# Working together for international tobacco control

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"We unite and support the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, to promote greater equity, and to ensure that cancer control continues to be a priority in the world health and development agenda."



### **About UICC**

Leading the

global <mark>fight</mark>

# against cancer



- Oldest and largest cancer fighting organisation globally, established in 1933
  - A team of 44 based in Geneva and experts around the world
    - Around 1'200 members across 172 countries

## What makes us unique

- Only global cancer organisation representing all cancer types, across the continuum of cancer care (prevention, early detection, treatment and care, palliative care)
- Pressing for more cancer control around the world through global advocacy & member's empowerment
- Connecting the **most influential health leaders**, governments, civil society, policy makers and private sector through its platforms and activities
- A strong track record in **making change happen** and delivering impact on the ground

#### Access to a diverse global cancer control Cancer network societies UN and Networks development and alliances **Partnering to drive success** agencies in cancer control Official relations with Professional Governments UN agencies: WHO, associations IARC, IAEA, UNODC and consultative status at **ECOSOC**, NGO observer of the WHO global cancer control Cancer FCTC COP International patient A MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATION organisations support • More than **50** partners groups including cancer organisations, corporations and foundations Cancer Companies centres • Founding member of the NCD Alliance, **Private** Academic **City Cancer** institutions foundations Challenge Foundation, McCabe WHO - World Health Organization | IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer **Centre** and **ICCP** IAEA - International Atomic Energy Agency | UNODC - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

ECOSOC - United Nations Economic and Social Council



## **UICC's areas of focus**



**Convening** Connecting minds and voices for progress

Provide platforms for the entire cancer community to **join forces** and **drive change on a global scale.** 



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**Capacity Building** Increasing our members' impact through capacity building

Innovative tools and skills to help organisations do a better job tomorrow than they are already doing today

- Leadership development (CEOs, young leaders)
- Peer to peer capacity building at global and regional levels
- Online education and resources
- Grants for fellowships, project improvement, workshops, change and innovation.



Knowledge, Advocacy and Policy

Bringing cancer to the attention of global leaders

Integrate cancer control in the **global health and development agenda,** working across the policy cycle to help bring together the evidence base for effective cancer control, develop tools to support national advocacy and share examples of successful policy change.





## Working together for international tobacco control

### Why?

- 8 million deaths, 1.2 million from second-hand smoke, 3 million from cancer.
- 1.3 billion smokers, 80% tobacco users live in LMICs
- Social cost is really high. It increases poverty and discrepancies within and between countries
- UICC can rely on an active membership base in 173 countries
- Synergise our efforts

### How?

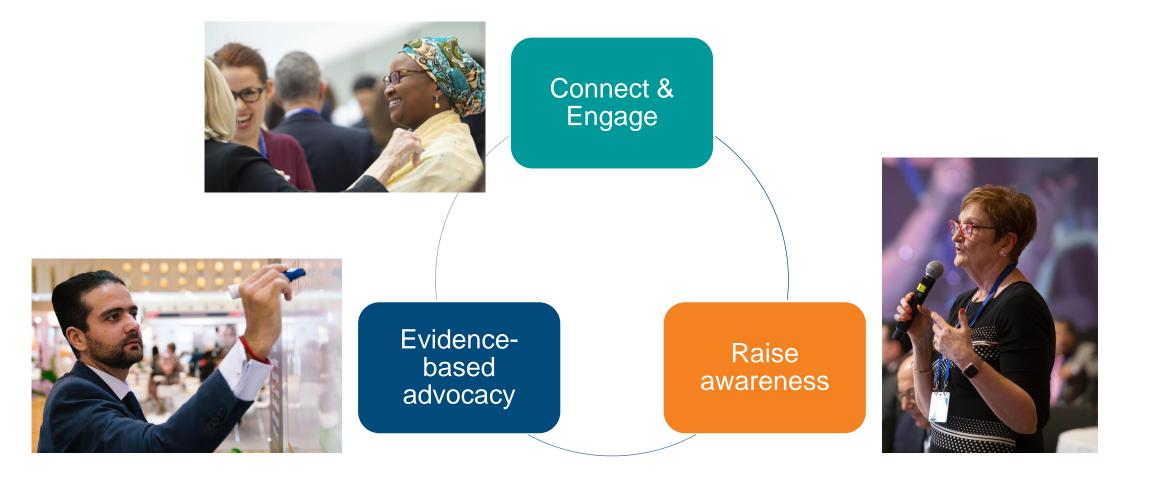
- Identify & engage all stakeholders (health community, governments, the public, and organisations beyond health...)
- Share knowledge and raise awareness
- Build communities and expertise in countries

