

## 20. Building national level capacity for tobacco control - The case of Africa

Thursday, 19 March 2015, 16:00 - 17:30



**Type** Symposium

**Track** New emerging products and challenges, issues and strategies

**Topic** Other

**Description** As the tobacco industry targets Africa for its expansion, governments in the Region need to be more prepared to avoid the spread of the tobacco epidemic. Many countries in the African Region do not yet have comprehensive legislation, while implementation of the WHO FCTC is also not optimal. This session will describe the challenges faced in Africa and how capacity building at country level is acting to strengthen government action in tobacco control and reverse the growing trends in tobacco consumption in the Region.

**Target audience** All tobacco control advocates particular those active at country level.

**Objectives**

1. To share the unique challenges faced by governments in Africa as they tackle tobacco control issues
2. To share the new approaches being used in the Region to build capacity at country level
3. To share the successes achieved by this new approach

**Keywords** tobacco control; capacity building; country-level action; collaboration; multisectoral

**Coordinator(s)** Ahmed Ogwell (Congo), William Onzivu (Uganda)

**Chair(s)** Dorcas Kiptui (Kenya)

**Presentations**

[16:00 - 16:10»](#) The challenges for tobacco control in Africa - facing the enemy  
Ahmed Ogwell (Congo)

[16:15 - 16:25»](#) Capacity building for tobacco control - the successes in Africa  
William Onzivu (Uganda)

[16:30 - 16:40»](#) Sustainable tobacco control - The Center for Tobacco Control in Africa (CTCA)  
Possy Mugenyi (Uganda)

[16:45 - 16:55»](#) Building country-level tobacco control capacity in Africa - areas for urgent attention  
Omar Badjie (Gambia)

[17:00 - 17:10»](#) Building tobacco control capacity of civil society and academia in Africa

[17:10 - 17:30»](#) Discussion