

24. Why and how to use tobacco taxes as funding mechanisms for financing health in low- and middle-income countries

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Ballroom East-Westin

Type of session Symposium

Track Tobacco control

Description Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are increasing, but without sustainable health financing, health targets will not be reached. Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) have obligations to raise financial resources for implementing the Convention and strengthening health systems. This session will review funding mechanisms with case studies. Parties have the power – and the urgent need – to increase health financing at a time when economic growth, and therefore tax revenues, are slowing. While some Parties are increasing tobacco taxes, many are not linking these increases to health spending.

Target audience

1. Policy-thmakers and leaders in health, finance and human rights
2. Focal points in tobacco control and NCDs
3. Civil society representatives

Objectives

1. Provide an overview and update on funding mechanisms for health financing
2. Share experiences of countries mobilising resources to tackle tobacco use and NCDs in general
3. Improve understanding of the funding landscape, tools and resources for adequately financing health

Keywords Tobacco, NCDs, funding

Coordinator(s) Anne Jones (Australia)

Chair(s) Yussuf Saloojee (South Africa), Gan Quan (China)

Presentations

15:30 - 15:40 Overview of current funding landscape and priorities for health financing
Douglas Bettcher (Switzerland)

15:45 - 15:55 How tobacco taxes can be used to create funding mechanisms for health financing
Jean Tesche (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

16:00 - 16:10 How governments can use tobacco taxes to tackle poverty and integrate control of NCDs into post-2015 development agenda
Patricio Marquez (USA)

16:15 - 16:25 Tax reform, universal health coverage and tobacco control: The Philippines experience
Jeremias Paul (Philippines)

16:30 - 16:40 The Tobacco Control Fund in Vietnam - impact and evaluation after one year
Luong Ngoc Khue (Viet Nam)

16:45 - 17:00 Discussion