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Time	Event	Room
10:00-13:00	Committee A – Fifth meeting	Plenary D
10:00-13:00	Committee B – Fourth meeting	Plenary A
15:00–18:00	Committee A – Sixth meeting	Plenary D
15:00–18:00	Committee B – Fifth meeting	Plenary A

Informal regional meetings and the EU coordination meetings

08:30-09:30	European Union coordination meeting (closed)	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 CICG)
13:00–14:00	European Union coordination meeting (closed)	Plenary A
18:00–19:00	European Union coordination meeting (closed)	Plenary A

Other meetings and side events 1,2

13:30–14:45	Side event: Implementing the WHO FCTC: Indigenous Leadership, Equity and Community-Driven Solutions	Plenary B
13:30–14:45	Side event: Highlighting the Benefits of Joining the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products	Plenary C
13:30–14:45	Side event: Tobacco, Gender and NCDs: Accelerating Rights-Based Tobacco Control	Plenary D
13:30–14:45	Side event: The critical role of Institutional Capacity-Building in advancing Tobacco Control	Plenary E–F
13:30–14:45	Side event: Success Stories in Tobacco Control: Lessons Learned from FCTC Policy Implementation	Room 14
18:15–19:15	Global Alliance for Tobacco Control Daily Briefing	Plenary C

Meeting of the Bureau

18:15–19:30	Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the	Room Genève
	Parties (closed)	(CCV Building,
		opposite CICG)

¹ More information about side events can be found <u>here</u>.

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

Programme of work

Fifth and sixth meetings of Committee A

10:00 and 15:00 - Plenary D, first floor

Item 4 (contd) Treaty instruments and technical matters

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

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

Item 4.4 Regulation of contents and disclosure of tobacco products (Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC): reports by the Bureau and by WHO

Document FCTC/COP/11/8 and FCTC/COP/11/9

Fourth and fifth meetings of Committee B

10:00 and 15:00 - Plenary A

Item 4 (contd) Treaty instruments and technical matters
[Item transferred from Committee A]

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

Documents FCTC/COP/11/7 and FCTC/COP11/P/CONF./4

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

[Item transferred from Plenary]

Documents FCTC/COP/11/4 and FCTC/COP11/P/CONF./7

Report of meetings on Wednesday 19 November 2025

Fourth plenary meeting

In the chair: Dr Reina Roa (Panama)

President of the Conference of the Parties

Item 1 Opening of the session

Item 1.2 Credentials of participants

The President reopened the agenda item and invited comments from the floor. The draft decision on credentials was adopted as proposed. The agenda item was closed and the meeting adjourned.

Second, third and fourth meetings of Committee A

In the chair: Damini Mohur (Mauritius)

Before reopening agenda item 4.1 on Forward-looking tobacco control measures (in relation to Article 2.1 of the WHO FCTC): report by the Expert Group, the Chairperson informed the Committee that the Bureau decided to transfer agenda item 4.3 on Protection of the environment and the health of persons (Article 18 of the WHO FCTC) from Committee A to Committee B.

The Chairperson proposed that the Committee proceed with agenda items 4.1 and 4.2.

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

The Chairperson reopened agenda item 4.1, introduced a Chair's text and invited comments. To facilitate consensus, a drafting group chaired by the Vice-Chairperson of Committee A was established and agreed on a draft decision to be proposed to the Committee. The draft decision was discussed, amended and approved. The agenda item was closed.

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

The Chairperson opened agenda item 4.2, invited comments and set up a drafting group to meet the following day. The agenda item was suspended and the meeting adjourned.

Second meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Marcos Dotta (Uruguay)

The Chairperson opened the session and announced that, as decided by the Bureau, one agenda item had been transferred from Committee A to Committee B. The Parties agreed with the Chair's proposal concerning the order of the programme of work of Committee B.

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

Item 5.1 Voluntary Implementation Peer Review and Support Mechanism

The Chairperson reopened the item and the discussion of the draft decision proposed by a Party under this agenda item, titled "Implementation Review Mechanism", circulated as document FCTC/COP/11/P/CONF./2.

The Chairperson proposed that a small informal group of interested Parties convene to discuss and to report back to the Committee.

Consideration of this agenda item was suspended.

Item 6 (contd) Budgetary and institutional matters

Item 6.1 (contd) Performance and progress reports

The Chairperson reopened the item and the discussion of the draft decision proposed by a Party under this agenda item, titled "Smoke- and aerosol-free United Nations", circulated as document FCTC/COP11/P/CONF./3. The Chairperson invited comments from the floor.

The draft decision was approved, the agenda item was closed and the meeting was adjourned.

Third meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Marcos Dotta (Uruguay)

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

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

The Chairperson reopened the agenda item and invited the Committee to consider the deliberations and proposals from the informal group. The Chairperson invited the Convention Secretariat to display the Chair's text, which included various amendments proposed by the Parties. Comments were invited from the floor on the draft text. In the absence of consensus with the Chair's proposal, the proposing Party withdrew the draft decision.

The agenda item was closed.

Item 4 Treaty instruments and technical matters

(item transferred from Committee A)

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

The Chairperson opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document FCTC/COP/11/7 and the draft decision proposed by a Party, included in document FCTC/COP11/P/CONF./4.

Comments were invited from the floor and the Legal Officer of the Convention Secretariat, the Convention Secretariat, the experts and WHO responded to comments, concerns and questions from the floor. The report was noted.

The proposing Party introduced the draft decision. Consideration of this agenda item was suspended and the meeting adjourned.

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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 <u>here</u> in order to be kept up to date on press conferences and more.

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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 <u>Practical Guide for Participants</u> (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 <u>WHO FCTC website</u> 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.
