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Section: General Information

* Please indicate if your organization would like to retain it's status as observer to the Conference of the Parties

* Yes

* Does your organizations mission statement specifically refer to tobacco control?

* No

* If yes, please specify:

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* Does your organization have regional branches to enhance activities in different regions or groups of countries?

* No

* If yes, please provide details:

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* Does your organization regularly convene meetings or conferences for its membership?

* Yes

* If yes, is tobacco control covered in these meetings?

* Yes

* If yes, please provide details:

* Our mission is: The American Cancer Society's mission is to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer.

As the largest preventable risk factor to cancer, tobacco use is our greatest concern, and the point of attack for our efforts.

Section: Participation in WHO FCTC meetings and contributions to other tobacco control related events

* Please indicate the meetings organized by the Convention Secretariat at which your organization was represented (sessions of the Conference of the Parties, meetings of intersessional groups, NGO meetings, etc.):

* Please see below for a descriptions of this participation.

* Please list any other meetings or conferences with a focus on tobacco control attended by your organization:

* We are a large organization and these are too numerous to identify here. Please see below.

Section: Your organization's activities to support implementation of the WHO FCTC:

* Article 5 (General obligations)?

* Yes

* If yes, please provide details:

* ACS works frequently on issues around governance as part of Article 5 (and other articles, too). We have been actively working with the FCTC2030 programme in Zambia to help promote improved governance around tobacco control. Here is a sample of selected publications and presentations:

Publications

Labonté R, Goma F, Drope J, Lencucha R. 2019 (June 24). Cautionary tale of tax incentives for cigarette makers from Zambia. The Conversation. <http://theconversation.com/cautionary-tale-of-tax-incentives-for-cigarette-makers-from-zambia-117429>

Drope J, Goma F, Labonté R, Lencucha R, Li Q, Magati P, Sahadewo G, Witoelar F. 2019 (March 5). Tobacco Companies Will Not Bring About Sustainable Development. Devex. Washington DC: Devex. <https://www.devex.com/news/opinion-tobacco-companies-will-not-bring-about-sustainable-development-94308>

Labonté R, Makoka D, Drope J, Lencucha R. 2018. Big Tobacco woos African farmers with bogus promises of prosperity. The Conversation (January 1).

Presentations

Drope J. Political mapping of tobacco control, Sekgatho Mafako University (SMU) (funding by the Gates Foundation through the Africa Capacity Building Foundation), Pretoria, South Africa, November 2019.

Drope J. Political mapping of tobacco control, Sekgatho Mafako University (SMU) (funding by the Gates Foundation through the Africa Capacity Building Foundation), Pretoria, South Africa, August 2018.

Drope J. Political mapping of tobacco control, Sekgatho Mafako University (SMU) (funding by the Gates Foundation through the Africa Capacity Building Foundation), Pretoria, South Africa, March 2018.

* Article 6 (Price and tax measures to reduce demand for tobacco)?

* Yes

* If yes, please provide details:

* A core competency of the ACS is its work on tobacco taxation and illicit trade, and the economics of tobacco control more generally. We work actively to counsel governments and other organizations on this topic. We generate a great deal of research directly about this topic area. We are now actively engaged in the Meeting of Parties process of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, including through consultation with the Secretariat directly and in our role as observer. We are supporting a number of Parties directly on issues related to illicit trade. Here is a sampling of our recent work:

Expert/Ministerial Meetings Attendance

As a consultant to the FCTC Secretariat, ACS staff attended the Meeting of Parties for the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, and the Working Group on Tracking and Tracing and the Working Group for Assistance. Similarly, ACS attended regional meetings as experts on the Protocol held in late 2019 in Jamaica and Latvia. We are supporting the FCTC2030 project actively in Zambia, Nepal and Sri Lanka on Article 6.

ACS-Funded Projects with In-Country Partners

MERCOSUR (Argentina) -measuring illicit trade in eight cities in Argentina. Preliminary results available as of early 2020.

Bangladesh - (co-funded with CRUK) - costs of tobacco survey-based study (designed to support tobacco tax increases). The report was launched in 2019.

Brazil - (co-funded with Johns Hopkins IGTC) - measuring illicit trade to counter industry arguments against tobacco taxation in 5 cities. Report will be launched in May 2020.

