

WHO WE ARE

The Convention Secretariat serves as Secretariat of both the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) and the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (the Protocol). The Secretariat is hosted by the World Health Organization at its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland and its main goal is to serve the 182 Parties of the WHO FCTC and the 65 Parties to the Protocol.

The WHO FCTC is guided by its Global Strategy to Accelerate Tobacco Control 2019-2025 – a medium-term strategic roadmap that helps focus and prioritize efforts to accelerate implementation of the WHO FCTC.

The Protocol is an international treaty with the objective of eliminating all forms of illicit trade in tobacco products.



Check out [its brochure](#):



GLOBAL STRATEGY TO
ACCELERATE
TOBACCO CONTROL

Advancing sustainable development
through the implementation
of the **WHO FCTC 2019 - 2025**



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The Convention Secretariat is leading the [FCTC 2030](#) project that provides support to low- and middle-income countries to implement the WHO FCTC.

IN 2022

This year the Secretariat focuses its attention on the environmental damage caused by the tobacco industry and its products and calls for steps to make the industry more accountable for the destruction it is causing.



The first [call to action](#) was activated in partnership with UNEP through the Clean Seas Campaign to raise awareness on the environmental and human health impacts of microplastics in cigarette filters.

SMOKING
CAUSES
84 MILLION
TONNES
OF CO₂
EMISSIONS
EACH YEAR



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The environmental impact of tobacco is alarming and yet relatively unknown. [As part of World No Tobacco Day 2022, the Convention Secretariat has launched a campaign to shed further light on this matter.](#)