

PMI and FSFW Monitoring Updates – COP9 activity

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Highlights

- Both the Foundation and PMI were quiet on COP9 and MOP, releasing minimal materials themselves. However, Foundation grantees were vocal in their criticism of WHO, FCTC, and Bloomberg Partners. More detail on COP9-related activities is summarized below and on [TobaccoTactics](#).

FSFW Grantee COP9 Activities

- A review of COP9 and MOP2 interference by the tobacco industries and its allies can be found on [TobaccoTactics](#).
- Several FSFW grantees signed an [open letter](#) ahead of COP9 calling on the FCTC to change its stance on vaping and harm reduction strategies. The letter received additional coverage from other outlets ([1](#), [2](#)) and was amplified in a [blog post](#).
- The Foundation released a [video](#) explaining COP9 ahead of the event.
- INNCO and COREISS co-hosted a [livestream](#) to criticize COP9 proceedings.
- [Knowledge Action Change \(KAC\)](#)
 - In October 2021, KAC released their annual [Global State of Tobacco Harm Reduction Report](#), “Fighting the Last War: The WHO and International Tobacco Control.” The report (further discussed below) received global coverage ([Austria](#), [Japan](#), [South America](#), [Spain](#), [Switzerland](#), [Tunisia](#), [United Kingdom](#), [United States](#)).
- [International Network of Nicotine Consumer Organizations \(INNCO\)](#)
 - The Foundation [awarded](#) INNCO US\$65,000 to “Support INNCO to assist the organization in its work to garner consensus and support for COP9 to consider harm reduction as integral to tobacco control.”
 - INNCO released a [list](#) of 9 attacks on the exclusion of vaping groups from COP9.
 - INNCO was denied observer status at COP9 and MOP and held a [protest event](#) in Parliament Square, London.
- [Centre for Research Excellence: Indigenous Sovereignty and Smoking \(COREISS\)](#)
 - COREISS released a [statement](#) encouraging the New Zealand government to take a “pro-vaping stance” at COP9 meetings.
- [Centre for Health Research and Education \(CHRE\)](#)
 - CHRE placed a [piece](#) in Tobacco Reporter discussing the difference in industry representation between COP9 and COP26 and attacking WHO for excluding the tobacco industry and industry-related actors. It also appeared in [Business Insider](#).
- [Pakistan Alliance for Nicotine and Tobacco Harm Reduction \(PANTHR\)](#)
 - PANTHR actively promoted the Foundation’s message on COP9 and MOP2 activities on social media ([1](#), [2](#)).