Colombia - (second wave co-funded with CRUK) - two studies measuring illicit trade to counter industry arguments against tobacco taxation (two waves, one before a tobacco tax increase and one after).

Mexico - (co-funded with Johns Hopkins IGTC) - working with the sanitary and addiction authorities, , a study measuring illicit trade in 8 cities to counter industry arguments against tobacco taxation. Full report was launched in 2019. A new follow-up study is already underway.

Papua-New Guinea - working with consultants to the Ministry of Health to develop a plan for fees on tobacco products to mimic taxation.

Peru - (co-funded with CRUK) - per the request of the finance ministry, a study of elasticities of demand for tobacco products with an emphasis on youth in order to support tobacco taxation policies. A second study nearing completion as of February 2020 measures illicit trade in tobacco products in three large cities.

Publications

Saenz de Miera Juarez B, Reynales-Shigematsu LM, Stoklosa M, Welding K, Drope J. 2020. Measuring the illicit cigarette market in Mexico: a cross-validation of two methodologies. Tobacco Control.

Asare S, Stoklosa M, Drope J, Larsen A. 2019. Effects of Prices on Youth Cigarette Smoking and Tobacco Use Initiation in Ghana and Nigeria. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/16/17/3114>

Driezen P, Nargis N, Thompson ME, Cummings KM, Fong GT, Chaloupka FJ, Shang C, Cheng K-W. State-level affordability of factory-made cigarettes among current US smokers: Findings from the ITC US Survey, 2003-2015. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2019, 16, 2439; doi:10.3390/ijerph16132439.

Nargis N, Zheng R, Xu SS, Fong GT, Feng G, Jiang Y, Wang Y, Hu X. Cigarette affordability in China, 2006-2015: Findings from International Tobacco Control China Surveys. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2019, 16, 1205. doi:10.3390/ijerph16071205.

Nargis N, Hussain AKM G, Goodchild M, Quah ACK, Fong GT. A decade of cigarette taxation in Bangladesh: lessons learnt for tobacco control. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. March 2019; 97(3):221-229. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.18.216135>

Huq I, Nargis N, Lkhagvasuren L, Hussain AKMG, Fong GT. The impact of income and taxation in a price-tiered cigarette market-findings from the ITC Bangladesh surveys. *Tobacco Control*. Published online first: 27 April 2018. doi:10.1136/tobaccocontrol-2017-054053.

Nargis N, Ahmed N, Huq SM, Kessaram TM, Hassan MT (editors). *The Revenue and Employment Outcome of Biri Taxation in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: National Board of Revenue, Government of Bangladesh; July 2019.

Nargis N, Hussain AKMG, Goodchild M, Quah ACK, Fong GT. The tobacco industry uses pricing to undermine tobacco tax policy: Evidence from Bangladesh. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, December 2018.

Presentations

Ahmed N, Nargis N. The impact of biri taxation on employment in Bangladesh. 12th Asia-Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT), Bali, Indonesia, September 13-15, 2018.

Driezen P, Thompson ME, Nargis N, Cummings KM, Fong GT, Chaloupka FJ, Shang C, Chang K-W. State-level cigarette affordability among current US smokers: Findings from the ITC US Survey, 2003-2015, Oral presentation at Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) 2018 Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, February 21-24, 2018.

Drope, J. Tobacco taxation - Sekgatho Magatho University (SMU) (funding by the Gates Foundation through the Africa Capacity Building Foundation), Pretoria, South Africa, November 2019.

Drope, J. Tobacco taxation - Sekgatho Magatho University (SMU) (funding by the Gates Foundation through the Africa Capacity Building Foundation), Pretoria, South Africa, August 2018.

Drope, J. Tobacco taxation - Sekgatho Magatho University (SMU) (funding by the Gates Foundation through the Africa Capacity Building Foundation), Pretoria, South Africa, March 2018.

Drope J, Li Q, Harimurti P, Araujo E, Sahadewo GA, Nargis N, Durazo J, Witoelar F, Sikoki B. The economics of tobacco and close farming in Indonesia. 12th Asia-Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT), Bali, Indonesia, September 13-15, 2018.