### What ?

- Relay the COP information & advocate with governments to implement the FCTC measures
- Engage the public & policy makers
- Counter lobby from the tobacco industry
- Show benefits of tobacco control investments for countries



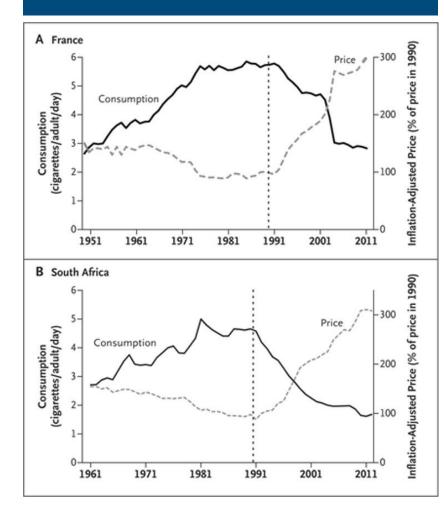
### Three key approaches for our tobacco control work





### **Tobacco Control Three Areas of Focus**

#### **Tobacco taxation**



# Tobacco Advertising, Promotion & Sponsorship (TAPS)



### **Smoke-free environments**





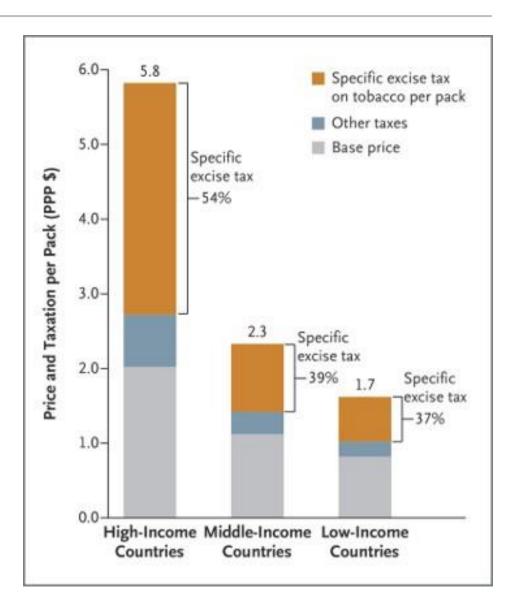
### Why tobacco taxation?

#### Most cost-effective measure to reduce smoking

- A 10% increase in taxes leads to 4-5% decrease in cigarette demand (less affordable for low income settings)
- Tax income can serve to invest in health systems and prevention programmes (Win-Win for Health and Economy)

### Challenges

- Only 38 countries apply the recommended 75% excise tax (1 Billion people covered)
- The tobacco industry lobby suggest that tax increase will cause declines in revenues or an increase in illicit trade.



## Why TAPS?

- Counter misinformation to the public
- Prevent the recruitment of new users (replacement generation)
- Stop lobby government & decision makers (Warn about the actions of Foundation for a Smoke-Free World, sponsored studies)
- Report Corporate Social Responsibility (e.g coronawashing)

The tobacco industry spent US\$ 23 Million in marketing per DAY (source: PAHO)





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### Why promote a smoke-free environment?

1.2 million deaths due to second-hand smoke per year.65'000 children die of second-hand smoke every year.It also raises sudden deaths in infants and pregnancy complications for women.

#### Workplaces

Protect employees (i.e. restaurants or offices).

### **Public places**

Protect the public, the children and vulnerable people. It also encourages smokers to quit.

Avoid normalisation of tobacco use in public (especially for children & teenagers).

Only **22%** of the world's population are protected by complete smoking bans in public places, workplaces and public transport.



