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Time	Event
10:00	Fifth meeting of Committee B
Immediately after conclusion of Committee B	Fifth Plenary 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

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

Fifth meeting of Committee B	10:00
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Item 6 Budgetary and institutional matters

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- Item 6.7 Appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat: report by the Bureau
Document FCTC/COP/9/18

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- (continued) Declaration on WHO FCTC and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
Document FCTC/COP/9/P/CONF./1 Rev.1

Item 7 Date and place of the Tenth Regular Session of the Conference of the Parties

Document FCTC/COP/9/19

Item 8 Election of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Conference of the Parties

Document FCTC/COP/9/20

Item 9 Adoption of the provisional report of the Ninth Session of the Conference of the Parties

Document FCTC/COP/9/21

– **First report of Committee B (Draft)**

Document FCTC/COP/9/B/R/1, containing 2 decisions entitled:

- Item 6.2 Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2022–2023
- Item 6.3 Assessed Contributions

– **First report of Committee A (Draft)**

Document FCTC/COP/9/A/R/1, containing 1 decision entitled:

- Item 6.5 Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties

– **Second report of Committee B (Draft)**

Document FCTC/COP/9/B/R/2, containing 1 decision entitled:

- Item 6.4 WHO FCTC Investment Fund

Item 10 Closure of the session

Report of meetings on Wednesday 10 November 2021

Third meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Graciela Gamarra (Paraguay)

The Chair opened the meeting and introduced the two Vice-Chairs, Dr Sungkyu Lee (the Republic of Korea) and the recently appointed Dr Svetlana Nicolaescu (the Republic of Moldova) to the Committee.

The Chair informed the Committee that the following agenda items had been transferred from Committee B to Committee A:

- 6.5: Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties
- 6.6: Strengthening synergies between the Conference of the Parties and the World Health Assembly.

Item 6 Budgetary and institutional matters

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Item 6.5 Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties (*item transferred from Committee B*)

The Committee was invited to note the report and consider the draft decision contained in document FCTC/COP/9/16. Comments were invited from the floor. The draft decision was adopted as annexed to the document.

Item 6.6 Strengthening synergies between the Conference of the Parties and the World Health Assembly: report by the WHO Director-General on resolutions and decisions of the Seventy-second, Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly (*transferred from Committee B*)

The Chair drew the Committee's attention to the report of the WHO Director-General contained in document FCTC/COP/9/17, and the floor was opened for comments. Several Parties requested that the Head of the Convention Secretariat send its report on the outcomes of COP9 to the World Health Assembly. The Committee noted the report, thus closing the agenda item and the work of Committee A. The meeting was closed.

Third meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Mr Ferdinand Mangongo (Gabon)

The Chair opened the session and announced that the following agenda items were transferred from Committee B to Committee A:

- 6.5: Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties
- 6.6: Strengthening synergies between the Conference of the Parties and the World Health Assembly.

Subsequently, the remaining agenda items 6.4 and 6.7 would be discussed by Committee B.

The Chair welcomed the two Vice-Chairs, Dr Samadhi Rajapaksa (Sri Lanka) and Mr Alaa Abdel-Rahman (Egypt).

The Chair gave the floor to the Secretariat for an announcement with regard to the discussions held yesterday under agenda item 6.3 *Payment of the assessed contributions and measures to reduce Parties in arrears*. The Secretariat advised that Algeria should no longer be considered as a Party in arrears.

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Item 6.4 Convention Secretariat’s fundraising strategies: Investment fund concept

The Committee was invited to consider the Report by the Convention Secretariat on the Convention Secretariat’s fundraising strategies: proposed Investment Fund as contained in document FCTC/COP/9/15 and related document FCTC/COP/9/INF.DOC./2 as well as to provide further guidance and consider adopting the draft decision contained in Annex 2 of the document FCTC/COP/9/15. The floor was opened for discussion.

The Secretariat responded to comments and questions raised by the Committee. The Chair thanked the Secretariat and invited the Committee to consider the approval of the draft decision contained in Annex 2 of document FCTC/COP/9/15. A number of amendments were proposed by the Parties to the draft decision as well as to Annex 1 of the document. The Chair invited the Committee to first consider the proposed amendments to the draft decision, followed by the proposed amendments to Annex 1.

The Chair proposed that the agenda item remain open. The proposed amendments to Annex 1 and the draft decision in Annex 2 will be considered at the next meeting once a revised version of the text, taking into account the proposed amendments, is available to Committee members.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fourth meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Mr Ferdinand Mangongo (Gabon)

Item 6 **Budgetary and institutional matters**

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Item 6.4 Convention Secretariat’s fundraising strategies: Investment fund concept

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The Chair reopened the item and called on the Secretariat to read out the amendments proposed to the text of the draft decision contained in Annex 2 of document FCTC/COP/9/15.

The Chair invited comments from the floor on the amended draft decision and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. Following agreement of all Parties to the amended text, the draft decision was approved, as amended, and the agenda item was closed.

Fourth plenary meeting

In the chair: Mr Vinyo Kumako (Togo)
Vice-President of the Conference of the Parties
Later: H.E. Mr Esmaeil Baghaei Hamaneh (Islamic Republic of Iran)
President of the Conference of the Parties

The President opened the meeting and informed the Conference that the following proposals had been received from the regions for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chairs of Committees A and B:

For Committee A, the regional groups proposed Dr Graciela Gamarra (Paraguay) as Chair, Dr Sungkyu Lee (the Republic of Korea) and Dr Svetlana Nicolaescu (the Republic of Moldova) as Vice-Chairs. For Committee B, the regional groups proposed Mr Ferdinand Mangongo (Gabon) as Chair, Dr Samadhi Rajapaksa (Sri Lanka) and Mr Alaa Abdel-Rahman (Egypt) as Vice-Chairs. The Conference agreed to the proposals and the officers of the Committees were elected.

Item 1.2 Credentials of participants

The Conference was invited to note the report and accept the credentials of the Parties contained in the annex to the report in document FCTC/COP/9/2 which was prepared in accordance with Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties, as well as those updates in relation to credentials since the publishing of the report, as reflected in the draft decision on the adoption of the credentials of participants.

It was recommended that the Conference of the Parties accepts the credentials of the Parties that have submitted their credentials, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the COP. It was further recommended to the Conference of the Parties that the representatives of the a number of Parties be entitled to participate provisionally in the session with all the rights in the Conference, pending arrival of their formal and complete credentials. The report was noted and the draft decision approved.

– Declaration on WHO FCTC and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

The President invited the Conference to consider the draft declaration on *WHO FCTC and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic* as contained in the conference paper FCTC/COP/9/CONF./1 Rev.1. Following an invitation from the President, the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft declaration and comments were invited from the floor.

The Chair announced that, due to time constraints, Parties who had requested to speak would be given the floor at the beginning of the next session, when discussion of this item would continue.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Announcements

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Distribution of documents

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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.

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