Gravely S, Driezen P, McNeill A, Cummings M, Borland R, Thompson M, Hammond D, Ouimet J, Edwards R, Thrasher JF, Hitchman SC, Omar M, Gutierrez TB, Willemsen MC, Bianco E, Boado M, Goma FM, Seo HG, Nargis N, Jiang Y, Perez CAP, Fong GT. Use of electronic cigarettes across 13 ITC countries with different regulatory environments. Oral presentation at 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH) 2018, March 7-9, 2018, Cape Town, South Africa.

Gravely S, Meng G, Kaai S, Xu S, Omar M, Goma FM, Ong'ang'o JR, Burhoo P, Gutierrez TB, Thrasher JF, Nargis N, Gupta PC, Pednekar MS, Perez CAP, Jampaklay A, Fong GT. Prevalence of lower harm perceptions of cigarette product characteristics: Findings from 10 low-middle-income countries from the ITC Project. E-Poster presentation at 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH) 2018, March 7-9, 2018, Cape Town, South Africa.

Hussain AKMG, Nargis N. The price sensitivity of choice and consumption of cigarette by brand categories in Bangladesh: Findings from ITC Bangladesh surveys. 12th Asia-Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT), Bali, Indonesia, September 13-15, 2018.

Hussain AKMG, Nargis N. The price sensitivity of choice and consumption of cigarettes by brand categories in Bangladesh: findings from the ITC Bangladesh surveys. Oral presentation at 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH) 2018, March 7-9, 2018, Cape Town, South Africa.

Huq I, Nargis N, Hussain AKMG, Fong GT. An empirical analysis of the impact of income change and cigarette taxation in a price-tiered market of Bangladesh. Oral presentation at 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH) 2018, March 7-9, 2018, Cape Town, South Africa.

Huq I, Nargis N, Hussain AKMG, Fong GT. Does change in perception of tobacco risk affect smokers' behavior?-An empirical analysis. E-Poster presentation at 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH) 2018, March 7-9, 2018, Cape Town, South Africa.

Nargis N. Panel: Global experiences in providing technical assistance on tobacco taxes. Workshop: Simulating tobacco tax increases and measuring illicit trade of tobacco products. Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO). Washington DC, July 9-11, 2019.

Nargis N, Stoklosa M. Modeling tobacco excise taxes. American Cancer Society and Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO). Washington DC, July 8, 2019.

Nargis N. Lecture on demand for tobacco products (Module 4-Lecture 4.2) in the online course "Global Tobacco Control: Learning from the Experts 2018" launched by the Institute of Global Tobacco Control, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health on October 9, 2018. The course is available at: <https://www.globaltobaccocontrol.org/content/global-tobacco-control-learning-experts-2018>

Nargis N, Sahadewo GA, Araujo E, Harimurti P, Drope J, Li Q, Durazo J, Witoelar F, Sikoki B. The economics of kretek rolling in Indonesia. 12th Asia-Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT), Bali, Indonesia, September 13-15, 2018.

Nargis N, Driezen P, Yong H-H, Borland R. Does cessation behavior of tobacco users differ by socio-economic status in low and middle-income countries? 12th Asia-Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT), Bali, Indonesia, September 13-15, 2018.

Nargis N. Taxation and pricing of smokeless tobacco products. Smokeless Tobacco Webinar Series. WHO FCTC Global Knowledge Hub on Smokeless Tobacco. July 11, 2018.

Nargis N, Sahadewo GA. The economics of kretek rolling in Indonesia. The Economics of Tobacco Taxation and Employment Inter-Ministerial Workshop, Jakarta, Indonesia, May 31, 2018.

Nargis N. Global overview of tobacco taxation agenda and illicit trade in tobacco products. Programme for Research, Advocacy and Capacity Building on Tobacco Taxation (PROACTT) Workshop, Bogota, Colombia, April 4, 2018.

Nargis N, Yong H, Driezen P, Fong GT, Thompson ME, Borland R, Giovino G, Thrasher J. Sociodemographic patterning of cessation behavior across low- and-middle income countries: Emerging evidence from the Global Adult Tobacco Surveys and International Tobacco Control Surveys. Presentation at authors' meeting for a journal supplement on Economic Cases for NCDs Prevention and Control: A Global Perspective, Atlanta, March 12-13, 2018.

