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Time	Event
10:00–13:00	Opening ceremony and first plenary meeting
14:00–17:00	Committee A – First meeting
14:00–17:00	Committee B – First meeting

Regional meetings

08:00–09:00	European Union Coordination Meeting (<i>private</i>)
08:30–09:30	Regional group for Africa
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Eastern Mediterranean
08:30–09:30	Regional group for South-East Asia
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Western Pacific
09:00–09:45	Regional group for Europe
13:00–14:00	European Union Coordination Meeting (<i>private</i>)
17:00–18:00	European Union Coordination Meeting (<i>private</i>)
18:00–20:00	Regional group for the Americas

Other meetings

17:15–18:00	Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (<i>closed</i>)
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Programme of work

First Plenary meeting 10:00

Item 1 Opening of the session

The meeting will be opened by H.E. Ambassador Mr Esmaeil Baghaei Hamaneh, the President of the Conference of the Parties (Islamic Republic of Iran). Speeches will be delivered by the President of the COP, and Dr Adriana Blanco Marquizo, Head of the WHO FCTC Secretariat.

Item 1.3 Special procedures for the conduct of the Ninth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC

Documents FCTC/COP/9/3 and FCTC/COP/9/INF.DOC./3

Item 1.1 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Documents FCTC/COP/9/1 and FCTC/COP/9/1 (annotated)

Item 1.2 Credentials of participants

Document FCTC/COP/9/2

Item 2 Applications for the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties

Document FCTC/COP/9/4

Item 3 Global progress in implementation of the WHO FCTC

Document FCTC/COP/9/5

First meeting of Committee A 14:00

Item 4 Treaty instruments and technical matters

Item 4.1 Implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC (Regulation of contents and disclosure of tobacco products: reports by the expert group, and by WHO and the Convention Secretariat)

Documents FCTC/COP/9/6, FCTC/COP/9/7 and FCTC/COP/9/8

Item 4.2 Novel and emerging tobacco products

Documents FCTC/COP/9/9 and FCTC/COP/9/10

First meeting of Committee B 14:00

Item 6 Budgetary and institutional matters

Item 6.1 Performance and progress reports

Document FCTC/COP/9/12

- (a) Performance report for the 2018–2019 Workplan and Budget
- (b) Interim performance report for the 2020–2021 Workplan and Budget

Item 6.2 Proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2022–2023

Documents FCTC/COP/9/13 and FCTC/COP/9/INF.DOC./1

COP9 WHO FCTC App

The WHO Events App for the WHO FCTC COP9 for [smart phones](#) and [computer](#) is now available. The App provides secure access to the official documents, basic documents and all the practical information that participants need for taking part in COP9. For more information, check the [App Quick Start Guide](#), or contact ftcappsupport@who.int if you require any assistance regarding the app.

Social Media Accounts

Delegates are encouraged to raise awareness about COP9 as well as the WHO FCTC including the importance of its implementation through social media. Official hashtags: #COP9FCTC is recommended to be used on Twitter, Facebook or other channels for this purpose.

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Procedural issues

To raise a point of order, request a right of reply or make a procedural motion, a delegation member should send a message to +41 79 942 4378 by SMS text or by WhatsApp. This number is staffed during meeting times and may only be used for points of order, requests for rights of reply or other procedural motions and not for any other matter. Any messages will be promptly relayed to the presiding officer.

Announcements

Interventions

Parties and observers are invited to submit video statements which shall be broadcast in lieu of a live intervention, except the video statements under agenda item 3: Global Progress Report which will be posted on the COP9 website without broadcasting. When submitting please specify, both in the subject line of the email and at the top of the attached statement, the name of the country/group, the meeting (for example, Plenary, Committee A or Committee B) and the number of the relevant agenda item (COUNTRY NAME: _Committee A_Agenda Item 6.2). Technical specificities and comprehensive guidelines for the pre-recorded video statements and how those shall be submitted are available on the [COP9 webpage](#). Delegations wishing to make their intervention via video statement in lieu of a live intervention must request the floor by raising their hand within the platform.

Please e-mail the text of your intervention to statementsinterpret@who.int

Distribution of documents

The documents for the session can be downloaded at: [COP9 main documents](#). Restricted documents can be accessed at: [COP9 in session restricted documents](#). Password will be provided to delegates.

Virtual platform

COP9 will be held virtually using an online meeting platform. Attendance will be enabled through secured access to a videoconference that will allow representatives to hear other participants and to address, as appropriate, the meeting remotely.

Following online registration, participants will receive a communication with personal links to connect to the virtual meetings of the plenary session and committees. The personal links must not be shared with anyone else. The message will also include information on test sessions and support.

The requirements for connecting to the virtual meetings include a personal computer with the latest version of the virtual meeting software and a good Internet connection. A high-quality headset with echo-cancelling microphones and a webcam are required in order to make interventions during the meetings. It is recommended to use a quiet, soundproof room for participation in the virtual meetings.

Test sessions will be available prior to the actual sessions of the COP. The timing of test sessions will be included in the communication sent to participants following their registration.

Participants are requested to conduct a test during one of the available test sessions prior to the beginning of the sessions. For the test, please use the equipment and the location to be used during the virtual meetings of COP9.

List of participants

A provisional list of participants will be available and posted on the WHO FCTC website at the opening of the session. This list will be issued on the basis of valid credentials received by the Convention Secretariat up to 12:00 on Sunday, 31 October 2021. A revised list will be issued at a later date.

IT Support

If you face any issue during the test sessions or live meetings, please contact the support team by email at: gbs-it-support@who.int or phone +41 22 791 2111 (the call centre staff will help connect participants to the support team).