



7th ICO-WHO
SYMPOSIUM
ON TOBACCO CONTROL

Breaking Down Silos

Increasing Synergy among UN Treaties to
Achieve a Tobacco-Free Future

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UN Sustainable Development

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4th International Conference on Financing for Development
30 June - 3 July, 2025



The 4th International Conference on Financing for Development

Seville, Spain | 30 June – 3 July, 2025

The conference will address new and emerging issues, and the urgent need to fully implement the Sustainable Development Goals, and support reform of the international financial architecture.

Ffd4 will assess the progress made in the implementation of the [Monterrey Consensus](#), the [Doha Declaration](#) and the [Addis Ababa Action agenda](#).

[GA Resolution 78/231 on 22 December 2023](#)

Key Dates

3-6 December 2024:

[Second PrepCom Session](#)

10-14 February 2025:

[Third PrepCom Session](#)

28-29 April 2025:

[Ffd Forum](#)

30 April-1 May (TBC) 2025:

[Fourth PrepCom Session](#)

UN Human Rights Treaties



FCTC

WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION
ON TOBACCO CONTROL

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOBACCO CONTROL

Tenth session (resumed)

Panama City, Panama, 5–10 February 2024



**Economic and Social
Council**

Human Rights Council

Thirty-fifth session

6–23 June 2017

Agenda item 3

Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development

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**Convention on the
Rights of the Child**

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A/79/177



General Assembly

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Seventy-ninth session

Item 71 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

Harm reduction for sustainable peace and development



7. The scepticism towards the tobacco industry's harm reduction initiatives stems from their long and well-documented history of duplicitous behaviour, concealing and downplaying the health risks of their products, while deceptively marketing alternatives as harm reduction or quitting alternatives as ascertained in judicial proceedings

PROGRESS IN PLACE

Reporting compliance by State parties to the human rights treaty bodies



International Human Rights Instruments

Distr.
GENERAL

HRI/GEN/2/Rev.6
3 June 2009

Original: ENGLISH

COMPILATION OF GUIDELINES ON THE FORM AND CONTENT
OF REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES TO THE
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

Report of the Secretary-General



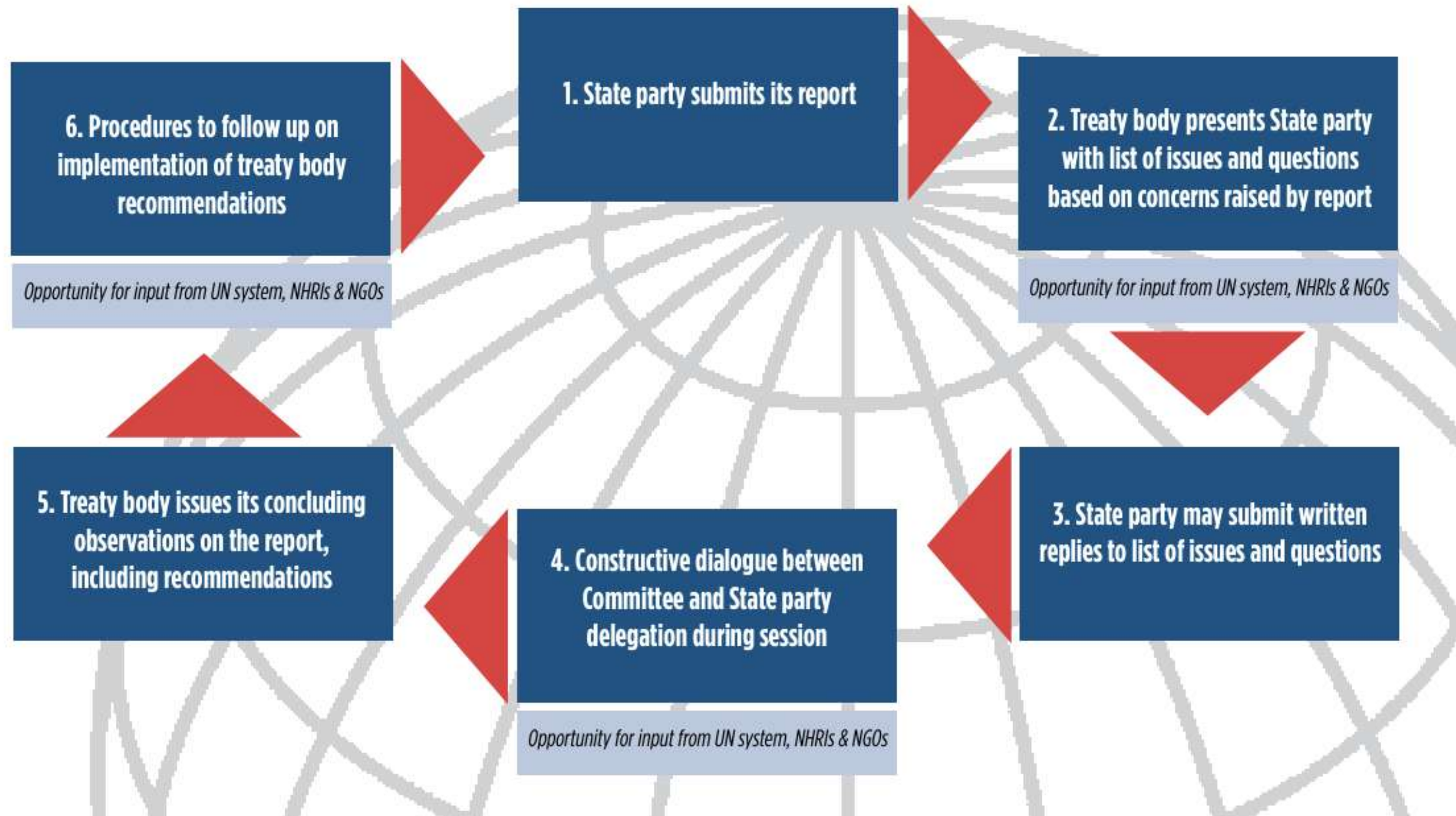
Under Article 12 Member States are invited to:

