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Time	Event	Room
10:00–13:00	Committee A – Second meeting	Salle A, first floor
10:00–13:00	Committee B – Second meeting	Executive Board Room
15:00–18:00	Committee A – Third meeting	Salle A, first floor
15:00–18:00	Committee B – Third meeting	Executive Board Room
19:00–22:00	Committee B – Fourth meeting	Executive Board Room

Regional meetings

08:30–09:30	Regional group for Africa	Salle A, first floor
08:30–09:45	Regional group for the Americas	Salle B, third floor
08:45–09:30	Regional group for South-East Asia	Room E110, SS1
08:45–09:45	Regional group for the Western Pacific	Room 6056, sixth floor
09:00–09:45	Regional group for Europe	Salle C, fifth floor
09:00–09:45	Regional group for the Eastern Mediterranean	Salle D, seventh floor
13:30–14:30	European Union Coordination Meeting	Salle C, fifth floor
18:00–19:00	European Union Coordination Meeting	Salle C, fifth floor

Other meetings

18:15–18:45	Meeting of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties (closed) Side event:	India Room, SS2
13:30–14:30	Entry into force of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products: another key milestone	Executive Board Room

Programme of work

Tuesday, 9 October 2018

Second meeting Committee A 10:00 – Salle A, first floor and overflow Salle C, fifth floor

Item 5 Protocol instruments and technical matters

(continued)

- Item 5.2 – Establishment of tracking and tracing systems, including the global information-sharing focal point (Article 8)

Documents FCTC/MOP/1/10 and FCTC/MOP/1/A/Conf.Paper No. 1 Rev. 1

- Item 5.3 – Timelines for evidence-based research (Articles 6.5 and 13.2)

Document FCTC/MOP/1/11

Second meeting Committee B 10:00 – Executive Board Room

Item 7 Budgetary and institutional matters

(continued)

- Item 7.3 – Proposed workplan and budget for the financial period 2018–2019

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Documents FCTC/MOP/1/19 and FCTC/MOP/1/INF.DOC/1

- Item 7.4 – Proposed workplan and budget for the financial period 2020–2021

Documents FCTC/MOP/1/20 and FCTC/MOP/1/INF.DOC/2

- Item 7.2 – Scale and mechanism of assessed contributions and other resources

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Documents FCTC/MOP/1/18 and FCTC/MOP/1/B/Conf.Paper No. 1

Item 6 Coordination between the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

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- Item 6.2 – Selection of the new Head of the Convention Secretariat

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Documents FCTC/MOP/1/16 and FCTC/MOP/1/B/Conf.Paper No. 3

Third meeting Committee A 15:00 – Salle A, first floor and overflow Salle B, third floor

Item 5 Protocol instruments and technical matters

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- Item 5.4 – Financial resources and mechanisms of assistance

Document FCTC/MOP/1/12

- Item 5.5 – International assistance and cooperation

Documents FCTC/MOP/1/13 and FCTC/MOP/1/A/Conf.Paper No. 2

- Item 5.6 – Mutual administrative and legal assistance

Document FCTC/MOP/1/14

Item 4 **Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation**
(continued)

- Item 4.1 – Reporting and information sharing under the Protocol
(continued)

Document FCTC/MOP/1/7

Item 3 **Progress towards the entry into force of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products** *(transferred from Committee B)*

Document FCTC/MOP/1/6

Third meeting Committee B

15:00 – Executive Board Room

Item 7 **Budgetary and institutional matters**
(continued)

- Item 7.1 – Code of Conduct for the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties and proposed measures to prevent and address potential conflicts of interest (perceived or existing) among staff of the Convention Secretariat

Document FCTC/MOP/1/17

- Item 7.1bis – Maximizing transparency of delegations from Parties and observers to the Meeting of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and other meetings of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

Document FCTC/MOP/1/B/Conf.Paper No. 2

- Item 7.5 – Visual identity of the Protocol

Documents FCTC/MOP/1/21 and FCTC/MOP/1/3

Fourth meeting Committee B

19:00 – Executive Board Room

Item 7 **Budgetary and institutional matters**
(continued)

- Item 7.3 – Proposed workplan and budget for the financial period 2018–2019
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Documents FCTC/MOP/1/19 and FCTC/MOP/1/INF.DOC/1

- Item 7.4 – Proposed workplan and budget for the financial period 2020–2021
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Documents FCTC/MOP/1/20 and FCTC/MOP/1/INF.DOC/2

Report of meetings on Monday 8 October 2018

First Plenary meeting

In the chair: Mr Carlos Cisneros (Ecuador)
President of the Meeting of the Parties

Item 2 Opening of the session

Item 2.1 – Opening remarks

The President opened the meeting and acknowledged the presence of Dr Haik Nikogosian, Head of the Convention Secretariat Emeritus. The President summarized the discussions which had taken place during the restricted session of the MOP and announced the elected officers of the Bureau, the Regional Coordinators, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Committees. He also reported on the adoption of the MOP1 Rules of Procedure (ROP), the attendance of observers at MOP1 and the submission of credentials, which would be presented for approval by Plenary on Wednesday. As indicated by the adopted agenda, Committee A would be tasked with the discussion of agenda Items 4 and 5, while Committee B would be responsible for Items 6 and 7.

The Secretariat played a video message from Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Director-General of the WHO. The President thanked the Director-General for his message and personal involvement in the establishment of the MOP.

