What is the WHO FCTC?: The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) is the first international treaty negotiated under the auspices of WHO. It was adopted by the World Health Assembly on 21 May 2003 and entered into force on 27 February 2005. It has since become one of the most rapidly and widely embraced treaties in United Nations history. The WHO FCTC was developed in response to the globalization of the tobacco epidemic and is an evidence-based treaty that reaffirms the right of all people to the highest standard of health. For more on the WHO FCTC, please visit http://who.int/fctc/

What is a WHO FCTC Knowledge Hub?: The Convention Secretariat has established eight Knowledge Hubs so far (with at least one in each of the six WHO regions). Knowledge Hubs assist in the implementation of Article 22 (Cooperation in the scientific, technical, and legal fields and provision of related expertise) by analysing, synthesising, and disseminating information in their areas of expertise. The WHO FCTC Knowledge Hub at the McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer focuses on legal challenges to WHO FCTC implementation. To read more about our work, go to the ‘About Us’ section of this site. To learn about other knowledge hubs, see:
What is the McCabe Centre?: The McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer is a joint initiative of Cancer Council Victoria, the Union for International Cancer Control and Cancer Council Australia. It is based at Cancer Council Victoria in Melbourne, Australia. The McCabe Centre's mission is to promote the effective use of law for the prevention and control of cancer and other noncommunicable diseases by building knowledge, expertise, capacity and networks at global, regional and domestic levels. The McCabe Centre receives funding from the Australian government for its knowledge hub functions. You can read more about our work at www.mccabecentre.org

What do I do if I want to contact the Knowledge Hub?: All requests for assistance are coordinated through the WHO FCTC Secretariat. Please email fctcssecretariat at who.int if you would like to contact the Knowledge Hub in relation to technical assistance or capacity-building activities. For other queries, you can use the ‘contact us’ form from the home page, or at the bottom of this FAQ page.