

50. Tobacco consumption taxes: Regional experiences, advances, challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

Friday, 20 March 2015, 16:00 - 17:30



Type	Symposium
Track	Demand side: FCTC Art. 6 14, Art. 20
Topic	Taxes
Description	Session will present experience on tobacco tax policies in LAC countries and prospects / obstacles to implement further tax increases. Main topics: results of demand and tax studies in LAC, lack of priority of excise taxation in LAC's tax reform policies and at regional and international development banks, potential impact of increased illicit trade, increased regression of tobacco taxation in Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico and Brazil, low applicability of 70% tax share target and new tool to assess tax policies in the region based on the approved Recommendations of the Guidelines of Art. 6 of FCTC.
Target audience	Tobacco control advocates, researchers, policy makers, government and NGO representatives interested in effective strategies to implement tobacco tax increases, particularly in the LAC region.
Objectives	1. To present obstacles, accomplishments and challenges regarding tobacco tax policy implementation in LAC 2. To present regional lessons learned and a need to face hindrances to raise tobacco taxes in LAC and other regions
Keywords	Taxes; Tax administration; Affordability; Regressivity; EquityGuidelines of Art 6; Illicit trade
Coordinator(s)	Beatriz Champagne (USA)
Chair(s)	Martin Rozada (Argentina)
Presentations	16:00 - 16:15» Obstacles to further tobacco tax policies in LAC and moving beyond 70% target of tax share Alejandro Ramos (Argentina) 16:15 - 16:30» Increasing price and tax is not enough to reduce consumption: evidence in Tax, Real Price and Affordability of Cigarettes in the Last Decade in LAC German Rodriguez-Iglesias (Argentina) 16:30 - 16:45» Tax Policy in Mexico: a learning scenario on tax policy legislative negotiations, tax administration and its effect on price and consumption Carlos Manuel Guerrero-Lopez (Mexico) 16:45 - 17:00» Are increments in cigarette taxes regressive? Evidence from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Mexico Martin Rozada (Argentina) 17:00 - 17:30» Discussion