



INFORMATION FOR THE MEDIA
Second Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP2)
to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products
15 to 18 November 2021 - Geneva, Switzerland (Virtual meeting)

VENUE AND DATE

The Second Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP2) to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products 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, 15 November 2021, and the session is expected to close no later than 17:00 on Thursday, 18 November 2021.

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

MEDIA ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

Correspondents wishing to cover MOP2 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 MOP decision FCTC/MOP1(15), 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 MOP (15 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 MOP (15 October):

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

MOP2 WORKING HOURS

Monday, 15 November 2021

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

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



Tuesday, 16 November to Wednesday, 17 November 2021

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

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

Thursday, 18 November 2021

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

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

The Provisional Agenda of MOP2 is available on the WHO [FCTC](#) website.

In accordance with *Rule 32* of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP, sessions of the MOP shall be held in public, unless the MOP 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 MOP. 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 MOP 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 [MOP2 page](#) under *Press / media accreditation* during the MOP2.

VIRTUAL PRESS CONFERENCE

At least two virtual press conferences will be scheduled before and during MOP2. 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 MOP1

Virtual Press Conference 2

Date/Time: Thursday, 18 November 2021/time to be confirmed

Speakers: to be confirmed

Subject: Closure and outcome of MOP2

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