Nargis N. Employment across the Indonesian tobacco sector: Framers and kretek rollers. Oral presentation at the Symposium on "The political economy of tobacco farming in low- and middle-income countries." 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH) 2018, March 7-9, 2018, Cape Town, South Africa.

Nargis N. How effective has tobacco tax increase been in the Gambia? A case study of tobacco control. Oral presentation at the Symposium on "Tobacco taxation as a source of financing for development." 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH) 2018, March 7-9, 2018, Cape Town, South Africa.

Nargis N, Zheng R, Xu S, Fong GT, Jiang Y. The trend in affordability of tobacco products in China: Findings from the ITC China Surveys. World Congress of International Health Economic Association. Boston, USA, 7-11 July 2017.

Yadav A, John RM, Sinha DN, Nargis N, Mehrotra R. Implementing effective pricing and taxation measures for controlling smokeless tobacco use. E-Poster presentation at 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH) 2018, March 7-9, 2018, Cape Town, South Africa.

* Article 8 (Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke)?

* Yes

* If yes, please provide details:

* Smoke-free policies are a core effort of our organization, though mainly in US states at this time (not globally).

* Article 9 (Regulation of the contents of tobacco product) and/or Article 10 (Regulation of tobacco product disclosures)?

* Yes

* If yes, please provide details:

* Our organization tracks flavored tobacco products because they are such a part of the tobacco industry's strategy in many countries. We are expanding our work in this area because of these industry efforts.

Publication

Paraje G, Arraya D, Drope J. 2019. The association between flavor capsule cigarette use and sociodemographic variables: Evidence from Chile. PLoS One.
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0224217>

* Article 11 (Packaging and labelling of tobacco products)?

* Yes

* If yes, please provide details:

* The ACS does some research around warning labels and particularly econometric analysis of the efficacy of these interventions. It is not a core area of our work, but we do recognize its importance and incorporate it into our annual workplans.

Publication

Hammond D, Reid JL, Driezen P, Thrasher JF, Gupta PC, Nargis N, Li Q, Jiang Y, Boudreau C, Fong GT, Cummings KM, Borland R. Are the same health warnings effective across different countries? An experimental

* Article 12 (Education, communication, training and public awareness)?

* No

* If yes, please provide details:

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* Article 13 (Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship)?

* Yes

* If yes, please provide details:

* We are active in research in this area but did not publish anything since the last report.

* Article 14 (Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation)?

* Yes

* If yes, please provide details:

* The ACS is actively involved in cessation efforts both with research and interventions. We have a large program in the US (the Great American Smokeout) which is now being adapted in other countries. We have several quitting intervention programs, including text-based programming and an app in active development.

Publications

Alcaraz KI, Riehm K, Vereen R, Bontemps-Jones J, Westmaas JL. To text or not to text? Technology-based cessation communication preferences among urban, socioeconomically disadvantaged smokers. *Ethn Dis.* 2018;28(3):161-168.

Douglas CE, Zatonski M, Janik-Konieczny K, Zatonski WA. The Great American and Polish Smokeouts, efforts to combat growing health disparities in the tobacco epidemic, and sustaining efforts to end combustible tobacco use. *J. Health Inequal.* 2019;5(2):124-128. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5114/jhi.2019.91398>.

Nargis N, Yong H-H, Driezen P, Lazarous M, Zhao L, Fong GT, Thompson ME, Borland R, Palipudi KM, Giovino GA, Thrasher JF, Siahpush M. Socioeconomic patterns of smoking cessation behavior in low and middle-income countries: Emerging evidence from the Global Adult Tobacco Surveys and International Tobacco Control Surveys. PLOS Special Collection titled "Economic Cases for NCD Prevention and Control: A Global Perspective." *PLoS ONE.* 2019, 14(9): e0220223. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0220223>.

Vereen RN, Westmaas JL, Bontemps-Jones J, Jackson K, Alcaraz KI. Trust of information about tobacco and e-cigarettes from health professionals versus tobacco or electronic cigarette companies: differences by subgroups and implications for tobacco messaging. *Health Commun.* 2020: 35(1):89-95.