Item 2.2 – Keynote address by the Head of the Convention Secretariat

At the request of the President, the Head of the Convention Secretariat, Dr Vera da Costa e Silva, delivered a keynote address to the Meeting.

The President thanked Dr da Costa e Silva, thus closing this agenda item.

Item 2.3 – Invited speaker

The President informed the Parties that due to unforeseen circumstances, the invited speaker, the Prime Minister of Mauritius, was unable to attend. It was announced that the general debate and the first meeting of Committee A would proceed simultaneously.

Item 2.1 (continued) – Opening remarks

General debate

The President reopened this item and invited comments from the floor. Welcoming the entry into force of MOP1, the President invited the Regional Coordinators to take the floor.

The President thanked all speakers and Parties who contributed to the general debate. In the absence of further remarks, the President closed this item.

Item 1 Organizational matters

Item 1.3 – Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The President gave the floor to the Head of the Convention Secretariat, who gave an update on the status of the Protocol. After acknowledging this historic moment, the President closed the plenary and the meeting was adjourned. He announced that Committee B would start its session immediately after the closure.

First meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Ernest Zotoua (Cote d'Ivoire)

The Chair opened the meeting and announced that in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, Committee A would consider the items under agenda Item 4: *Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation*, and Item 5: *Protocol instruments and technical matters*, as designated in the agenda which was adopted in a closed session that morning.

The Chair then introduced Dr Khoold Al-Mutawaa (Qatar) and Mr Marcos Dotta (Uruguay) as the Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

Item 4 Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation

Item 4.1 – Reporting and information sharing under the Protocol

The Chair invited the Committee to consider the draft decision as contained in document FCTC/MOP/1/7. In response to comments from the floor, the Chair proposed that a working group convene to consider the draft decision. This proposal was accepted by the Committee and the Chair announced that the working group would meet at 19:00.

Discussion of the agenda item was suspended.

Item 4.2 – Cooperation with competent international and regional intergovernmental organizations, including financial and development institutions (Article 35)

The Committee was asked to consider the draft decision as contained in the annex of document FCTC/MOP/1/8. The draft decision was adopted by consensus.

Item 5 Protocol instruments and technical matters

Item 5.1 – Report of the Panel of Experts on the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

The Committee was invited to note the report and consider the recommendations contained in document: FCTC/MOP/1/9. The floor was opened for discussion and the report was noted by the Committee.

Item 5.2 – Establishment of tracking and tracing systems, including the global information-sharing focal point (Article 8)

The Chair invited the Committee to consider the draft decision in the annex of document FCTC/COP/1/10, as prepared by the Convention Secretariat, and the draft decision contained in document FCTC/MOP/1/A/Conf.Paper No. 1 as prepared by the European Union.

The Chair then opened the floor for discussion. As document FCTC/MOP/1/A/Conf.Paper No. 1 was produced in English, the Secretariat was invited to present the draft decision to the Committee so that Parties could benefit from interpretation services. The Secretariat responded to question raised on NGO and IGO participation in the working groups, as well as a question concerning the applicability of COP and MOP travel policies.

The Committee reached a consensus on the establishment of a drafting group to work on merging the two documents into one for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee. Discussion of the agenda item was suspended pending the outcome of the drafting groups.

The meeting was adjourned.

First meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Dr Leimapokpam Swasticharan (India)

The Chair opened the session and welcomed all delegations of the Parties and State non-Parties, Observers and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations and introduced the two Vice-Chairs Mr Andreas Weinseiss (Austria) and Mr Lundeg Purevsuren (Mongolia).

Item 6 Coordination between the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

Item 6.1 – Coordination among the governing bodies of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

The Committee was asked to consider the draft decision as contained in the annex of document FCTC/MOP/1/15. The Legal Officer then introduced a more recent version of the based on proposed text received from a Party.

The Chair opened the floor for comments and then invited the Legal Officer to provide an explanation concerning the issue of Parties hosting sessions of the COP and also hosting the MOP immediately thereafter.

In the absence of further comments, the draft decision was adopted, thus closing the agenda item.

Item 6.2 – Selection of the new Head of the Convention Secretariat

The Chair invited the Parties to review document FCTC/MOP/1/16 and requested the Legal Officer to provide an update on this item, taking note of the decisions made at COP8.

One Party requested clarification on the role of the Bureau of the MOP in the selection process of the Head of the Convention Secretariat. The Legal Officer responded to issues raised. In response to concerns voiced by Parties, the Legal Officer confirmed that a revised draft decision would be prepared for consideration by the Committee at the next meeting.

The agenda item remained open.

Item 7 Budgetary and institutional matters

Item 7.1 – Code of Conduct for the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties and proposed measures to prevent and address potential conflicts of interest (perceived or existing) among staff of the Convention Secretariat

The Chair invited the Parties to consider the draft decision contained in the annex of document FCTC/MOP/1/17. At the request of the Chair, the Secretariat presented the text of draft decision.

Following comments from the floor, the Legal Officer confirmed that additional agenda item 7.1bis: *Maximizing transparency of delegations from Parties and observers to the Meeting of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and other meetings of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products*, based on the COP8 agenda item 8.2 and including amendments proposed by Brazil, would be opened at the next meeting of the Committee. The corresponding document will be FCTC/MOP/1/A/Conf.Paper No. 2.

The agenda item remained open pending processing of a revised draft decision.

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