



## FCA'S INPUT FOR COMPILATION DOCUMENT: RIO+20

*The Framework Convention Alliance (FCA) was created in 1999 and is made up of over 350 non-governmental organisations from more than 100 countries working on the development, ratification and implementation of the international treaty, the World Health Organization's (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC).*

Renewed political commitment to sustainable development at all levels –social, economic, and environmental – is critical to address emerging global challenges and achieve progress on internationally agreed development goals.

In this regard, FCA would like to highlight that non-communicable diseases (NCDs) cause more than 36 million deaths annually, which represents 63% of all global deaths. NCDs result in enormous human suffering and its economic consequences are staggering. Unless efforts to tackle NCDs intensify, cumulative economic losses to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) from the four main groups of NCDs are estimated to surpass US\$ 7 trillion over the period 2011-2025.

Tobacco use is the one risk factor common to the main groups of NCDs. It kills more than 15,000 people a day and accounts for one in six of all NCD deaths. To date, more than 170 countries have become Parties to the FCTC. The treaty's measures are cost-effective, affordable and some of them, such as tobacco taxes, also revenue-generating. Yet implementation of the FCTC has been slow – tobacco control measures usually fall beyond responsibilities of the health sector. Whole of society commitment to accelerate implementation of the FCTC is needed and new approaches combining the social, economic, and environmental spheres are critical.

FCA urges the Rio+20 Conference Secretariat and the participating countries to consider the adoption of the following statement in the Conference Final Declaration:

***We reiterate our commitment to accelerate the implementation by the State Parties of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and encourage countries that have not yet done so to consider acceding to the FCTC as we recognize that substantially reducing tobacco consumption is an important component of economic, social and environmental sustainable development strategies at the global, regional, national, and community levels.***