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Time	Event	Room
10:00–13:00	Committee A – Fifth meeting	America Hall 1/2, first floor
10:00–13:00	Committee B – Fourth meeting	Canal Hall 1, ground floor
15:00–18:00	Committee A – Sixth meeting	America Hall 1/2, first floor
15:00–18:00	Committee B – Fifth meeting	Canal Hall 1, ground floor

Informal regional meetings and the EU coordination meetings

08:00–09:00	European Union coordination meeting (<i>closed</i>)	ISTMO 1, first 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
09:00–10:00	Regional group for the Western Pacific	Caribe 3, ground floor
14:00–15:00	European Union coordination meeting (<i>closed</i>)	ISTMO 4, first floor
18:00–19:00	European Union coordination meeting (<i>closed</i>)	Caribe 5, ground floor

Other meetings

08:30–08:50 and 18:00–18:20	Daily press briefings	Pacífico 5, ground floor
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	Side events:	
13:30–14:45	Guardians of Tomorrow: Rise Against Tobacco for a Healthier Future	Caribe 3, ground floor
13:30–14:45	Impact of cigarette ventilation on cigarette use	Caribe 5, ground floor
13:30–14:45	WHO FCTC Knowledge Hubs: how they can support parties to implement the Convention	Caribe 6, ground floor

Meeting of the Bureau

18:15–19:00	Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (<i>closed</i>)	ISTMO 4, first floor
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Programme of work

Fifth and sixth meetings of Committee A **10:00 and 15:00 – Plenary Hall, America Hall 1/2, first floor**

Supplementary item The environmental concerns associated with tobacco, in line with Article 18 of the WHO FCTC (item proposed by a Party)
Document FCTC/COP10/P/CONF./5 Rev.1 (restricted)

Item 6 (cont) Treaty and technical matters

Item 6.1 (cont) Implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC (Regulation of contents and disclosure of tobacco products): reports by the Bureau and by WHO
Documents 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

Fourth and fifth meetings of Committee B **10:00 and 15:00 – Canal Hall 1, ground floor**

Item 7 (cont) Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation
[Item transferred from Committee A]

Item 7.2 (cont) Implementation Review Mechanism
Document FCTC/COP/10/14

Item 7.3 Contribution of the WHO FCTC to the promotion and fulfilment of human rights (item proposed by a Party)
Document FCTC/COP/10/15

Item 8 (cont) Budgetary and institutional matters

Item 8.8 Appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat: report by the Bureau
Document FCTC/COP/10/23

Item 8.6 Possible amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties
Documents FCTC/COP/10/21

Report of meetings on Wednesday 7 February 2024

Fifth plenary meeting

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

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

Item 1.2 (cont) Credentials of participants

The President reopened the agenda item and reminded Parties that the credentials accepted by the Conference of the Parties for the *de minimis* session remain valid for the resumed session of COP10, as indicated in decision FCTC/COP10(1). Those Parties not listed in decision FCTC/COP10(2) were requested to submit credentials in accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure for the resumed in-person session of COP10. The Bureau examined the credentials received from the following Parties: Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Djibouti, Latvia, Libya, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, United Arab Emirates and found them to be in conformity with the Rules of Procedure. The President invited comments from the floor.

The draft decision on credentials was adopted as proposed.

– Panama Declaration

The President invited the delegation of Panama to introduce the draft declaration contained in document FCTC/COP10/P/CONF./4 Rev.1. The Conference was informed that the document would be considered at the Plenary meeting scheduled for Saturday, 10 February.

The meeting was adjourned.

Second meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Nuntavarn Vichit-Vadakan (Thailand)

The Chair called the meeting to order and informed the Committee that, as decided by the Bureau, the following agenda items will be transferred to Committee B:

- 7.1: Improving the reporting system of the WHO FCTC
- 7.2: Implementation Review Mechanism

Item 6 (cont) **Treaty instruments and technical matters**

Item 6.1 (cont) 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

The Chair reopened the agenda item and invited those Parties who had requested to speak during the previous meeting of the Committee, to take the floor. The Chair of the meeting of experts on Articles 9 and 10 (Canada) was invited to provide information and guidance on Articles 9 and 10. Further comments were invited from the floor.

Taking into account the divergent views on the subject, the Chair proposed that a small group of interested Parties convene to discuss a third working option, which would allow the Committee to carry out the remaining work on the partial guidelines. This proposal was accepted by the Committee and the meeting was adjourned.

