

COP10 (5-10 February 2024 – Panama City)

Day 2

ORCHID & DIRTY ASHTRAY

ORCHID AWARD

 To Oman - For pointing out that Parties should not waste time with repeated interventions that are not related to productive outcomes.

DIRTY ASHTRAY

 To Parties that opposed Brazil's excellent proposal to include Article 18 on the agenda, which addresses the significant environmental concerns associated with tobacco.

Day 3

ORCHID & DIRTY ASHTRAY

ORCHID AWARD

To AFRO for urging immediate activation of the investment fund given the urgent need for adequate sustainable resources for FCTC implementation

DIRTY ASHTRAY

To Guatemala for setting a bad example by systematically timewasting and trying to reopen closed agenda items. Other parties take note.

Day 4

ORCHID & DIRTY ASHTRAY

ORCHID AWARD

 To Singapore- For constructively, and in line with FCTC rules, helping Parties move forward on Art. 9 & 10.

DIRTY ASHTRAY

 To the Dominican Republic, a non-party, for misusing the Plenary session to promote the tobacco industry.

Day 5

ORCHID & DIRTY ASHTRAY

ORCHID AWARD

 To Panama for their hospitality, leadership, commitment to tobacco control, and resistance to tobacco industry interference

DIRTY ASHTRAY

 To the Philippines for its brazen use of tobacco industry tactics of obstinate dispute and delay throughout the COP

COP 9 (8-13 Nov 2021 – Virtual)

DAY 2



ORCHID AWARD

To all Parties who stood their ground in support of the original text of the draft decision on the adoption of the agenda and encouraged that the work of the COP progress forward.



DIRTY ASHTRAY

To Guatemala and the Philippines – For insisting on amendments with unhelpful and often confusing wording which wasted valuable COP time.

DAY 3



ORCHID AWARD

All of the Parties in Committee B that supported the inclusion of civil society in the Oversight Committee of the Investment Fund.



DIRTY ASHTRAY

Nicaragua, El Salvador, Philippines, Honduras and Guatemala for attempting to block progress at COP in the eleventh hour.

SPECIAL MENTION

Philippine Department of Health for its unwavering commitment to FCTC Article 5.3 and its courageous effort in the face of adversity to protect the health of the Filipino people by safeguarding the WHO FCTC and Philippine tobacco control policies from tobacco industry interference. See their recent [press release here](#).

DAY 4



ORCHID AWARD

Committee B
For passing a well-prepared and transparent budget.



DIRTY ASHTRAY

Honduras
For attempting to reopen the text of the omnibus decision for further discussion after its adoption.

DAY 5



ORCHID AWARD

Iran for proposing the COP9 Declaration on WHO FCTC and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and for all Parties who co-sponsored the proposal.





DIRTY ASHTRAY



Philippines for using the burden of management of COVID-19 as an excuse to ignore that the FCTC is key to recovery from COVID-19 and building back better, given the established links between tobacco use, NCDs, and COVID-19.



DISHONOURABLE MENTION



A "soggy cigar" dishonourable mention goes to the Dominican Republic, who used its speaking time as a State non-Party to the COP to promote the tobacco industry (reminding us all of why the FCTC is so needed and critical for public health as well as Party obligations on Article 5.3)

COP 8 (1-6 October 2018 – Geneva)

DAY 2	ORCHID AWARD  ALL PARTIES WHICH STATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR ADOPTION OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY	DIRTY ASHTRAY  TO ALL PARTIES WITH TOBACCO INDUSTRY INTERESTS ON THEIR DELEGATIONS
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DAY 3	ORCHID AWARD  Nigeria for making a strong statement on its intent to fully implement the FCTC, including its support for the Global Strategy, the IRM pilot project, and transparency of delegations.	DIRTY ASHTRAY  Zimbabwe for setting an impossible record of no cases of green tobacco sickness.
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DAY 4	ORCHID AWARD  To SEARO and Pacific Island Countries for reminding Committee A that the Parties to the treaty are already obligated to implement the FCTC in relation to Heated Tobacco Products* <small>*Parties that want to do more are fully supported by FCTC Article 2.1</small>	DIRTY ASHTRAY  Tanzania and Mozambique for parroting industry lines in Committee A that they did not appear to understand
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DAY 5	ORCHID AWARD  To all the Parties who supported the important principle that the Global Strategy and the Implementation Review Mechanism pilot should be funded from Assessed Contributions	DIRTY ASHTRAY  To Parties who used delay tactics rather than using the time to strengthen the link between human rights and tobacco control
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COP7 (7-12 Nov 2016 – New Delhi, India)

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD Day 2




To the many tobacco industry representatives who abused the public badge on Day 1.

