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Time	Event	Room
10:00	Plenary – Fourth meeting	Plenary D
Immediately following the closure of Plenary and at 15:00	Committee A – Second meeting	Plenary D
Immediately following the closure of Plenary and at 15:00	Committee B – Second meeting	Plenary A
15:00–18:00	Committee A – Third meeting	Plenary D
15:00–18:00	Committee B – Third meeting	Plenary A

Informal regional meetings and the EU coordination meetings

08:45–09:45	European Union coordination meeting (<i>closed</i>)	Plenary A
08:30–09:30	Regional group for Africa	Plenary C
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Americas	Plenary B

08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Eastern Mediterranean	Plenary E–F
08:30–09:30	Regional group for South-East Asia	Room 3
09:00–09:30	Regional group for the Western Pacific	Room Genève (CCV Building, opposite CIGG)
13:00–14:00	European Union coordination meeting (<i>closed</i>)	Plenary A
18:00–19:00	European Union coordination meeting (<i>closed</i>)	Plenary A

Other meetings and side events^{1,2}

13:30–14:45	Side event: Ensuring Integrity: Countering Industry Narratives on Harm Reduction	Plenary B
13:30–14:45	Side event: WHO FCTC Knowledge Hubs supporting the global fight against tobacco	Plenary C
13:30–14:45	Side event: Preventing uptake of e-cigarettes	Plenary D
13:30–14:45	Side event: Empowering Youth Voices in Tobacco Control	Plenary E–F
13:30–14:45	Side event: Tobacco Taxation, Driving Progress Through Collaborative Partnership	Room 14
18:15–19:15	Global Alliance for Tobacco Control Daily Briefing	Plenary F

Meeting of the Bureau

18:15–19:30	Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (<i>closed</i>)	Room Genève (CCV Building, opposite CIGG)
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¹ More information about side events can be found [here](#).

² These meetings are not included in the official proceedings of COP11.

Programme of work

Fourth plenary meeting **10:00 – Plenary D, first floor**

Item 1 (contd) Opening of the session

Item 1.2 (contd) Credentials of Participants

Document FCTC/COP/11/2

Second and third meetings of Committee A **Immediately after conclusion of Plenary and at 15:00 – Plenary D, first floor**

Item 4 (contd) Treaty instruments and technical matters

Item 4.1 (contd) Forward-looking tobacco control measures (in relation to Article 2.1 of the WHO FCTC): report by the Expert Group

Documents FCTC/COP/11/5, FCTC/COP/11/INF.DOC./1 and FCTC/COP11/P/CONF./6

Item 4.2 Liability (Article 19 of the WHO FCTC): report by the Expert Group

Documents FCTC/COP/11/6 and FCTC/COP11/P/CONF./1

Second and third meetings of Committee B **Immediately after conclusion of Plenary and at 15:00 – Plenary A**

Item 5 (contd) Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation

Item 5.1 (contd) Voluntary Implementation Peer Review and Support Mechanism

Documents FCTC/COP/11/11 and FCTC/COP11/P/CONF./2 (restricted)

Item 6 (contd) Budgetary and institutional matters

Item 6.1 (contd) Performance and progress reports

Documents FCTC/COP/11/12 and FCTC/COP/11/P/CONF./3 (restricted)

Item 4 Treaty instruments and technical matters

Item 4.3 Protection of the environment and the health of persons (Article 18 of the WHO FCTC)

Document FCTC/COP/11/7

Report of meetings on Tuesday 18 November 2025

Third plenary meeting

In the chair: Dr Reina Roa (Panama)
President of the Conference of the Parties

Item 3 (contd) 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 of the COP, States non-Parties and intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations that have observer status were invited to take the floor.

The President drew the attention of the COP to the fact that a Party had proposed a draft decision under this agenda item, titled “Mobilization by Parties of sustainable resources for tobacco control” (document FCTC/COP11/P/CONF./7). The draft decision would be considered for adoption in Plenary before the closure of the session, but to give Parties the opportunity to reflect on this document, the President proposed that the matter be taken up by Committee B, which is generally entrusted with financial matters.

The COP agreed to the President’s proposal, the item was suspended and the meeting was adjourned.

Item 1 (contd) Opening of the session

Item 1.1 (contd) Election of the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons for Committee A and B.

Following consultations within the regions, the Conference was invited to consider the following proposals for the offices of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons to the Committees: Committee A: Mauritius (Chairperson), Thailand and Lebanon (Vice-Chairpersons); Committee B: Uruguay (Chairperson), European Union and the Philippines (Vice-Chairpersons). The officers of the Committees were elected, and the agenda item was closed.

First meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Damini Mohur (Mauritius)

The Chairperson opened the meeting and introduced the Vice-Chairpersons, Nuntavarn Vichit-Vadakan (Thailand) and Maya Romani (Lebanon) to the Committee.