Westmaas JL, Bontemps-Jones J, Hendricks PS, Kim J, Abroms LC. Randomised controlled trial of stand-alone tailored emails for smoking cessation. Tob Control. 2018;27(2):136-146.

White JS, Toussaert S, Thrul J, Bontemps-Jones J, Abroms L, Westmaas JL. Peer mentoring and automated text messages for smoking cessation: A randomized pilot trial. Nicotine Tob Res. 2019; [Epub ahead of print].

* Article 15 (Illicit trade in tobacco products)?

* Yes

* If yes, please provide details:

* Please see Article 6 explanation above (the two articles-- 6 and 15-- are intrinsically linked in our efforts at this time).

* Article 16 (Sales to and by minors)?

* No

* If yes, please provide details:

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* Article 17 (Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities) and/or Article 18 (Protection of the environment and the health of persons)?

* Yes

* If yes, please provide details:

* Tobacco growing and the environment are also core areas of focus of the ACS team. We are working with governments in at least 7 countries right now on this issue. We have been actively working with the FCTC2030 project in Zambia on tobacco farming as it is a major obstacle to the new comprehensive legislation. We are also working with the UNDP-led programme (with FCTC2030 support) to develop a social impact bond to help tobacco farmers find viable economic alternatives.

ACS-Funded Research Projects

We currently have a large US National Institutes of Health-funded research project to evaluate the livelihoods of current and former tobacco farmers in Kenya and Zambia (as well as two non-Parties and major tobacco leaf producers, Indonesia and Malawi). We augment this programme with our funds (total of ~300,000 USD per year). We recently began collaborating with McGill University to expand the project to Mozambique and Zimbabwe (roughly 200,000 CAD per year). ACS is sole-funding a project to measure livelihoods in Chile. In all countries, a major focus is helping to find farmers viable alternatives to growing tobacco and to debunking tobacco industry myths about farmers' prosperity.

Publications

Appau A, Drope J, Goma F, Magati P, Labonte R, Makoka M, Zulu R, Li Q, Lencucha R. 2019. Why Farmers Grow Tobacco: Evidence from Malawi, Kenya and Zambia. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*.
<https://academic.oup.com/ntr/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/ntr/ntz173/5564389>

Appau A, Drope J, Witoelar F, Chavez JJ, Lencucha R. 2019. Why do farmers grow tobacco? A Qualitative Exploration of Farmers Perspectives in Indonesia and Philippines. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/16/13/2330>

Goma F, Labonté R, Drope J, Li Q, Zulu R, Kangwa E. The Economics of Tobacco Farming in Zambia: Tobacco Farmers Survey Report 2019. Lusaka: University of Zambia and American Cancer Society.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dX4YNWdOmuPvMPddoOeUdVfuYtuAuc9r/view>

Lencucha R, Pal N, Appau A, Thow AM, Drope J. 2020. Government policy and agricultural production: A scoping review to inform research and policy on healthy agricultural commodities. *Globalization and Health*. <https://globalizationandhealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12992-020-0542-2>

Li Q, Magati P, Lencucha R, Labonte R, Makoka D, Drope J. Understanding Tobacco Farmers' Livelihood Decisions. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*. Doi: 10.1092/ntr/ntz011. PubMed PMID: 30690496.

Presentations

Drope, J. Economics of Tobacco Farming, Sekgatho Mafako University (SMU) (funding by the Gates Foundation through the Africa Capacity Building Foundation), Pretoria, South Africa, November 2019.

Drope, J. Economics of Tobacco Farming, Sekgatho Mafako University (SMU) (funding by the Gates Foundation through the Africa Capacity Building Foundation), Pretoria, South Africa, August 2018.

Drope, J. Economics of Tobacco Farming, Sekgatho Mafako University (SMU) (funding by the Gates Foundation through the Africa Capacity Building Foundation), Pretoria, South Africa, March 2018.

* Article 19 (Liability)?

* No

* If yes, please provide details:

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* Article 20 (Research, surveillance and exchange of information)?

* Yes

* If yes, please provide details:

* We are committed to research, including active surveillance efforts.