ORCHID AWARD




To the UK and Sri Lanka for showing leadership on Day 1 of COP7 by providing funding and demonstrating political will, both of which are essential to advance FCTC implementation.

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD Day 3



FYR Macedonia, Guatemala, Honduras and Zimbabwe for shameful disregard of Article 5.3 Guidelines. In particular Macedonia for also arguing that the tobacco industry is a legitimate stakeholder

ORCHID AWARD



To AFRO and EMRO, for their strong support for an intergovernmental working group (IGWG) for the ITP

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD Day 4



For Nigeria, which despite its previous leadership in tobacco control, is blocking guidelines on slim cigarettes, which are particularly attractive to women and children.

ORCHID AWARD



To Uganda, for speaking out in favour of transparent COP proceedings and against industry interference.

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD Day 5



To Guatemala, for systematic legalistic obstruction to slow down negotiations

ORCHID AWARD



To the chair of Committee B for her grace and skill in expediting negotiations

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD Day 6



To the EU, for repeatedly blocking progress on issues related to Art. 5.3 with respect to both the FCTC and the Illicit Trade Protocol.

ORCHID AWARD



To New Zealand, for helping Parties find common ground and reach a single decision on financial resources, technical assistance and reporting.

COP6 (13-18 Oct 2014 – Moscow, Russia)

DAY 2



DIRTY ASHTRAY
AWARD

To all Parties that have industry people in their delegations – we know who you are.



ORCHID AWARD

To the region of South-East Asia, for backing full travel support for low-resource parties.

DAY 3



DIRTY ASHTRAY
AWARD

To the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, for twisting the truth and calling draft Article 6 guidelines a WHO proposal.
#industrypropaganda



ORCHID AWARD

Thailand, for pointing out that the goal of free trade is the free flow of goods, and "tobacco is no good"

DAY 4



DIRTY ASHTRAY
AWARD

To Vietnam, for consistently parroting tobacco industry positions under the guise of state sovereignty.



ORCHID AWARD

To Committee B, for agreeing to read and digest all three documents on the upcoming budget (2016-2017) overnight before discussing them on Thursday.

DAY 5



DIRTY ASHTRAY
AWARD



ORCHID AWARD

To all Parties that are taking a cooperative approach with the goal of reaching consensus on all agenda items

DAY 6



DIRTY ASHTRAY
AWARD

To delegates who speak before reading the conference papers



ORCHID AWARD

- Malaysia & the Philippines, for championing the protection of tobacco regulation in future free trade and investment agreements
- Djibouti, for incredible stamina, courage and determination to protect public health and as an example of how one Party can make a difference
- Dr Olcott Gunasekera, for being a long-time inspirational champion of tobacco control champions

COP5 (12-17 November 2012 – Seoul, Republic of Korea)

Day 2

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD 

To Ukraine and Honduras: FCTC parties that challenged the Australian Government at the WTO for implementing stringent FCTC measures.

ORCHID AWARD 

To Australia, Norway and Uruguay for standing against the tobacco industry.

Day 3

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD 

To Ukraine for treating the COP like a tobacco company shareholders' meeting.

ORCHID AWARD 

To MERCOSUR (Mercado Común del Sur) for promoting regional cooperation on implementing the FCTC, for putting tobacco control on the development agenda, and for prioritizing health over trade.

Day 4

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD 

To the EU for refusing to compromise, thereby threatening adoption of Guidelines on Article 6 at COP5

ORCHID AWARD 

To Parties, in particular Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, for suggesting constructive text on Article 6

Day 5

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD 

To Parties, for failing to prioritise support and collaboration that would accelerate FCTC implementation.

ORCHID AWARD 

To delegates, who are still pushing for stronger FCTC implementation despite strong pressure from industry lobbyists

Day 6

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD 

To the EU, for wasting everyone's time and money by holding entrenched positions on Committee B issues.