Second meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Dr Alqahtani Zafar Mansour (Saudi Arabia)

Item 8 (cont) **Budgetary and institutional matters**

The Chair opened the session and informed the Committee that two agenda items have been transferred from Committee A to Committee B. The Chair opened the floor seeking approval regarding the order of the agenda items. The Chair invited the Secretariat to respond to issue raised.

Item 8.4 Payment of Assessed Contributions and measures to reduce Parties in arrears

The agenda item was opened and the Chair invited the Committee to note the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/19/Rev.1 and to consider the draft decision in the annex to this paper. The Chair invited the Secretariat to make some explanatory remarks. The Chair invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to the issues raised. The report was noted, the decision approved and the agenda item was closed.

Item 8.5 Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties

The Chair opened the agenda item. The Committee was invited to note the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/20 and to consider the draft decision in the annex of the report. The Chair invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to the issues raised. The report was noted and the decision approved and the agenda item was closed.

Item 8.7 Strengthening synergies between the Conference of the Parties and the World Health Assembly: report by the WHO Director-General on resolutions and decisions of the World Health Assembly

The agenda item was opened and the Chair invited the Committee to note the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/22. The Chair invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to the issues raised. The report was noted, the agenda item was closed and the session adjourned.

Third meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Nuntavarn Vichit-Vadakan (Thailand)

Item 6 (cont) **Treaty and technical matters**

Item 6.4 Forward-looking tobacco control measures (in relation to Article 2.1 of the WHO FCTC) (item proposed by a Party)

The Chair opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/11 and the draft decision contained in document FCTC/COP10/P/CONF./1 Rev.1. Comments were invited from the floor and the Chair provided clarification concerning procedural issues. The report was noted and the draft decision approved by consensus.

Item 6.5 Implementation of Article 19 of the WHO FCTC: Liability (item proposed by Parties)

The agenda item was opened and the Chair drew the Committee's attention to the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/12 and the draft decision contained in document FCTC/COP10/P/CONF./2 Rev.1. At the invitation of the Chair, a proposing Party (Islamic Republic of Iran) provided some explanatory remarks on the draft decision. Comments were invited from the floor.

The Chair announced that, due to time constraints, Parties who had requested to speak would be given the floor at the beginning of the next session, when discussion of this item would continue. The meeting was adjourned.

Third meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Dr Alqahtani Zafar Mansour (Saudi Arabia)

Item 7 **Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation**
(item transferred from Committee A)

Item 7.1 Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation.

The Chair resumed the session and opened the agenda item. The Committee was invited to note the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/13 and consider the draft decision contained in Annex 3 of the report. The Chair invited the Secretariat to give introductory remarks. The Chair invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to the issues raised. The report was noted, the decision approved and the agenda item was closed.

Item 7.2 Implementation review mechanism

The Chair opened the agenda item. The Committee was invited to note the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/14 and consider the draft decision contained in Annex 3 of the report. The Chair invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, an Observer was invited to take the floor.

At the invitation of the Chair, the proposing Party (Canada) read out the proposed amendments to the decision. The Chair suspended the session to allow for consideration of the amendments.

The session resumed and the Chair invited the Secretariat to read out the proposed amendments and responded to issues raised. The agenda item was suspended will be considered at a subsequent meeting once a revised version of the decision, taking into account the proposed amendments, is available to Committee members.

The Chair announced that an item will be transferred to Committee B and the meeting was adjourned.

Fourth meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Nuntavarn Vichit-Vadakan (Thailand)

Item 6 (cont) **Treaty and technical matters**

Item 6.5 Implementation of Article 19 of the WHO FCTC: Liability (item proposed by Parties)

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda item and those Parties who had requested to speak at the previous meeting were invited to take the floor.

In response to a point of order, the Chair provided some explanatory remarks concerning the mandate of an expert group. The Chair read out the proposed amendments to the draft decision, which was approved as proposed and as amended.

The agenda item was closed and the meeting adjourned.

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The WHO Events App for the WHO FCTC COP10 for smart phones and computers 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 COP10. For more information, check the [App Quick Start Guide](#), contact ftcappsupport@who.int or go to the app booth onsite if you require any assistance regarding the app.

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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 by SMS text or by WhatsApp to +41 79 595 9743 for Plenary sessions, to +41 79 1503829 for Committee A meetings; and to +41792012132 for Committee B meetings. These numbers are 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

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- 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.

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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. Regrettably, 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: <https://storage.googleapis.com/who-fctc-cop10-source/Additional%20documents%20-%20Diverse/fctc-cop10-div-1-en.pdf>. The 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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- Ambulance service: 103
- Fire: 103
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