As we do every three years, we released a comprehensive new edition of the Tobacco Atlas at the World Conference on tobacco or Health. We also relaunched a completely overhauled website (www.tobaccoatlas.org), which serves the entire tobacco control community as a one-stop destination for data, analysis and commentary. The paper book is distributed widely at conferences around the world.

See the launch here:

Cullen K, Schluger N, Nargis N, Drope Jacqui, Drope Jeffrey. Plenary introducing the sixth edition of The Tobacco Atlas. 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH) 2018, March 7-9, 2018, Cape Town, South Africa.

<https://tobaccoatlas.org/2018/01/10/plenary-prezi/>

Publications

Datta BK, Husain MJ, Nargis N. An intertemporal analysis if post-FCTC era household tobacco consumption in Pakistan. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. 2019, 16, 2532; doi:10.3390/ijerph16142532

Jemal A, Miller KD, Ma J, Siegel RL, Fedewa SA, Islami F, Devesa SS, Thun MJ. Higher Lung Cancer Incidence in Young Women Than Young Men in the United States. N Engl J Med. 2018 May 24;378(21):1999-2009. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1715907.

Xia C, Zheng R, Zeng H, Zhou M, Wang L, Zhang S, Zou X, Sun K, Yang Z, Li H, Parascandola M, Islami F, Chen W. Provincial-level cancer burden attributable to active and second-hand smoking in China. Tob Control. 2019 Nov;28(6):669-675. doi: 10.1136/tobaccocontrol-2018-054583. Epub 2018 Oct 15.

PMID: 30322976

Presentations

Datta BK, Husain MJ, Nargis N. An intertemporal analysis of post-FCTC era household tobacco consumption in Pakistan. International Health Poster Session - Mental Health and NCDs. American Public Health Association 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo, November 2-6, Philadelphia, USA.

Nargis N. Interviewed by Talha Khan Burki, "Tobacco consumption in Bangladesh." Lancet Oncology 2019. Published Online March 14, 2019 [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045\(19\)30144-5](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045(19)30144-5).

Nargis N. A global perspective of the costs of tobacco use and the benefits of tobacco control. Launch event of the PROACTT Study Report on "The Economics of Tobacco Use in Bangladesh: A Health Cost Approach". Dhaka, Bangladesh, February 23, 2019. Factsheet available at: https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/sites/default/files/tat004_factsheet_proactt_final_print.pdf

* Article 22 (Cooperation in the scientific, technical and legal fields and provision of related expertise)?

* No

* If yes, please provide details:

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Section: Other relevant activities to support the work of the WHO FCTC

* Please provide any other relevant information:

* The American Cancer Society is a vociferous proponent of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and we work to promote many key aspects of it, principally through four channels: 1) generating high-quality tobacco control research; 2) providing direct support to the Convention Secretariat; 3) attending the Conferences of the Party (and now, the Meetings of the Parties for the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products) and other relevant official meetings of the FCTC; and 4) providing direct support to national governments and other major public health stakeholders.

In addition to work on the Articles inserted above by Article, we work on a number of other discrete aspects.

Novel Tobacco Products (e.g., ENDS)

We are working extensively in the area of novel tobacco products (e.g., e-cigarettes). We believe that they are a complex issue that demands considerable attention from the research community. We are actively publishing in this area. We have also been participating in a WHO effort to develop guidelines for taxing ENDS.

Publications

Cahn, Z., Haardörfer, R., Lewis, M., Wang, Y., & Berg, C. J. (2018). Examining E-Cigarette Purchases and Cessation in a Consumer Panel of Smokers. *Journal of Smoking Cessation*, 1-10.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/jsc.2018.11>

Douglas CE. A public health perspective on combating youth e-cigarette use while aiming at the bull's eye: the end of combustible tobacco use. *J. Health Inequal.* 2019;5(1):31-32.
[doi:10.5114/jhi.2019.87820](https://doi.org/10.5114/jhi.2019.87820).

