



TAXATION AND LEGISLATION IN GCC MEMBER STATES: WAY FORWARD

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA 12 - 14 OCTOBER 2010

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 12 October 2010

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| 09:00 – 09:15 | Registration |
| 09:15 – 09:30 | Opening Ceremony and Official Speeches |
| 09:30 – 11:00 | <p><u>Implementation of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) in GCC Countries</u></p> <p>WHO FCTC, What can succeed?
 <i>Dr Fatimah El Awa, Regional Advisor, Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO/EMRO</i></p> <p>Experience of Saudi Arabia
 <i>Dr Majed Al Munif, General Supervisor of Tobacco Control Programme, Ministry of Health, KSA</i></p> <p>Experience of United Arab Emirates
 <i>Dr Wedad Al Maidoor, Head of Tobacco Control Team, Ministry of Health, UAE</i></p> <p>Experience of Bahrain
 <i>Dr Maha Meqla Al Kawari, Ministry of Health, Bahrain</i></p> <p>Discussion</p> |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | <p><u>Model of Tobacco Control Legislation</u></p> <p>Why the need for a model legislation?
 <i>Dr Fatimah El Awa, Regional Advisor, Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO/EMRO</i></p> <p>Problems and challenges</p> |

Dr Jawad A. Al-Lawati, Director, Department of Noncommunicable Diseases Control, Ministry of Health, Oman

World efforts to support tobacco control legislations

Dr Patricia Lambert, Legal Advisor, Tobacco Free Kinds

Discussions

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:15 Introduction of Working Groups

14:15 – 15:30 **Working Groups**

Group 1: WHO FCTC Guidelines, how to include tobacco control in the national legislations

Group 2: Legal awareness of community and decision makers

15:30 – 16:00 Working Groups presentations

Wednesday, 13 October 2010

09:30 – 11:00 General overview about the importance of taxing tobacco products

Dr Sofia Delipalla, Tobacco Taxation Consultant

Ms Anne-Marie Perucic, Economist, Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO/HQ

Tax and price policies in tobacco control in the Region

Dr Farrukh Qureshi, Medical Officer, Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO/EMRO

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Concerns related to tobacco taxation (smuggling)

Dr Sofia Delipalla, Tobacco Taxation Consultant

Ms Anne-Marie Perucic, Economist, Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO/HQ

Smuggling and its impact on the Region

Dr Hani Al Gouhmani, Regional Coordinator, Framework Convention Alliance

13:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:30 Concerns related to tobacco taxation (employment and poverty)

Dr Sofia Delipalla, Tobacco Taxation Consultant

Ms Anne-Marie Perucic, Economist, Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO/HQ

14:30 – 15:45 Tobacco tax structure: types and administration

Dr Sofia Delipalla, Tobacco Taxation Consultant

Ms Anne-Marie Perucic, Economist, Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO/HQ

Thursday, 14 October 2010

- 09:00-10:00 **Examples of taxation in the Region**
- Egypt
- Pakistan
- 10:00 -10:45 **Taxes as a means to reduce tobacco use**
Experience from South Africa
Yusuf Saloojee, Executive Director, National Council Against Smoking
- 10:45 -11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 -12:30 Country presentations:
country presentations, challenges and opportunities
(Representatives from the Ministries of Finance)
- 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 -15:00 Individual meetings with countries
- 15:00 -15:30 Conclusions and closure