**COP WHO FCTC**

**2023**

**Guidelines for the WMA delegation**

**All WMA delegates will attend the COP WHO FCTC meeting *as WMA observer*, NOT as observer for his/her National Medical Association or other national body to which he/she belongs and not in any private capacity. There is no exception to this rule and delegates are expected to act accordingly.**

Advocacy

Members of the delegation are expected to work in agreement with WMA coordinators.

All members of the WMA delegation should be familiar with the WMA policy on tobacco cessation, tobacco as public health risk, FCTC and public health in general, available on the [WMA website](https://www.wma.net/policy/). They are expected to advocate on this basis only.

Any action – such as oral or written public statements, interviews, meetings with delegations - must be strictly based on WMA adopted policies. Prior approval of WMA secretariat is required.

Any press matter should be submitted in writing and in English to the WMA Secretary General.However, a member of the delegation can be commissioned by WMA chair to speak on behalf of WMA. This commission must be obtained through WMA secretariat before making any statement.

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