ORCHID AWARD 

To Australia, a high income country consistently standing up in Committee B for participation of low- and middle-income countries.

COP4 (15-20 November 2010 – Punta del Este, Uruguay)

Day 2

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD



All Parties who have tobacco industry representatives on their delegations, in violation of Article 5.3 guidelines, recommendations 4.9 and 8.3

ORCHID AWARD



To New Zealand, for calling for financial assistance to low-resource Parties, and for leading by example

Day 3

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD



To the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, for repeating tobacco industry arguments, and for ignoring the health and economic costs of tobacco use.

ORCHID AWARD



To Kenya for supporting speedy adoption of Article 9, 10, 12 & 14 guidelines without amendments; and for promoting a working group on linking the illicit trade protocol to other existing international arrangements.

Day 4

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD



To the Philippines, for promoting industry interests through use of international trade law.

ORCHID AWARD



To SEARO, EMRO, EU and the many Parties which endorsed adoption of Articles 9 & 10 guidelines.

Day 5

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD



No ashtray... but we are watching you, and you know who you are

ORCHID AWARD



Committee A:
South Africa on behalf of AFRO, SEARO and the many other countries for their overwhelming support of an Article 6 guidelines working group

Committee B:
Kenya and Brazil (supported by others) for offering constructive proposals to increase financial resources for treaty implementation

Day 6

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD



To those Parties in Committee B which forgot the treaty's vision and considered only cost-cutting

ORCHID AWARD



To Committee A, for breaking a deadlock and finding consensus

COP3 (17-22 November 2008 – Durban, South Africa)

Day 2

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD



You have been warned. This space is on hold for the discussion on Article 5.3.

ORCHID AWARD



To SEARO for being the first region to announce its support for adoption of Article 11 and 13 guidelines unchanged.

Day 3

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD



To China for attempting to make a mockery of Article 11 guidelines including preferring beautiful cigarette packages over the health of its citizens.

ORCHID AWARD



To New Zealand for walking the walk as well as talking the talk on financial and technical assistance to help low-income countries implement the FCTC.

Day 4

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD



Japan for supporting "CSR" and failing to recognise that this is marketing by another name.

ORCHID AWARD



All Parties that threw their weight behind civil society participation in the Article 5.3 Working Group.

Day 5

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD



Committee B, we're watching you – you're running out of time to find solutions.

ORCHID AWARD



Japan for its co-operative and flexible approach to achieving consensus on Article 13 – we hope this continues for the rest of the week.

Day 6

DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD




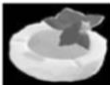

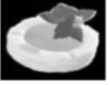

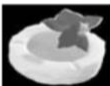

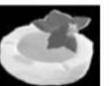

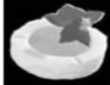
To the chair of Committee B for undermining the COP's decision-making process by repeatedly ignoring Parties' comments on the need for a process to further revise the reporting instrument – all the way through to 10.15 pm on Friday night, when a draft decision, only in English, and not reflecting Parties' comments, was introduced two minutes before the session had to conclude... Scandalous.

ORCHID AWARD



To Maldives for pledging extra budgetary contributions nearly nine times the size of their voluntary accessed contributions

COP2 (2-6 July 2007 – Bangkok, Thailand)

Day 2	Dirty Ashtray Award	To countries who have not paid their voluntary assessed contribution on time. You know who you are. So do we!	
	Orchid Award	To England, for following the lead of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and thereby making the entire United Kingdom smoke-free as of yesterday.	
Day 3	Dirty Ashtray Award	To nobody at all. Signs of progress Monday!	
	Orchid Award	To Australia, for announcing the first extra-budgetary funding contribution to the FCTC.	
Day 4	Dirty Ashtray Award	To the FCA, for being too wimpy to award the Dirty Ashtray to anybody. You're losing your edge, people!	
	Orchid Award	To all Parties, for their positive decisions today on smuggling, advertising and negotiating priorities.	
Day 5	Dirty Ashtray Award	To Japan for urging the COP to allow tobacco industry interference in product regulation by suggesting ISO should take the lead in this area.	
	Orchid Award	To the Chair of Committee A, for his outstanding handling of Tuesday's proceedings and for achieving acceptance of guidelines for Article 8, without opening up the text for discussion.	
Day 6	Dirty Ashtray Award	To Switzerland: become a Party, and make Geneva smokefree and we'll be more interested in meeting there.	
	Orchid Award	To OLAF, the EU anti-fraud office, for its offer of significant financial assistance towards the negotiation of the illicit trade protocol. This week a standard has been set for other Parties to follow.	

