

# SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 20

WHO FCTC Secretariat's Knowledge Hub on Surveillance

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# WHO FCTC SECRETARIAT'S KNOWLEDGE HUBS

- Meant to
  - be catalysts for sharing experiences and knowledge
  - help building capacity in their respective areas of expertise among the Parties to the FCTC and other relevant partners.
- The work is facilitated and coordinated by the Convention Secretariat
- Of the seven hubs, Finland hosts the Knowledge Hub on Surveillance at National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)



- A Memorandum of Understanding between the Convention Secretariat and THL in December 2013
- The Knowledge Hub at THL became operational in 2015
- The task of the Knowledge Hub at THL is to support the implementation of the Convention internationally in areas of **tobacco surveillance** and **health-in-all-policies approach**



# ABOUT THL

- THL is the flagship research and development agency in Finland in the area of health and welfare
- THL operates under the auspices of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
- THL has strong international recognition and experience in public health, including non-communicable disease control and prevention and, particularly, promotion of epidemiological surveillance and health-in-all-policies approach



# TOBACCO CONTROL MONITORING IN FINLAND

- National surveillance system for patterns of tobacco use and exposure established after the first Tobacco Act (1976)
  - 1977 (youth)
  - 1978 (adults)
- National surveys with additional collection of health examination data every five years (FINRISK/FinHealth)
- Register-based data (cancer registry; health records)
- Economic indicators (tax revenue, import, illicit trade, societal costs)
- Structural level monitoring (Municipal policies, cessation counseling)



# CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE KNOWLEDGE HUB

- A project funded by a grant provided by the Government of Norway through the Convention Secretariat, and the Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.
  - aims at strengthening the implementation of Article 20 of the Convention by supporting research, surveillance and exchange of information in low and middle income countries (LMICs)
- In-country advice for up to 4 LMIC Parties
- Thematic webinars Oct 12 – Dec 5





**Oct 12, UTC 12:00**  
**BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE TOBACCO CONTROL  
MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM**

Ms. Hanna Ollila, WHO FCTC Secretariat's Knowledge Hub on Surveillance  
Dr. Jeffrey Drope, American Cancer Society

**Oct 26, UTC 12:00**  
**MONITORING OF TOBACCO USE AND EXPOSURE  
AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF TOBACCO CONSUMPTION**

Dr. Corinne Graffunder, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Ms. Jane Henley, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**Nov 9, UTC 12:00**  
**MONITORING OF TOBACCO CONTROL POLICIES**

Prof. Geoffrey Fong, University of Waterloo, The International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project  
Prof. Anton Kunst, University of Amsterdam

**Nov 23, UTC 12:00**  
**PROMOTING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH  
ON TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL**

Prof. Linda Bauld, University of Stirling, The Tobacco Control Capacity Programme  
Dr. Mona Johnson, SRNT University

**Dec 5, UTC 10:00**  
**PREVENTING TOBACCO INDUSTRY INTERFERENCE  
IN MONITORING AND RESEARCH**

Atty. Deborah Sy, Global Center for Good Governance in Tobacco Control (GGTC), WHO FCTC  
Secretariat's Knowledge Hub on Article 5.3  
Prof. Heikki Hiilamo, University of Helsinki



# THANK YOU!

- To register to the webinars, and for more information, visit

[www.untobaccocontrol.org/kh/surveillance](http://www.untobaccocontrol.org/kh/surveillance)

- To request technical assistance under Article 20, contact the Convention Secretariat, or the Knowledge Hub directly (contact form on the website)

