WHO FCTC and development: EU support to implementation

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FCTC and development - background

- The Convention underlines the importance of addressing the needs of developing county Parties

- Subsequently the COP:
  - called upon the Parties to access their needs for full implementation
  - requested the Secretariat to assist Parties, upon request

- Called for integration of the Treaty implementation into development cooperation and UNDAF

- The treaty and the COP decisions underlined the role of international cooperation to promote implementation
EU support to implementation

- Based on the above principles, the EU supports a project to promote the implementation of the WHO FCTC, with a particular focus on developing countries.

- The project is also based on the internationally agreed principles of aid effectiveness and country ownership.
The project has three main components:

- Needs assessments
- Horizontal activities to provide long-term and sustainable support mechanisms to implementation
- Information platform for the Convention
Needs assessment

- Will cover 30 DCA eligible Parties

- This will also include support to Parties in meeting the needs and gaps identified, through
  
  a) addressing the immediate priorities
  
  b) facilitating support from development partners on longer-term needs
Horizontal activities

- Intercountry workshops to focus on treaty instruments, Parties' experiences and the role of international partners and mechanisms

- Regional and global publications to promote the exchange of knowledge and best practices

- Promoting coordination with relevant international organizations

- Establishment of knowledge hubs

- Promoting South South and Triangular cooperation
Information Platform

- Overarching global database for the WHO FCTC will:
  - Host the implementation reports of Parties and links to other relevant sources
  - Enable with cross-cutting analysis and research to promote the treaty implementation internationally
Timeline

- The work started in 2012 and will continue until the end of 2014

- The initial progress will be reflected in the Secretariat's reports to COP5 (November 2012), with a further report to COP6 in 2014