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My name is Dr Oumar BA, pulmonologist, coordinator of the National Program for the Fight against Tobacco of the Ministry of Health in Senegal. For Senegal, our COP9 priorities are:

The total ban of tobacco smoking in all indoor public places, workplaces, and public transport, that it be applied throughout the national territory Provide technical assistance and capacity building among the defense and security forces responsible for law enforcement.

But above all, our priority is to increase tobacco taxes. This taxation will not only increase tax revenue but it will reduce the tobacco use prevalence and generate resources which could be used to finance health programs and also the activities of the PNLT and all other tobacco control actors.

These are the ambitions of Senegal in terms of the COP9 protocol. As you know, Senegal has ratified the protocol, but the implementation of the protocol remains another priority.