Tobacco Control: Advancing sustainable development through the implementation of the WHO FCTC 2019–2025

Item 8.2 Proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2024–2025
Documents FCTC/COP/10/17 and FCTC/COP/10/INF.DOC./1

Item 8.3 WHO FCTC Investment Fund
Document FCTC/COP/10/18

First and second meetings of Committee A Immediately after conclusion of item 5 in Plenary – Plenary Hall, America Hall 1/2, first floor

Item 6 **Treaty and technical matters**

Item 6.1 Implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC (Regulation of contents and disclosure of tobacco products): reports by the Bureau, by the Expert Group and by WHO
Documents FCTC/COP/10/6, FCTC/COP/10/5 and FCTC/COP/10/7

Item 6.3 Novel and emerging tobacco products: reports by the Convention Secretariat and by WHO
Documents FCTC/COP/10/9 and FCTC/COP/10/10

Item 6.2 Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship: depiction of tobacco in entertainment media: report by the Working Group
Document FCTC/COP/10/8

Report of meetings on Monday 5 February 2024

First plenary meeting

In the chair: Ms Zandile Dhlamini (Eswatini)
President of the Conference of the Parties

Item 1 Opening of the session

The President opened the Conference and invited Dr Adriana Blanco Marquizo, the Head of the Convention Secretariat, to welcome delegations to the resumed Tenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 1.1 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The President opened the agenda item and informed the Conference that the provisional agenda as contained in documents FCTC/COP/10/1 and FCTC/COP/10/1(annotated) and the supplementary agenda item as contained in document FCTC/COP/10/1 Add.1, would be considered together. Comments were invited from the floor.

In response to a point of order, the Convention Secretariat clarified issues raised concerning the inclusion of a supplementary agenda item. In accordance with Rules 9 and 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties, the proposed agenda item met the criteria for inclusion. The Convention Secretariat gave the floor to the Legal Counsel to explain a procedural issue. In the absence of an objection to the proposal, a consensus was achieved.

In the absence of an objection, it was decided that agenda items 6.1 and 6.3 would be discussed consecutively in the agenda and that the proposed supplementary agenda item “the environmental concerns associated with tobacco, in line with Article 18 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control” be included. The draft decision was therefore adopted.

It was agreed that, following previous practice, Committee A would be entrusted with work under agenda items 6 and 7, and Committee B would focus on matters under provisional agenda item 8. The remaining agenda items would be taken up in Plenary as follows:

Item 1.2 *Credentials of participants*

Item 2 *Applications for the status of observer to the COP*

Item 3 *High-level segment*

Item 4 *Invited speakers, if any*

Item 5 *Global progress report in implementation of the WHO FCTC, followed by a general debate*

Item 9 *Date and place of the Eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties*

Item 10 *Election of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Conference of the Parties*

Item 11 *Adoption of the provisional report of the Tenth session of the Conference of the Parties*

Item 12 *Closure of the session*

The President proposed that agenda items 3 and 4 be considered together. The Conference accepted this proposal.

It was announced that the Conference of the Parties agreed to webcast selected public segments of the session, including the opening and closing ceremonies of COP10, as marked with an asterisk in documents FCTC/COP/10/1 and FCTC/COP/10/1(annotated).

In accordance with decision FCTC/COP8(12), accredited media would be permitted to attend the open sessions of COP10.

In the absence of candidates from each of the WHO regions, it was announced that consideration of the Election of the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairperson of Committees A and B would be postponed pending feedback from the regional groups.

Item 1.2 **Credentials of participants**

In accordance with Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure, the Bureau would examine the credentials of the Parties participating in this session. As indicated in decision FCTC/COP10(1), the credentials accepted by the COP for the *de minimis* session remain valid for the resumed session of COP10. Parties not listed in decision FCTC/COP10(2) were requested to submit credentials in accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure. It was decided that the Convention Secretariat report to a subsequent Plenary meeting, tentatively on Wednesday morning.

