

# Celebrating 20 Years of the WHO FCTC – Tobacco Control for Sustainable Development

**Date:**

Tuesday, 15 July 2025

**Time:**

09:00–10:00 EDT

15:00–16:00 CET

This virtual side event in the margins of the 2025 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development commemorates two decades of impact, offering a platform to reflect on progress, discuss ongoing challenges, and reaffirm commitment to tobacco control and public health. With 183 Parties—representing 90% of the global population—the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) has galvanized cooperation among governments, UN agencies, and civil society, setting a precedent for multilateral action.

It will reaffirm the WHO FCTC as a key driver of SDG 3, with Target 3.a recognizing that reducing tobacco use is vital to tackling noncommunicable diseases and promoting equitable, sustainable development.

**Speakers:****H.E. Dr Christopher Tufton**

Minister of Health and Wellness (Jamaica)

**H.E. Mr. Dzulkefly Ahmad**

Minister of Health (Malaysia)

**H.E. Dr Robert Lucien Jean-Claude Kargougou**

Minister of Health (Burkina Faso)

**H.E. Mr. Ramy Youssef**

Deputy Minister of Finance for Tax Policy and Development (Egypt)

**Dr Reina Roa**

President of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC

**Ms. Stella Bialous**

Professor and Chair, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
UCSF School of Nursing

**Mr. Doug Webb**

Resident Representative, UNDP in Georgia

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official UN languages*



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ON TOBACCO CONTROL