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55. Economic Aspects of Tobacco Control: A Global Perspective

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Type
Symposium

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

Topic
Taxes

Description
Article 20 of the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control (FCTC) emphasizes the need for research on tobacco use and control at the national, regional, and global levels. In particular, more research is needed to assess the impact of tax and price policies; to assess the economic impact of tobacco use and control; and on the nexus between tobacco use and poverty. This session offers a global perspective by presenting evidence from five studies relating to these aspects from a number of countries. The study outcomes can inform policy makers in making tobacco control policy decisions.

Target audience
Policy makers in the ministries of finance, health, social welfare; tobacco control advocates; social scientists, academics.

Objectives
1. Disseminate research evidence related to the effectiveness of tax policies
2. Highlight various aspects of tax reforms, the determinants of and challenges for the successful implementation
3. Facilitate evidence-based policy decisions related to tobacco use and control
4. Presenting research findings on the nexus between tobacco consumption, poverty and (mal-) nutrition
5. Stimulate research and further explorations among academics and social scientists

Keywords
Taxes on tobacco; Tax reform; Ilicit trade in cigarettes, Tobacco-poverty-malnutrition nexus; Public health; Economic impact of tobacco use; Economic Aspects of tobacco control; Global perspective

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Presentations

09:00 - 09:10» Effect of increased value-added taxes on tobacco prices, tobacco use behaviors, and consequences-Findings from ITC and GATS of India
Frank Chaloupka (USA)

09:15 - 09:25» Manufacturers' response to changing tobacco tax policies and its consequences on the government tax revenues and the public health
Ayda Yurekli (Switzerland)

09:30 - 09:40» The political economy of the illicit trade in cigarettes in South Africa
Evan Blecher (USA)

09:45 - 09:55» Money gone up in smoke: The tobacco and malnutrition nexus in Bangladesh
Muhammad Husain (USA)

10:00 - 10:10» Tax Reform and Tobacco Control: The Philippine Experience
Jeremias Paul (Philippines)

10:15 - 10:30» Audience Q&A