Item 2 **Applications for the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties**

The President informed the Conference of the applications for observer status that had been submitted to the Secretariat, as noted in document FCTC/COP/10/3. It was decided:

- to grant observer status to Coalición América Saludable (CLAS), International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) and NCD Alliance (NCDA).
- to reject the applications for observer status from A Non Smoking Generation, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Elizka Relief Foundation, Energy Action Partners, International the Network of Nicotine Consumers Organisations (INNCO), International Tobacco Growers' Association (ITGA), Joint Action on Tobacco Control 2 (JATC2), No More Butts, Somali Youth Development Foundation (SYDF), The Volunteer Team Foundation for Humanitarian Action, Turkish Green Crescent Society, Work for a Better Bangladesh (WBB) Trust and Youth Foundation of Bangladesh (YFB).

The agenda item was closed and the meeting adjourned.

Second plenary meeting

In the chair: Ms Zandile Dhlamini, (Eswatini)
President of the Conference of the Parties

Items 1 (cont), 3 and 4 **Opening ceremony, High-level segment and Invited speakers**

The President opened the meeting and addressed the Conference. At the invitation of the Master of Ceremonies, Dr Ruediger Krech, Director of Health Promotion, introduced WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who addressed the Conference.

The Master of Ceremonies introduced the videos messages by Dr Jarbas Barbosa, WHO Regional Director for the Americas and Ms Inger Andersen, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme, and invited Ms Marjolijn Sonnema, Vice Minister for Health, Welfare and Sport of the Netherlands, to deliver her keynote speech.

Dr Adriana Blanco Marquizo, the Head of the Convention Secretariat, also addressed the Conference. Mr Luis Francisco Sucre, Minister of Health, Panama, delivered the Inaugural speech on behalf of H.E. Laurentino Cortizo, President of Panama.

Item 5 (cont) **Global progress in implementation of the WHO FCTC, followed by a general debate**

The President opened agenda item and invited Dr Adriana Blanco Marquizo, the Head of the Convention Secretariat, to introduce the Global progress in implementation of the WHO FCTC. The President opened the general debate. Two delegations exercised the right of reply under Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure. Given the number of delegations remaining to speak on this item, it was decided to suspend discussion until the next meeting of the Plenary.

The meeting was adjourned.

COP10 WHO FCTC App

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Social Media Accounts

Delegates are encouraged to raise awareness about COP10 as well as the WHO FCTC including the importance of its implementation through social media. Official hashtags: #COP10FCTC is recommended to be used on X, Facebook 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 Conference of the Parties, a delegation member should send a message to +41 79 595 9743 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 promptly relayed to the presiding officer.

Contact information

Plenary: cop10-mop3@who.int
Committee A: fctcComA@who.int
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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 Panama Convention Center. The Registration Desk will be open as follows:

- Monday, 5 February to Friday, 9 February from 08:00 to 18:00.
- Saturday, 10 February from 08:00 until the closure of the session.

A complimentary shuttle service will be available between the official hotels and the Panama Convention Center.

Announcements

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

For the conduct of plenary meetings, interventions by delegates will be monitored by a “traffic light”. Individual statements are limited to three minutes (330 words) and statements on behalf of a WHO region to four minutes (440 words).

Interventions

Please provide the text of any interventions to the messengers who will come to your seat once you have spoken, or e-mail the text of your intervention, where appropriate, to fctcrecords@who.int.

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 at least 30 minutes in advance. 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.

Distribution of documents

The documents for the session can be downloaded [here](#). Delegates should make their own arrangement to print their documents if needed.

A secure and restricted online documentation portal may be found on the COP10 webpage for delegates to access in-session documentation with a username and password communicated to 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 is available on the WHO FCTC website at the opening of the session. That list was issued on the basis of valid credentials received by the Convention Secretariat up to 12:00 (noon) on Sunday, 4 February. In the event of any official change in the details and composition of a delegation, the Convention Secretariat requests that it be amended directly in the registration system.

On-site facilities

Information desk: It will be located on the ground floor of the Panama Convention Center and will provide information on a range of topics to participants. The Information Desk can also refer participants to other services, including travel, postal services, medical care and communications. Lost property can be turned in or reclaimed at the Information Desk.

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Tranquillity Room: A Tranquillity Room for meditation/prayer is available at the Panama Convention Center for participants who wish to pray, meditate or find a quiet space to relax.

Catering facilities: Lunch will be provided by the host country from Monday, 5 February to Saturday, 10 February. A coffee shop will be available at the Panama Convention Center.

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- Panama Convention Center: Tel + 507 308 8888
- Police: 104
- Ambulance service: 103
- Fire: 103
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