

Reaccreditation report of NGO observers to MOP4

Survey response 1

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A. Contact details

A1. Name of organization
InterAmerican Heart Foundation
A6. Website of organization
https://interamericanheart.org

B. General information

B1. Please indicate if your organization would like to retain its status as observer to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products
Yes
B2. Does your organization's mission statement specifically refer to tobacco control or to countering/fighting illicit trade in tobacco products?
Yes
B3. If yes, please specify:
The IAHF mission is to control cardiovascular diseases (CVD) and related non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and their main risk factors TOBACCO, unhealthy nutrition, alcohol, physical inactivity and air pollution in the Americas.
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
IAHF is itself a regional continental organization in the Americas, whose work is focused on Latin America and the Caribbean. It has members across the Americas but also has affiliated organizations in Argentina (Fundación InterAmericana del Corazón Argentina) and in Jamaica (InterAmerican Heart Foundation Caribbean).
B6. Does your organization regularly convene meetings or conferences for its membership?
Yes
B7. If yes, please indicate frequency:
Biannually
B9. If yes, is tobacco control or countering/fighting illicit trade in tobacco products covered in the meetings/conferences?
Yes

C. Participation in meetings organized under the auspices of the Protocol and contributions

C1. Please indicate the meetings organized by the Convention Secretariat at which your organization was represented (sessions of the Meeting of Parties, meetings of inter-sessional groups, working groups, NGO events, etc.)

Pre MOP2 – Nov 2021 – Virtual
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Pre MOP3 – Oct 2023 – Brasilia, Brazil
MOP3 – Feb 2024 – Panama City, Panama

C2. Please list any other meetings or conferences with a focus on tobacco control or countering/fighting illicit trade in tobacco products attended by your organization.

Attended COPs and pre-COPs:
COP3 – Nov 2008 – Durban, South Africa
COP4 – Nov 2010 – Punta del Este, Uruguay
COP7 – Nov 2016 – New Delhi, India
PreCOP8 – Aug 2018 – Washington, DC
COP8 – Oct 2018 – Geneva Switzerland
PreCOP9 – Oct 2021 – Virtual
COP9 – Nov 2021 – Virtual
PreCOP10 – Oct 2023 – Brasilia, Brazil
COP10 – Feb 2024 – Panama City, Panama
NGO meeting for all observers December 2024 - Virtual
Some other recent tobacco control meetings organized and attended by members of the IAHF include:
• ☒ IAHF, ACT Brazil and other partners co-sponsored a cocktail side-event to government and civil society representatives about tobacco industry interference during the AMRO pre-COP event held in Brasilia, Brazil on 17 – 20 October 2023.
• ☒ Virtual training series co-organized by PAHO and Bloomberg Philanthropies: "Accelerating implementation of MPOWER in the Americas" (June - July and another series in August- September of 2021)
• ☒ PAHO-UK government training on implementation of Article 5 sections 1, 2 and 3 in the Americas (March 2021).
• ☒ Latin America and the Caribbean Tobacco Control Leadership Program held in Lima, Peru from March 24-29, 2019, organized by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH) and the "Comisión Nacional Permanente de Lucha Antitabáquica" (COLAT).
• ☒ Regional Strategies to Counteract the Tobacco Industry, August 14, 2019, Piriápolis, Uruguay. Organized by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK), JHSPH, and others; and the Uruguayan-Argentinian Congress on Tobacco or Health, August 14-16, 2019.
• ☒ Past World No Tobacco or Health conferences.
Some recent meetings whose main objective was not tobacco control but where IAHF presented about FCTC progress and challenges in the region and about its own work, or else advocated for tobacco control:
• ☒ Observer to the UNEP first Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-1) towards a binding treaty to eliminate plastic pollution including in the marine environment, where IAHF also became part of the Stop tobacco pollution alliance (STPA) together with other tobacco civil society organizations (CSOs) to advocate for the elimination of cigarette filters.
• ☒ American Heart Association Scientific Meetings (yearly in November 2019 - 2024) and also the InterAmerican Society of Cardiology (SIAC) cardiology congresses (yearly in June, since 2021) where IAHF discussed tobacco control, regional progress to the FCTC and ITP and also specific national and regional tobacco control projects.

D. Work encouraging Parties to the WHO FCTC to become Party to the Protocol

D1. Have you supported any Party or Parties to the WHO FCTC to become Party to the Protocol?

Yes

D2. If yes, please indicate which one(s):

Peru

E. Your organization's activities to support the Parties in their implementation of the Protocol

E. Has your organization conducted any work/activity in relation to the following provisions of the Protocol?

E1. Part II: General obligations

E1.a. Article 4: General obligations:
Yes
E1.b. Article 5: Protection of personal data:
No
E1.c. If you responded YES to any of above, please provide details:
E2 Part III: Supply chain control
E2.a. Article 6 (Licence, equivalent approval or control system):
No
E2.b. Article 7 (Due diligence):
No
E2.c. Article 8 (Tracking and tracing):
No
E2.d. Article 9 (Record keeping):
No
E2.e. Article 10 (Security and preventive measures):
No
E2.f. Article 11 (Sale by Internet, telecommunication, or any other evolving technology):
No
E2.g. Article 12 (Free zones and international transit):
No
E2.h. Article 13 (Duty free sales):
No
E3 Part IV: Offences
E3.a. Article 14 (Unlawful conduct including criminal offences):
No
E3.b. Article 15 (Liability of legal persons):
No
E3.c. Article 16 (Prosecution and sanctions):
No
E3.d. Article 17 (Seizure payments):
No
E3.e. Article 18 (Disposal or destruction):
No
E3.f. Article 19 (Special investigative techniques):
No
E4. Part V: International cooperation
E4.a. Article 20 (General information sharing):
No

E4.b. Article 21 (Enforcement information sharing):
No
E4.c. Article 21 (Information sharing: confidentiality and protection of information):
No
E4.d. Article 22 (Assistance and cooperation: training, technical assistance and cooperation in scientific, technical and technological matters):
No
E4.e. Article 24 (Assistance and cooperation: investigation and prosecution of offences):
No
E4.f. Article 27 (Law enforcement cooperation):
No
E4.g. Article 28 (Mutual administrative assistance):
No
E4.h. Article 29 (Mutual legal assistance):
No
E4.i. Article 30 (Extradition) and Article 31 (Measures to ensure extradition):
No
E5. Part VI: Reporting
E5.a. Article 32 (Reporting and exchange of information):
No
E6. Part VII: Institutional arrangements and financial resources
E6.a. Article 36 (Financial resources):
No

F. Other relevant activities to support the work of the Protocol

F1. Please provide any other relevant information that does not fit under the questions above.
<p>The main relevant activities are currently being developed as part of a project in Peru, where IAHF is partnering with CEDRO. The project, titled "Sustainable Fiscal Policy and Control of Illicit Trade for Tobacco Products in Peru," is funded by Vital Strategies/Bloomberg Philanthropies.</p> <p>Program area: Tobacco taxes and control of illicit trade of tobacco products</p> <p>Scope: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National (Peru)</p> <p>Duration of Project: 12 months</p> <p>Start: December 1, 2024</p> <p>See more details in the attached document.</p>

G. Attachments

G1. Please attach any file relevant to any of the activities reported above.
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H. Declarations

H1. 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 assistances 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

H2. Please confirm that the activity of your organization is in conformity with the Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC and the 15th and 16th preambular paragraphs of the Protocol.
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Yes, I confirm

H3. Through my electronic signature, I confirm that the above information is accurate and complete, to the best of our knowledge and abilities:

Dr. Eugenia Ramos, Executive Director, February 28, 2025
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