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Time	Event	Room
10:00	Fifth Plenary meeting	America Hall 1/2, first floor
Immediately following the closure of Plenary–13:00	Committee A – Second meeting	America Hall 1/2, first floor
10:00–13:00	Committee B – Second meeting	Canal Hall 1, ground floor
15:00–18:00	Committee A – Third meeting	America Hall 1/2, first floor
15:00–18:00	Committee B – Third meeting	Canal Hall 1, ground floor
19:00–22:00	Committee A – Fourth meeting	America Hall 1/2, first 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
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>)	Canal Hall 1, 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:	
08:30–08:50 and 18:00–18:20	Daily press briefings	Pacífico 5, ground floor
13:30–14:45	Dialogues to advance in the implementation of Articles 17 and 18 of the WHO FCTC	Caribe 3, ground floor
13:30–14:45	Measuring tobacco control sustainability across the years: Findings and implications from LMICs	Caribe 5, ground floor
13:30–14:45	Forward-looking tobacco control measures	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
19:00–20:00	Restricted joint meeting of the Bureaus elected by COP9 and MOP2 (<i>closed</i>)	ISTMO 4, first floor

Programme of work

Fifth plenary meeting		10:00 – Plenary Hall, America Hall 1/2, first floor
Item 1 (cont)	Opening of the session	
Item 1.2 (cont)	Credentials of participants <i>Document FCTC/COP/10/2</i>	
Second, third and fourth meetings of Committee A		Immediately after conclusion of item 1.2 in Plenary, 15:00 and 19:00 – Plenary Hall, America Hall 1/2, first floor
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 <i>Documents FCTC/COP/10/5 and FCTC/COP/10/7</i>	
Item 6.3	Novel and emerging tobacco products: reports by the Convention Secretariat and by WHO <i>Documents FCTC/COP/10/9 and FCTC/COP/10/10</i>	
Item 6.2	Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship: depiction of tobacco in entertainment media: report by the Working Group <i>Document FCTC/COP/10/8</i>	
Item 6.4	Forward-looking tobacco control measures (in relation to Article 2.1 of the WHO FCTC) (item proposed by a Party) <i>Documents FCTC/COP/10/11 and FCTC/COP10/P/CONF./1 Rev.1 (restricted)</i>	
Item 6.5	Implementation of Article 19 of the WHO FCTC: Liability (item proposed by Parties) <i>Documents FCTC/COP/10/12 and FCTC/COP10/P/CONF./2 Rev.1 (restricted)</i>	
Supplementary agenda item	The environmental concerns associated with tobacco, in line with Article 18 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (item proposed by a Party) <i>Document FCTC/COP10/P/CONF./5 Rev.1 (restricted)</i>	
Second and third meetings of Committee B		Immediately after conclusion of item 1.2 in Plenary and 15:00 – Canal Hall 1, ground floor
Item 8 (cont)	Budgetary and institutional matters	
Item 8.4	Payment of Assessed Contributions and measures to reduce Parties in arrears <i>Document FCTC/COP/10/19</i>	
Item 8.5	Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties <i>Documents FCTC/COP/10/20</i>	
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 <i>Document FCTC/COP/10/22</i>	
Item 7	Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation <i>[Item transferred from Committee A]</i>	
Item 7.1	Improving the reporting system of the WHO FCTC <i>Document FCTC/COP/10/13</i>	
Item 7.2	Implementation Review Mechanism <i>Document FCTC/COP/10/14</i>	

Report of meetings on Tuesday 6 February 2024

Third plenary meeting

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

Item 1 (cont) Opening of the session

The President called the meeting to order and informed the Conference that consideration of the Election of the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairperson of Committees A and B under agenda item 1.1 would be taken up later in the meeting.

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

The President reopened the general debate and invited comments from the floor. One representative exercised the right of reply. The President announced that due to time constraints, consideration of this item will resume at the next Plenary meeting.

Item 1.1 (cont) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Following consultations within the regions, the Convention was invited to consider the following proposals for the offices of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons to the Committees:
Committee A: Thailand (Chairperson), Hungary and Ecuador (Vice-Chairpersons);
Committee B: Saudi Arabia (Chairperson), Samoa and Cote D'Ivoire (Vice-Chairpersons).

The officers of the Committees were elected and the agenda item was closed.

It was announced that Parties who had requested to speak under agenda item 5 would be given the floor during the next session, when discussion of the item would continue.

The meeting was adjourned

Fourth plenary meeting

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

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

The President reopened the general debate and invited comments from the floor. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, State non- Parties and Observers were invited to take the floor.

The item was closed and the meeting adjourned.

First meeting of Committee A

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

The Chair opened the meeting and introduced the Vice-Chairs, Dr Csaba Kontor (Hungary) and Dr Gabriel Alexander Ordoñez (Ecuador) to the Committee.

The Chair notified Parties of the order of the programme of work of Committee A, as decided in the second Plenary meeting.

Item 6 Treaty instruments 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
- The Committee was invited to consider the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/6. At the invitation of the Chair, a member of the Expert Group (Maldives), provided comments in relation to the operation of the Expert Group. Comments were invited from the floor.
- The Head of the Convention Secretariat provided some clarification on the document under consideration and confirmed that the Parties were being asked to note the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/6.
- The Committee was invited to note the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/5 and consider approving the annexed draft decision. The Chair invited a Bureau Member (Netherlands) to introduce the report and the floor was opened for discussion.
- It was 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.

First meeting of Committee B

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

The Chair opened the meeting and introduced the Vice-Chairs, Aiono Dr Alec Ekeroma (Samoa) and Dr Ernest Zotoua (Côte d'Ivoire) to the Committee.

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

Item 8 Budgetary and institutional matters

- Item 8.1** Performance and progress reports
- The agenda item was opened and the Chair invited the Committee to note the performance report describing the implementation of the 2020-2022 Workplan and, the interim performance report for the 2022-2023 Workplan and Budget, and consider the draft decision to extend the *Global Strategy to Accelerate Tobacco Control: Advancing Sustainable Development through Implementation of the WHO FCTC 2019–2025* contained in Annex 5 of document FCTC/COP/10/16. The Chair invited comments from the floor.
- The two reports were noted and the draft decision approved, and the agenda item was closed.
- Item 8.2** Proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2024–2025
- The Chair opened the agenda item. The Committee was invited to consider the reports contained in documents FCTC/COP10/17 and FCTC/COP/10/INF.DOC/1. The Chair invited the Convention Secretariat to provide a brief introduction of the draft decision in respect of documents FCTC/COP/10/17 and FCTC/COP10/INF.DOC/1. The Chair invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to the issues raised. Discussion of the agenda item was suspended.
- Item 8.3** WHO FCTC Investment Fund
- The Chair opened the agenda item. The Committee was invited to note the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/18 and consider approving the draft decision contained in Annex 2. The Chair invited the Convention Secretariat to provide introductory remarks and update the Committee on the latest status of the investment fund. Comments were invited from the floor and the Convention Secretariat responded to issues raised. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, Observers were invited to take the floor.
- The report was noted and the decision approved, and the agenda item was closed. The meeting was adjourned.

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- Saturday, 10 February from 08:00 until the closure of the session.

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Announcements

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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.

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