“56. Provide information on the measures taken to ensure:”

(d) To prevent the abuse of ...tobacco , ...”

Reporting Processes for Human Rights Treaties

The Reporting Cycle Under the Human Rights Treaties



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CRC/C/DEU/CO/5-6

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Russian and Spanish only

Committee on the Rights of the Child

**Concluding observations on the combined fifth to sixth
periodic reports of Germany***



The Committee recommends that Germany improves education on the effects of tobacco use and second-hand smoke, regulates the marketing of tobacco to children, and holds tobacco companies accountable for infringing on children's rights in supply chains.

RESULTS

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**Convention on the Elimination
of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women**

CEDAW/C/ARG/CO/6

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16 August 2010

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**Committee on the Elimination of
Discrimination against Women**
Forty-sixth session
12-30 July 2010

**Concluding observations of the Committee on the
Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

Argentina



39. The Committee is concerned about the widespread use of tobacco among women in Argentina and the serious health impact of tobacco on women. The Committee is particularly concerned that women are often targets in tobacco advertising campaigns, which encourage and increase the usage of tobacco among women, resulting in tobacco-related diseases and deaths.

40. The Committee urges the State party to ratify and implement the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and put in place legislation aimed at banning smoking in public spaces and restricting tobacco advertising.

RESULTS

FCTC ARTICLE 18 DECISION



CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOBACCO CONTROL
Tenth session (resumed)
Panama City, Panama, 5–10 February 2024

FCTC/COP10(14)
10 February 2024

DECISION

FCTC/COP10(14) Implementation of Article 18 of the WHO FCTC

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Considering Article 18 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC), whereby the Parties agreed to have due regard to the protection of the environment and the health of persons in relation to the environment in respect of tobacco cultivation and manufacture within their respective territories;



COP10 adopted historic decisions to protect the environment from the harms of tobacco and to address cross-border tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship and the depiction of tobacco in entertainment media



RESULTS

Nations sign up to end global scourge of plastic pollution



recycling at Dandora landfill in Nairobi, Kenya.

UNITED NATIONS

EP

UNEP/EA.5/L.23/Rev.1

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United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme

United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme
Fifth session
Nairobi (hybrid), 22–26 February 2021 and 28 February–2 March 2022

Draft resolution

End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument*

The United Nations Environment Assembly.

United Nations A/76/L

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Seventy-sixth session
Agenda item 74 (b)
Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Bahamas, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Palau, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Samoa, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Togo, Ukraine, Uruguay and Vanuatu: **draft resolution***

The human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment

The General Assembly.
Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

2 March 2022 | Climate and Environment

Heads of State, environment ministers and heads of government will open the Environment Assembly in Nairobi on 22 February 2022. The landmark resolution addresses the full range of human rights, including the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

United Nations A/HRC/RES/48/13

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18 October 2021
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Human Rights Council
Forty-eighth session
13 September–11 October 2021
Agenda item 3
Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 8 October 2021

48/13. The human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment

STORIES

Turning waste to wealth: In Nairobi, UN deputy chief lauds youth-led development solutions

OPPORTUNITY



Key human rights considerations for the negotiations to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution

