

Legal Workshop Brief Latin America 2011

The progress of FCTC implementation in Latin America has led different stakeholders to start lodging appeals against these TC laws. The legal arguments wielded by these “interest groups” and the Court decisions show that Tobacco Control in the Latin American region is developing into a new phase where it is necessary to handle a wide range of legal arguments.

Due to the importance of legislation in tobacco control, the objective of the legal workshops is to bring together Governments, NGOs and legislative members from the Latin-American region in order to share the experiences each country is facing in different situations in tobacco control legislation, and to continue identifying synergies to review the different legal tools that can be used in order to improve tobacco control initiatives.

General goals

- Contribute to the capacity building efficiency and effectiveness of stakeholders’ work in policies for tobacco control legal initiatives.
- Collaborate on the consolidation of the tobacco control process initiatives and provide guidance on legal technical knowledge application.
- Generate and stimulate law practice strategy management, based on professional skills development and support of the FCTC (for example: legislation, litigation, use of Constitutional Rights arguments and International Treaties).
- Exchange of experiences and lessons learnt in the legislative process and tobacco industry interferences

Methodology

Legal workshops are conducted over three days where participants work to deepen their legal and technical knowledge. Case studies are presented for analysis of FCTC guidelines process application.