

Reaccreditation report of NGO observers to COP11

Survey response 1

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A. Contact details

A1. Name of organization
International Council of Nurses
A6. Website of organization
http://www.icn.ch

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?
No
B4. Does your organization have regional branch(es) to enhance activities in different regions or groups of countries?
No
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
ICN organises a biennial congress, which is attended by more than 5,000 nurses around the world. It regularly has a main session on noncommunicable disease that includes strong tobacco control component. There are hundreds of concurrent session abstracts that include topics on tobacco control and NCD prevention and control.

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.)
ICN attended the Ninth Session of the Conference of the Parties to WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (COP9) held from 8 to 13 November 2021. ICN attended the NGO Informal Meeting on 4 December 2024. ICN also plans to attend the Eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP11) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).
C2. Please list any other meetings or conferences with a focus on tobacco control attended by your organization
ICN attended the launch of the Global Tobacco Control Progress Hub in November 2022. Also, ICN is part of the Coalition of Healthcare Professionals towards a Nicotine & Tobacco free Future.

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

D1. Article 5 (General obligations)?
No
D3. Article 6 (Price and tax measures to reduce demand for tobacco)?
No
D5. Article 8 (Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke)?
Yes
D6. If yes, please provide details
ICN implements smoke-free policy at the ICN office and all events organised by ICN. ICN also encourages member national nurses associations to adopt a smoke free policy within their premises, meetings and other events.
D7. Article 9 (Regulation of the contents of tobacco product) and/or Article 10 (Regulation of tobacco product disclosures)?
No
D9. Article 11 (Packaging and labelling of tobacco products)?
No
D11. Article 12 (Education, communication, training and public awareness)?
Yes
D12. If yes, please provide details
ICN develops, updates and disseminates related publications including ICN position statements: https://www.icn.ch/sites/default/files/inline-files/A18_Tobacco_Use_Health.pdf Please note that we are in the process of reviewing and updating this PS to reflect current evidence. ICN has partnered with the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care to deliver an education workshop on cancer care for nurses in several low-middle income countries.
D13. Article 13 (Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship)?
No
D15. Article 14 (Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation)
Yes
D16. If yes, please provide details
The role of nurses in tobacco control is well evidenced and ICN works to support nurses to perform at their highest potential. As a participant of the WHO NCD/GCM, ICN works to build the capacity & capability of the nursing profession to support global efforts to prevent, control & manage NCDs in all settings & at all service levels. ICN continues to contribute to the implementation of roadmap 2023–2030 for the Global action plan for the prevention and control of NCDs 2013–2030 and lobby governments to ensure effective implementation of the plan including the tobacco related nursing interventions to reduce NCD risk factors as recommended actions. ICN was actively involved in providing recommendations to support the WHO High-level Commission on NCDs.. ICN is also on the Steering Committee for the Global Coalition for Circulatory Health. This coalition brings together international, regional and national stakeholders in circulatory health to drive the urgent action needed to combat heart disease and stroke. A key priority for this group is develop strategies and actions to reduce smoking prevalence and uptake.
D17. Article 15 (Illicit trade in tobacco products)?
No
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)?
No
D25. Article 20 (Research, surveillance and exchange of information)?
Yes
D26. If yes, please provide details
ICN organised its biennial congress in July 2023, which was attended by over 5000 nurses from around the globe. There were multiple sessions focused on Tobacco Control, Health Promotion and Prevention Strategies. During the Congress, the Kim Mo-Im award* was given to Dr Leah Primitiva Paquiz from the Philippines Nursing Association for her work as a legislator creating laws to help the people of The Philippines stop smoking. * The Kim Mo Im Policy Innovation and Impact Award is granted every two years to a nurse who has demonstrated policy innovation and impact. It focuses on a key global issue of the time and ICN established strategy.
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
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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.
Howard Catton, CEO, International Council of Nurses
13 March 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