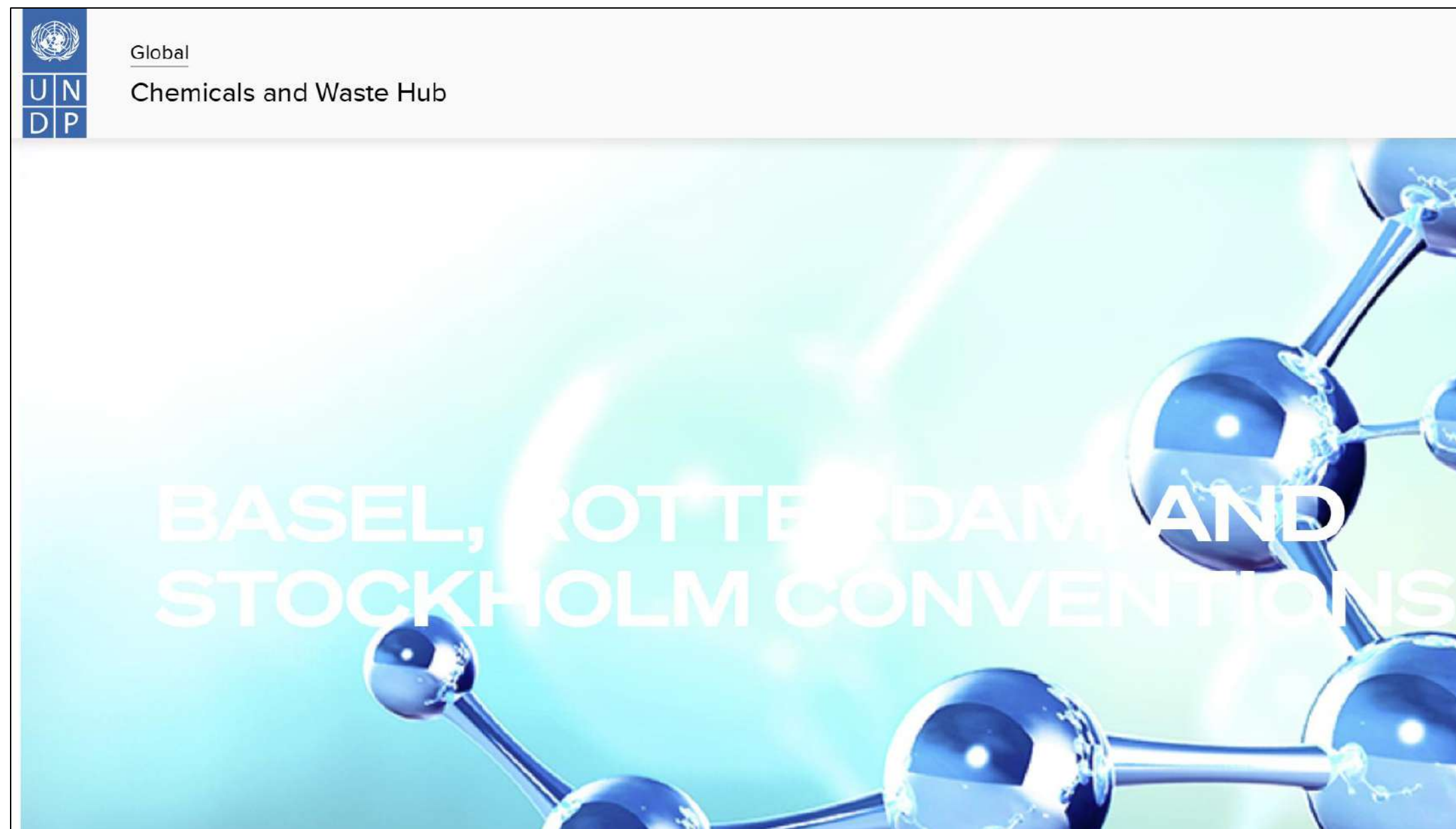
Hold business enterprises accountable and protect against conflict of interest

Clear **boundaries on conflict of interest** should be established for the negotiations process and the implementation of the new **Plastics treaty** drawing from **existing good practices under international law**, for example, **article 5.3 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control** states that “Parties shall act to **protect** [their public health policies with respect to tobacco control] **from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry...**”

OPPORTUNITY

Meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Geneva, Switzerland | 28 April to 9 May 2025



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2025 UN Ocean Conference

Nice, France | 9 June – 13 June 2025

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UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) And

20th Session of the UN Forum on Forests

New York, USA | 5 May – 9 May 2025

UNCCD 16th session of the Conference of the Parties

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA | 2-13 DECEMBER 2024



*"We depend on land for our survival.
Yet, we treat it like dirt."*

— United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres



The sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP16) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) will take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 2 to 13 December 2024.

[Host country COP16 website](#) >

[COP16 at a glance](#) >

[COP16 informal guide](#) >

The screenshot shows the official website for the 20th session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF20). The header includes the United Nations logo, the text 'United Nations | Department of Economic and Social Affairs | Forests', and the 'GLOBAL FOREST GOALS' logo. A navigation menu contains links for Home, Forum, Documents, Events, CPF, Major Groups, Regions, and Outreach. The main heading is '20th session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF20)'. Below this, there is a UNFF logo, event details: 'Date: May 5, 2025 to May 9, 2025', 'Location: New York, United States', and 'Organiser: UNFF Secretariat'. A map area is labeled 'Loading Map...'. On the right, a 'Past Events' section lists the 'Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP16) to the Convention on Biological Diversity' held from 21/10/2024 to 01/11/2024.

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2025 UN Climate Change Conference

Belém, Brazil | 10–21 November 2025

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