Gravelly S, Driezen P, Ouimet J, Quah ACK, Cummings KM, Thompson ME, Boudreau C, Hammond D, McMeill A, Borland R, Thrasher JF, Edwards R, Omar M, Hitchman SC, Yong H-H, Barrientos-Gutierrez T, Willemsen MC, Bianco E, Boado M, Goma FM, Seo HG, Nargis N, Jiang Y, Perez CDA, Fong GT. Prevalence of awareness, ever-use and current use of nicotine vaping products (NVPs) among adult current smokers and ex-smokers in 14 countries with differing regulations on sales and marketing of NVPs: cross-sectional findings from the ITC Project. *Addiction*, 2019 [Epub 2019 Jan 25].
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/add.14558>

Liber AC. "Heated tobacco products and combusted cigarettes: comparing global prices and taxes". *Tob Control*. ePub: 31 Oct 2018. doi: 10.1136/tobaccocontrol-2018-054602

Stoklosa M, Cahn Z, Liber A, Nargis N, Drope J. "The effect of IQOS introduction on cigarette sales in Japan: evidence of decline and replacement." *Tob Control*. ePub 17 Jun 2019. doi: tobaccocontrol-2019-054998.

Presentations

Drope J. 2019. E-Cigarettes - Separating Fact from Fiction Three Presentations:

- Grand Rounds - Guam Naval Hospital
- Grand Rounds - Guam Regional Medical City
- Rotary - Sunrise Guam

Drope J. 2019. Considering the Complexities of E-Cigarettes. Non-Communicable Disease Consortium Tobacco Control Action Team's Community Forum Emerging Tobacco Products: What is the Evidence?, Guam.

Drope J. 2019. Taxing e-cigarettes in US states and the world. World Health Organization, Geneva Switzerland.

Smokeless Tobacco

The American Cancer Society believes that smokeless tobacco products demand more attention, which is of course difficult in the face of all the other areas that need attention. We endeavor to contribute to this issue across articles, including but not limited to Article 6 (see above for multiple presentations).

Presentations

Li Q, Fong GT, Gravely SML, Gupta PC, Nargis N, Pednekar MS, Quah ACK, Sinha DN, Siddiqi M. Packaging, labeling, ban on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship change perceived risks of smokeless tobacco among youth. 12th Asia-Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT), Bali, Indonesia, September 13-15, 2018

Nargis N. International Advisory Board-Third Meeting. Addressing Smokeless Tobacco Use & Building Research Capacity in South Asia (ASTRA). Prague, Czech Republic, August 1, 2019.

Trade

Trade and investment policies remain an area of focus for the ACS. We continue to be involved in most of the efforts to stop the tobacco industry from using international economic agreements to undermine tobacco. Mainly, we are monitoring developments in this area (it has been quiet in recent months).

Publication:

Lencucha R, Drope J, Packer C, Labonte R. 2019. "Tobacco, Trade, and the Right to Health" in Labonté R, Ruckert A, Packer C (guest eds.), "Special Section: Trade, Health and Human Rights" of Canadian Yearbook of Human Rights Vol. II (2016-2018), HRREC-University of Ottawa, pp. 177-182.

<https://cdp-hrc.uottawa.ca/sites/cdp-hrc.uottawa.ca/files/uottawa-cyhr1618-v11.pdf>

Presentations

Tobacco Control and Trade/Investment Policy, Sekgatho University (SMU) (funding by the Gates Foundation through the Africa Capacity Building Foundation), Pretoria, South Africa. November 2019.

Tobacco Control and Trade/Investment Policy, Sekgatho University (SMU) (funding by the Gates Foundation through the Africa Capacity Building Foundation), Pretoria, South Africa. August 2018.

Tobacco Control and Trade/Investment Policy, Sekgatho University (SMU) (funding by the Gates Foundation through the Africa Capacity Building Foundation), Pretoria, South Africa. March 2018.

* Please attach any other relevant file(s)

Section: Declarations

* Please confirm that your organization does not receive, has not received and will not receive in the future, either directly or indirectly, any financial or other contributions or assistance from the tobacco industry or its affiliates. Please also confirm that neither your members nor your partners are affiliated directly or indirectly with the tobacco industry or its affiliates or those furthering the interests of the tobacco industry.

* Yes

* By electronic signature I confirm that the above information is accurate and completed to the best of our abilities.

* Jeffrey Drope

* Please confirm that the activities of your organization are in conformity with the 17th and 18th preambular paragraphs and Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC.

* Yes