## The WHO FCTC - 20 Years of Impact

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#### THE WHO FCTC: A LEGACY FOR HUMANITY

- First international public health treaty
- 183 Parties united against a common threat
- Grounded in public health, human rights, and equity



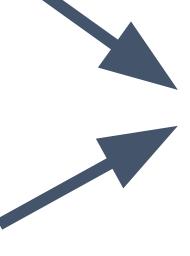
Smoking is considered a chronic disease of epidemic proportions, spread by advertising and publicity, whose vector is the tobacco industry.



#### **BEFORE AND AFTER THE WHO FCTC**

- Price and tax measures
- Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke
- Packaging and labelling
- Ban on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship
- Cessation support

supply reduction measures



reduction in tobacco use public awareness global policy alignment support for low- and middle-income countries legal and institutional frameworks

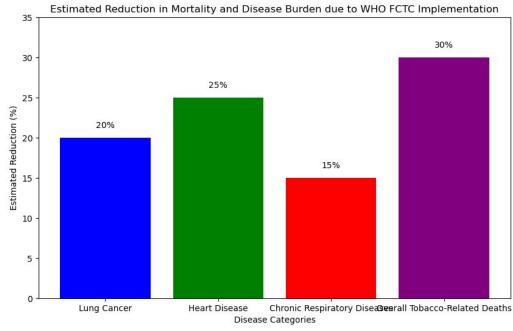


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Fig. 1: Global trends in prevalence of tobacco use among people aged 15 years and older, by sex



Source: https://iris.who.int/handle/10665/348537



Source: illustrative figures based on trends observed in countries with strong tobacco control policies



#### **BEFORE AND AFTER THE WHO FCTC**

Uncovering the epidemic driver: the tobacco industry

- Harm reduction narratives
- New products (e-cigarettes, heated tobacco)
- Marketing tactics to attract to youth
- Strategic litigation and lobbying



Source:https://sgs.tu.ac.th/who-fctc/





### **ADDITIONAL IMPACT**

- Integration of the WHO FCTC with the SDGs, climate, and NCD agendas
- Tobacco control as a successful model for addressing other public health concerns, such as alcohol and ultra-processed foods
- Governance model with multi sectoral mechanisms
- Frontiers for Innovation in Public Health



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