The Parties agreed with the Chairperson’s proposal concerning the programme of work of Committee A.

Item 4 Treaty instruments and technical matters

Item 4.1 Forward-looking tobacco control measures (in relation to Article 2.1 of the WHO FCTC): report by the Expert Group

The Chairperson opened the agenda item and informed the Committee that the report of the Expert Group, as contained in document FCTC/COP/11/5, would be considered. She also drew attention to document FCTC/COP/11/INF.DOC./1, which references the sources used by the Expert Group to support the report.

She further noted that a package of supplementary documents has been published online to inform the deliberations under this agenda item. These include the reports of the Expert Group’s three meetings, a report by the WHO FCTC Knowledge Hub on Legal Challenges, and a compilation of information briefs on forward-looking tobacco control measures.

The Chairperson highlighted the draft decision proposed by the Expert Group in Annex 3 of document FCTC/COP/11/5. She also informed the Committee that some Parties have submitted amendments to this draft decision, published as document FCTC/COP11/P/CONF./6. Comments were invited from the floor. Given the number of speakers, discussion would resume in the second meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

First meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Marcos Dotta (Uruguay)

The Chairperson opened the meeting and introduced the Vice-Chairpersons, David Yim (European Union) and Mary Ann Palermo-Maestral (Philippines) to the Committee.

The Parties agreed with the Chairperson’s proposal concerning the programme of work of Committee B.

Item 5 Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation

Item 5.1 Voluntary Implementation Peer Review and Support Mechanism

The Chairperson opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the Convention Secretariat report contained in document FCTC/COP/11/11. The Chairperson also informed the Committee about the decision proposed by a Party under this agenda item, titled “Implementation Review Mechanism”, circulated as document FCTC/COP/11/P/CONF./2.

The Chairperson invited comments from the floor on the report. The report was noted.

The Chairperson invited the proposing Party to introduce the draft decision, and then invited comments from the floor on the same.

Consideration of this agenda item was suspended.

Item 6 Budgetary and institutional matters

Item 6.1 Performance and progress reports

The Chairperson opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the Convention Secretariat report contained in document FCTC/COP/11/12. The Chairperson invited comments from the floor.

The report was noted.

The Chairperson informed the Committee about the decision proposed by Parties under this agenda item, titled “Smoke- and aerosol-free United Nations”, circulated as document FCTC/COP11/P/CONF./3. The Chairperson invited one of the proposing Parties to introduce the draft decision, and then invited comments from the floor.

Discussion of the agenda item was suspended.

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

The Chairperson opened the agenda item. The Committee was invited to consider the Convention Secretariat reports contained in documents FCTC/COP/11/13 and FCTC/COP/11/INF.DOC./2. The Chairperson invited the Convention Secretariat to provide a brief introduction of the draft decision in respect of documents considered. The Chairperson invited comments from the floor. Discussion of the agenda item was suspended.

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

The Chairperson opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the Convention Secretariat report contained in document FCTC/COP/11/14 Rev.1 and to consider the draft decision in the annex of the report. The Chairperson invited the Secretariat to provide explanatory remarks. The Chairperson invited comments from the floor. The report was noted, the decision approved and the agenda item was closed.

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

The Chairperson opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the Convention Secretariat report contained in document FCTC/COP/11/15 and to consider the draft decision in the annex of the report. The Chairperson invited comments from the floor. The report was noted, the decision approved and the agenda item was closed.

Item 6.5 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 Chairperson opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the report by the WHO Director-General contained in document FCTC/COP/11/16. The Chairperson invited comments from the floor. The report was noted, and the agenda item was closed.

Item 3 (contd) Global progress in implementation of the WHO FCTC, followed a general debate

Discussion on a draft decision titled “Mobilization by Parties of sustainable resources for tobacco control” proposed by a Party

The Chairperson informed the Committee that, per agreement in Plenary, the Committee would discuss the draft decision titled “Mobilization by Parties of sustainable resources for tobacco control” proposed by a Party under agenda item 3. The Chairperson opened the floor for comments on the draft decision. Discussion of the draft decision was suspended, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Social media accounts

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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 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 COP11 press conference was held for the media on Thursday, 13 November 2025 at 15:00.

A closing press conference will be held for the media on Saturday, 22 November 2025 following the closing of COP11.

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.

Registered media are invited to use Room 4 in the CICG during COP11. Media requests for the Secretariat can be directed to mediafctc@who.int.

Contact information

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Announcements

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

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.

On-site facilities

Delegates are invited to consult the [Practical Guide for Participants](#) (FCTC/COP/11/DIV/2) for any other information related to the venue.

Seating during Plenary sessions

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

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 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 COP11 webpage for delegates to access in-session documentation with a username and password communicated to the Parties and observers to the Conference 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, 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 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, 16 November. A revised list will be posted on the 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.
