



INFORMATION FOR THE MEDIA
Ninth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP9)
to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
8 to 13 November 2021 - Geneva, Switzerland (Virtual meeting)

VENUE AND DATE

The Ninth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP9) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control will be held virtually, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and its impact on the conduct of global conferences and travel.

The first plenary meeting will open at 10:00 Geneva time on Monday, 8 November 2021, and the session is expected to close no later than 13:00 on Saturday, 13 November 2021.

Additional information can be found in the [Guide for Participants](#).

MEDIA ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

Correspondents wishing to cover COP9 need to be accredited.

In line with the current United Nations policies and WHO policies for media accreditation to the World Health Assembly, and in accordance with the COP decision [FCTC/COP8\(12\)](#), the members of the media shall be required to submit to the Convention Secretariat, at the following email address: mediafctc@who.int:

1) at least 60 days in advance of the session of the COP (8 September 2021):

- a letter signed by their editor-in-chief or equivalent supervisor, indicating the reason for accreditation and the dates for which accreditation is required;
- photocopies of media credentials (press identification card);
- the application for media accreditation form duly filled out;
- a copy of their national passport.

2) at least 30 days in advance of the session of the COP (8 October):

- a [Declaration of Interests \(DOI\)](#) form duly filled out.



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COP9 WORKING HOURS

Monday, 8 November 2021

10:00–13:00 (CET) Opening ceremony and first plenary meeting

14:00–17:00 (CET) Plenary or committee meetings

Tuesday, 9 November to Friday, 12 November 2021

10:00–13:00 (CET) Plenary or committee meetings

14:00–17:00 (CET) Plenary or committee meetings

Saturday, 18 November 2021

10:00–13:00 (CET) Plenary and closing

The Provisional Agenda of COP9 is available on the [WHO FCTC website](#).

In accordance with *Rule 32* of the Rules of Procedure of the COP, sessions of the COP shall be held in public, unless the COP decides that they shall be open or restricted. Unless the Parties decide otherwise, accredited media shall be entitled to attend the open sessions of the COP. In accordance with Rule 2, paragraph 10, accredited media may attend the public sessions.

In addition, in accordance with Rule 24quinquies, the meetings of the committees of the COP shall be held in public unless the committee concerned decides that they shall be open or restricted.

UPDATES FOR MEDIA

Updates for correspondents will be posted on the [COP9 page](#) under *Press / media accreditation* during the COP9.

VIRTUAL PRESS CONFERENCE

At least two virtual press conferences will be scheduled before and during COP9. Further details will be provided in due course. Please regularly visit the section of the [WHO FCTC website](#) dedicated to the media in order to stay informed and updated.

Virtual Press Conference 1

Date/Time, November 2021/time to be confirmed

Speakers: to be confirmed

Subject: Opening of COP9

Virtual Press Conference 2

Date/Time: Saturday, 13 November 2021/time to be confirmed

Speakers: to be confirmed

Subject: Closure and outcome of COP9

For any question regarding accreditation or for media enquiries please send an email to mediafctc@who.int