# Give us a voice in WHO FCTC COP7: FAIFA to Govt.

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Farmers' body Federation of All India Farmer Associations (FAIFA) has appealed to the Indian Government for the inclusion of Tobacco Farmers in the Official Indian Delegation to the Seventh Conference of the Parties (COP7)of the WHO FCTC which is to be held in India in November 2016. The Federation issued a Media Release on August 22, 2016 contending that the decisions on tobacco control at this Conference, as in previous such Meetings, will affect the livelihood of millions of tobacco farmers and farm labour connected with tobacco cultivation in the country.

According to FAIFA, the inclusion of farmers in the official Indian delegation to the FCTC COP7 and giving them the right to participate in the policy-making process will be consistent with the Constitution of India, principles of transparency as adopted by the United Nations and in consonance with a statement made by Margaret Chan, Director General of the WHO on the occasion of a Health Summit at Washington, DC, USA, on June 9, 2015.

"It is a matter of great concern for us that FCTC decisions in the past are made behind closed doors, with media, the public and tobacco farmers excluded from the process. It is clear that the interests of tobacco growers are not represented in the debates especially when the decisions arrived at during the Conference have direct bearing on the lives of tobacco growers,'' stated FAIFA in the Release.

FAIFA says it is unfortunate that the FCTC has become an instrument in the hands of anti-tobacco NGOs and Activists who are funded by vested interests and have no knowledge of tobacco growing or any concern for the livelihood of farmers and many others dependent on tobacco for their livelihood.

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Allow us to take part in WHO meet: Tobacco farme

By Kurmanath

Hyderabad, Aug 23: Tobacco farmers have appealed to the Union Government to allow them to take part in the upcoming Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) Conference of Parties (COP7) Meeting scheduled to be held in India.

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The lobbying body claimed the decisions on tobacco control at WHO's COP7 conference in India will affect the livelihoods of millions of tobacco farmers and farm labour

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The Federation of All India Farmer Associations (FAIFA), which represents tobacco farmers in the country, has demanded that it be included in the upcoming Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) Conference of Parties(COP 7) meeting scheduled to be held in India from November 7-12.

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tobacco cultivation in the country.

Commenting on the absence of representatives of Indi V Jayare Gowda, president of FAIFA said, "As repres and in view of the fact that the COP7 is being hoste participation will help us understand the future course on tobacco control and the impact of these measures c

'Allow tobacco farmers to participate in WHO meet'

New Delhi, Aug. 22: A farmer's body on Monday asked the Centre to allow them to participate in the crucial World Health Organisation (WHO) convention on tobacco control, saying it will help millions of tobacco farmers to understand the impact of measures proposed during the meet.

Terming it as "unfortunate", Federation of All-India Farmer Associations

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