Session N.00231

25. Implementing the FCTC's Illicit Trade Protocol - challenges and successes

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

16th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health

Type Symposium

Track Supply side: FCTC Art. 15,16,17

Topic Illicit trade

Description In 2012, the FCTC Conference of the Parties adopted a Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (ITP). In 2015, there remain many unanswered questions about the practicalities of implementation, the availability of technical assistance, co-operation with other international organizations and financial resources. Despite these questions, a number of countries have moved ahead with implementation of some provisions of the Protocol. This session will look at experience to date and discuss what will be needed to make the Protocol a success.

Target audience Advocates and policy-makers.

Objectives
1. Increase awareness of key provisions of the ITP and its relevance to countering tobacco industry arguments again
2. Draw lessons with respect what is needed to properly implement the Protocol

Keywords Illicit trade; FCTC

Coordinator(s) Luk Joossens (Belgium), Francis Thompson (Canada)

Chair(s) Al Lawati Jawad (Oman), Vinayak Prasad (Switzerland)

Presentations

16:00 - 16:10» The changing nature of illicit trade and the strategy of the tobacco industry
Luk Joossens (Belgium)

16:15 - 16:25» Implementing a tracking and tracing system in Africa: the Kenyan example.
Caxton Masudi Ngeywo (Kenya)

16:30 - 16:40» Capacity building for ITP implementation- Role of international & Regional intergovernmental organizations
Vinayak Prasad (Switzerland)

16:45 - 16:55» ITP: Challenges and Opportunities in the Pacific region
Matthew Allen (New Zealand)

17:00 - 17:15» Next steps at the international level in preparing for ITP implementation
Francis Thompson (Canada)

17:15 - 17:30» Audience Q&A