

48. Solutions to control tobacco in impoverished communities

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Type Symposium

Track Post 2015 development agenda

Topic Social and human rights/vulnerable populations: crosscutting

Description The prevalence and negative impact of tobacco use is increasing in impoverished and marginalised communities around the globe. In high-income countries, despite a fall in smoking rates, it remains stubbornly high in lower socio-economic and certain minority ethnic groups. A social gradient to tobacco consumption is also apparent in many middle- and low-income countries. Consequently, health inequalities are widening between different social strata. There is a need to develop and adopt progressive and pro-equity approaches that reduce health disparities between different social groupings.

Target audience Tobacco control students, advocates, policy makers, programme managers, teachers, clinicians, and researchers.

Objectives

1. To highlight that tobacco use is responsible for a steep social gradient in health across global economies
2. To focus on reducing health inequities between ethnic & social groups and not just overall smoking prevalence
3. To showcase progressive approaches to control tobacco that helps disadvantaged communities
4. To galvanise our efforts to develop and evaluate novel pro-equity approaches to control tobacco

Keywords tobacco; poverty; inequalities; inequities; ethnicity; disparities

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Presentations [16:00 - 16:10»](#) Tobacco taxation and the poor: A welfare analysis of cigarette taxation in Bangladesh
Nigar Nargis (Switzerland)

[16:15 - 16:25»](#) Addressing social inequalities in tobacco use: Experiences from India
Monika Arora (India)

[16:30 - 16:45»](#) Does socio-economic inequality correlate with smoking prevalence inequality?
William Lea (UK), Kamran Siddiqi (UK)

[16:50 - 17:00»](#) Addressing the hidden victims - Tobacco workers: Tobacco control solutions through supply reduction
E Vidhubala (India)

[17:05 - 17:15»](#) What works to reduce socio-economic inequalities in smoking?
Amanda Amos (UK)

[17:15 - 17:30»](#) Audience Q&A