



INFORMATION FOR THE MEDIA
Eighth session of the Conference of the Parties
to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (COP8)
1-6 October 2018 - Geneva, Switzerland

VENUE AND DATE

The Eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) will be held at Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG), rue de Varembe 17, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland (see map of the CICG in annex).

The first plenary meeting will open at 10:00 on Monday, 1 October 2018, and the session is expected to close no later than 13:00 on Saturday, 6 October 2018.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

Correspondents wishing to cover COP8 need to be accredited by the Secretariat of the WHO FCTC in Geneva. To be accredited, journalists should send a request to mediafctc@who.int along with the following documents:

- a letter signed by their editor-in-chief indicating the reason for accreditation and the dates for which accreditation is required;
- photocopies of media credentials (press card);
- the application for media accreditation form duly filled out;
- a Declaration of Interests (DOI) form duly filled out;
- a copy of their passport;
- a passport style photograph¹

PRESS BADGE

Media representatives at COP8 will be required to wear both the COP8 Press badge and a valid Press ID card.

Press badges can be picked up at the registration desk located on the ground floor. The registration desk will be open as follows:

- Sunday, 30 September: from 14:00 until 18:00
- Monday, 1 October to Friday, 5 October: from 08:00 to 18:00
- Saturday, 6 October: from 08:00 till the closure of the session

PRESS AREA

A designated Press area is reserved for representatives of the press accredited to COP8. The Press area is located on the ground floor of the Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG), close to the registration desk, and is available from Monday, 1 October to Friday, 5 October from 08:00 to 18:30 and on Saturday, 6 October from 08:00 until the closure to the session.

¹ The photograph: must be passport standard; in portrait orientation (i.e., longer than it is wide); should be in colour; less than 1 MB in size and in JPG/JPEG format; be 350 x 450 pixels minimum; show the full head (70 to 80% of the photograph), without any head covering unless worn for religious or medical reasons



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DAILY PRESS UPDATES

Daily Press updates will be held every morning at 09:30 in the Press briefing room located on the ground floor of the Centre International de Conférences Genève.

COP8 PROGRAMME

Monday, 1 October 2018

10:00–13:00 Opening ceremony and first plenary meeting

15:00–18:00 Plenary meeting

Tuesday, 2 October to Friday, 5 October 2018

10:00–13:00 Plenary or committee meetings

15:00–18:00 Plenary or committee meetings

Saturday, 6 October 2018

10:00–13:00 Plenary meeting and closing

The provisional agenda of COP8 is available on the [WHO FCTC website](#). Moreover, please be informed that the Conference of the Parties or Committee A or B may decide at the beginning of a plenary respectively a committee meeting to change the status of the meeting from public, and so accessible to the media, to open or restricted, thus in absence of the media.

PRESS CONFERENCE

At least two press conferences will be scheduled during COP. 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 regarding updates.

Press Conference 1

Date/Time: Monday, 1 October 2018/time to be confirmed

Venue: Press briefing room

Speakers: to be confirmed

Subject: Opening of COP8

Press Conference 2

Date/Time: Saturday, 6 October 2018/time to be confirmed

Venue: Press briefing room

Speakers: to be confirmed

Subject: Closure and outcome of COP8

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PHOTO AND TV JOURNALISTS

Filming and videotaping is limited to news, documentary and educational coverage of the meetings. Accredited photo and television correspondents may cover all open sessions and move around freely before meetings are called to order, but are asked to leave promptly when meetings are about to begin. Flash may be used, but photographers are encouraged to use telephoto lenses and avoid grouping around speakers so as not to disturb their work. Photographers and camera crews are not allowed on the podium in any of the meeting rooms. It is important to avoid congestion near the podium, especially during debates.

FIRST MEETING OF THE PARTIES (MOP1)

As the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products met the conditions needed by 2 July 2018 to enter into force, the first Meeting of the Parties will follow COP8, from 8 to 10 October 2018, at the same venue. In this regard, a Media information note will be prepared and shared in due time.

How to easily locate the CICG (Centre International de Conférences Genève)

