Reaccreditation report of NGO observers to COP11

Survey response 1

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A. Contact details

A1. Name of organization

Global Alliance for Tobacco Control

A6. Website of organization

www.gatc-int.org

B. General information

B1. Please indicate if your organization would like to retain its status as observer to the Conference of the Parties

Yes

B2. Does your organization's mission statement specifically refer to tobacco control?

Yes

B3. If yes, please specify:

We unite the global tobacco control community and serve as the voice of civil society to accelerate progress on implementation of the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), while integrating tobacco control in the global health and development agendas

B4. Does your organization have regional branch(es) to enhance activities in different regions or groups of countries?

Yes

B5. If yes, please provide details

GATC has regional coordinators in AMRO, EMRO, AFRO, EURO and WPRO (PIC). GATC Regional Coordinators support the implementation of the GATC strategic plan and the development of strategic objectives including but not exclusive to: acting as liaison between the GATC and regional NGOs involved in tobacco control in the various regions and regional governments, project management and liaison with the members, develop effective communications strategies for the Region, work with NGOs to devise and implement strategies to reach out to gather intelligence from, and educate governmental delegates before and after FCTC meeting/negotiations

B6. Does your organization regularly convene meetings or conferences for its membership?

Yes

B7. If yes, is tobacco control covered in these meetings?

Yes

B8. If yes, please provide details

Convene GATC members in person and via webinars to discuss both global and regional tobacco control topics. Some of the meetings GATC convened in 2024 included: GATC COP Observers Coordination group, GATC daily briefing sessions for COP10/MOP3, in person COP Capacity Building workshop in AFRO, COP CSO policy briefing session COP focused webinars to discuss policy and logistics, Budget Advocacy webinars, regional focused tobacco control webinars led by regional coordinators. GATC also has several expert group on FCTC articles (ex: article 2.1, article 5.3, NCD/SDG and financing, human rights and aricle 9/10 etc). GATC also has regional committee and policy committee.

C. Participation in WHO FCTC meetings and contributions to other tobacco control related events

C1. 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.)

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Informal NGO meeting with FCTC Convention Secretariat and regular GATC regional calls with FCTC Secretariat

C2. Please list any other meetings or conferences with a focus on tobacco control attended by your organization

World Health Assembly, Geneva

World Cancer Congress, Geneva

UN General Assembly, New York

2nd African Conference on Tobacco and Development

NCDA Global Forum, Rwanda

World Conference on Tobacco Control Planning Sessions (sit on Content / program committee)

GATC Capacity Building Workshop, Lome

D. Your organization's activities to support implementation of the WHO FCTC

D1. Article 5 (General obligations)?

Yes

D2. If yes, please provide details

Article 5.3 task force

webinars and speaking engagements

Industry interference monitoring with partners

Policy briefs for COP

D3. Article 6 (Price and tax measures to reduce demand for tobacco)?

Yes

D4. If yes, please provide details

Advocacy work for taxation as a means to domestic resource mobilization

Published report on NCD funding flows (with a chapter on tobacco control highlighting the need for DRM, and case study around taxation

Supporting NCDA work on fiscal measures (report and policy brief – member of their EG)

Budget Advocacy

webinars and speaking engagements

D5. Article 8 (Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke)?

No

D7. Article 9 (Regulation of the contents of tobacco product) and/or Article 10 (Regulation of tobacco product disclosures)?

Yes

D8. If yes, please provide details

Policy briefs for COP

GATC Task Force on Article 9/10 (lead up to COP)

D9. Article 11 (Packaging and labelling of tobacco products)?

No

D11. Article 12 (Education, communication, training and public awareness)?

No

D13. Article 13 (Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship)?

Yes

D14. If yes, please provide details

GATC Task Force on Article 13 (lead up to COP)

GATC Policy Briefing notes and speaking points

COP WG on additional article 13 guidelines

D15. Article 14 (Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation

No

D17. Article 15 (Illicit trade in tobacco products)?

Yes

D18. If yes, please provide details

MOP

GATC Policy Briefing notes and speaking points

GATC task force (lead up to COP) and MOP briefing day and webinars

D19. Article 16 (Sales to and by minors)?

No

D21. Article 17 (Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities) and/or Article 18 (Protection of the environment and the health of persons)?

No

D23. Article 19 (Liability)?

Yes

D24. If yes, please provide details

GATC Task Force on Article 19 (lead up to COP)

GATC Article 19 expert group

D25. Article 20 (Research, surveillance and exchange of information)?

No

D27. Article 22 (Cooperation in the scientific, technical and legal fields and provision of related expertise)?

No

E. Other relevant activities to support the work of the WHO FCTC

E1. Please provide any other relevant information

Article 2.1

GATC members on COP art 2.1 expert group

GATC expert group on 2.1

GATC xpert group and expert group on environment

GATC expert group and task force on human rights

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F. Declarations

F1. 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, I confirm

F2. By electronic signature I confirm that the above information is accurate and completed to the best of our abilities.

Leslie Rae Ferat, GATC Executive Director (March 6 2025)

F3. 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, I confirm