

## 03. Tobacco control in low-resource settings: sharing experiences from sub-Saharan Africa

Thursday, 19 March 2015, 09:00 - 10:30



**Type** Symposium

**Track** Demand side: FCTC Art. 6 14, Art. 20

**Topic** Other

**Description** Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) has low tobacco use prevalence, but fast increasing consumption rates. The related need for policy action based on scientific evidence leads to a demand for data on the scope & consequences of tobacco use in SSA. The Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) was implemented in five SSA countries between 2012 & 2015. Using GATS data from Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria & Uganda, the symposium will present distinct policy experiences with a focus on data and surveillance. Highlights from a landmark study on Smoking-Attributable Mortality in South Africa will also be presented.

**Target audience** Researchers, policy makers and advocates interested in current trends in adult tobacco consumption in sub-Saharan Africa and in learning how surveillance data can accelerate the progress of tobacco control policies in low-resource settings.

**Objectives**

1. Present results and implications from the Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda GATS and from other studies
2. Discuss the current status of those five countries using the MPOWER strategy policy measures
3. Describe the role of data in accelerating the tobacco control and prevention policy process in the region
4. Discuss research methods and strategies for sustainable data collection on the tobacco epidemic
5. Share experiences of tobacco control in low-resource settings characterized by competing disease priorities

**Keywords** Monitoring; sub-Saharan Africa; surveillance; article 20

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**Presentations**

[09:00 - 09:10»](#) When data and policy intersect: leveraging results from the Global Adult Tobacco Survey in Uganda  
Sheila Ndyabangi (Uganda)

[09:10 - 09:20»](#) Tobacco control efforts in Cameroon: using the Global Adult Tobacco Survey to accelerate policy progress  
Pascal Awono (Cameroon)

[09:20 - 09:30»](#) Preventing a tobacco epidemic in Kenya: leveraging surveillance data for program and policy planning  
Dorcas Kiptui (Kenya)

[09:30 - 09:40»](#) Smoking History in Death Notification Forms: Assessing Smoking-Attributable Mortality in South Africa  
Freddy Sitas (Australia), Pam Groenewald (South Africa)

[09:40 - 09:50»](#) Integrating Tobacco Questions for Surveys in Africa: Sustainably Increasing Access to Tobacco Use Data  
Jeremy Morton (USA)

[09:50 - 10:00»](#) Future directions for GTSS in the African region  
Rachna Chandora (USA)

[10:00 - 10:30»](#) Discussion