## **UICC.org Share Knowledge, Resources and Connect**

#### Infographics

#### QUIT SMOKING START HEALING

The benefits of quitting smoking



# World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) ready-made social media content

Globally 1.8 million deaths are caused by **#lungcancer** annually. **#Tobacco** smoking is the most common cause of lung **#cancer**, contributing to roughly 1.2 million deaths per year. Quitting smoking can significantly reduce the risk of lung cancer. **#WNTD** @uicc

#### **External resources**

- WHO Tobacco 
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- WHO Tobacco taxation E
- WHO FCTC Tobacco measures D
- Tobacconomics E-
- Tobacco Tactics Industry monitoring ➡
- Cancer Research UK Description
- McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer Example
- Prevent 20 ₽
- Tobacco Control Research Group 

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#### Tobacco Atlas:

- Tobacco Atlas website D
- Smoke-free places map ⊕
- Advertising bans map E

#### Tobacco Advertising

- Stanford University D
- Truth Initiative E



### **Virtual Dialogues**



### **Members' blogs**



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#### Q Blog

### Proven tobacco control tools are key to a healthy recovery

As the tobacco industry renews efforts to exert influence, Hayley Jones of the McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer emphasises the use of legal and regulatory tools such as the FCTC to fight the tobacco epidemic.

### Press & Media Content

Budgetary impact from multiple perspectives of sustained antitobacco national media campaigns to reduce the harms of cigarette smoking – British Medical Journal e-– May 2021

May 2021

Risk of smoking relapse with the use of electronic cigarettes: A systematic review with meta-analysis of longitudinal studies ⊕

- Tobacco Prevention and Cessation - April 2021

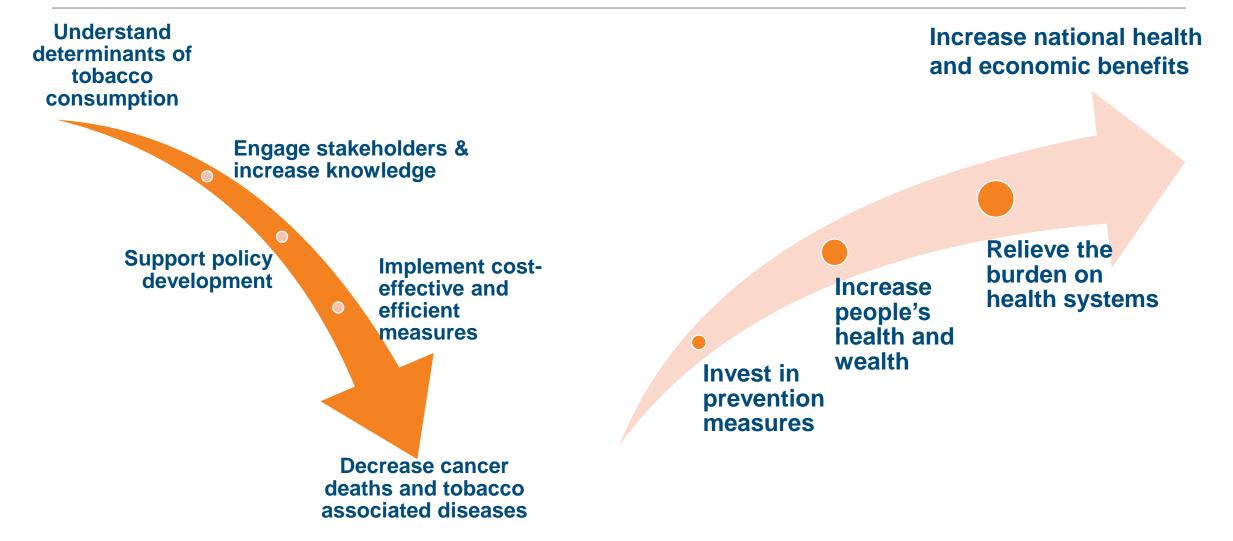
Big tobacco, big conflict of interest → – University of Bath – 29 April 2021

### Videos





### **Cancer control and tobacco prevention interventions**



A coordinated multisectoral, multi-stakeholder approach will be beneficial for the smokers, the public and the countries

# Thank you

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