COP1 (6-17 February 2006 – Geneva, Switzerland)

Day 1

ORCHIDS AND ASHTRAYS



The first orchid award of this session goes jointly to Thailand and Iceland, for prohibiting all visible display of tobacco products at point of sale — out of site, out of mind!



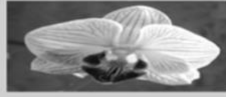
The first dirty ashtray award of the year goes to Mexico, for allowing the tobacco industry to manipulate its tobacco control policy, contrary to FCTC Article 5.3.

These awards are made each day by the civil society organisations that make up the Framework Convention Alliance. We make them to acknowledge the countries who show real commitment to implementing an effective FCTC, and to expose those whose action, or lack of action, slow it down.

If your country has something to be proud of, make sure we know about it.. If your country does something shameful in tobacco control, the next ashtray will head your way!

Day 2

ORCHID



To South Africa and the other Parties from the AFRO Region, for supporting a strong Secretariat that will be accountable to the Conference of the Parties.



**A nice sign from China:
"Civilised street—no smoking"**

ASHTRAY



**To those countries with tobacco industry representatives on their delegations. You know who you are....
And so do we!**

Day 3

ORCHIDS AND ASHTRAYS

Today's orchid goes to France, for being the first G-8 country to acknowledge the importance of funding developing countries to implement the FCTC.

How do you say "walk the talk" in French?



Today's dirty ashtray award goes to Japan, which despite having ratified the FCTC, is still promoting tobacco industry positions on "restricting" advertising and accommodation of smokers by providing smoking areas.



Day 4

ORCHIDS AND ASHTRAYS

We are delighted to award today's orchid to Ghana, for eloquently challenging the Parties to create a funding mechanism to assist developing countries in implementing the FCTC.



A close winner over other worthy candidates for today's smelly ashtray is Japan, for obstructing progress while maintaining it wasn't being obstructionist.



Day 5

ORCHIDS AND ASHTRAYS

Orchids are presented to all the countries in Committee A, which spoke out in favour of a protocol on illicit trade.



Austria is today's ashtray recipient, for wasting valuable time trying to give the Parties a lesson in diplomacy they didn't need, while continuing to hold up proceedings because they still have to coordinate the EU position on just about everything.



Day 6

ORCHIDS AND ASHTRAYS



Brazil is the worthy recipient of the first orchid of the week, for its positive spirit and proactive approach both at this COP and at home, where it has already created an National Commission for FCTC implementation.



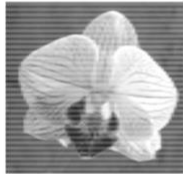
A bumper pile of extra-smelly ashtrays to start the week, to all those countries in Committee A who supported wishy-washy

reporting systems. What's the point of implementing policies if you are not going to evaluate them?



Day 7

ORCHIDS AND ASHTRAYS



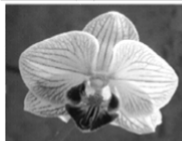
An orchid goes to Iran today, for asking the right questions on the relationship between the Permanent Secretariat and WHO.

Today's ashtray goes to the Marshall Islands. Need we say more?



Day 8

ORCHIDS AND ASHTRAYS



To New Zealand, for helping move the process forward in Committee B

To the EU, for their overwhelming negativity on funding the Secretariat.



Day 9

ORCHIDS AND ASHTRAYS



Double dose today:

1. To the **EC** for facilitating the elaboration of the protocols
and
2. To **England** for raising the bar on smokefree air guidelines.

The ashtray goes to **Germany** for having no record on smokefree air, yet wanting to elaborate on guidelines for Article 8.



Day 10

ORCHIDS AND ASHTRAYS



The last orchid of the COP goes to Canada, for playing a positive role on funding and helping save Committee B

And the last ashtray goes to Japan, for again undermining tobacco control by nominating ISO as a competent international body in product regulation.

