
Tobacco addiction and the right to health



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Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Hearing: Tobacco Addiction and the Right to Health

WASHINGTON DC (3 April, 2016) — For the first time, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights takes up tobacco use as a human rights issue during a hearing on Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

The tobacco epidemic has become one of the world's — and the Americas' — gravest public health concerns. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one million people in the Americas die each year from tobacco use, while hundreds of millions more are at risk of tobacco-related diseases.

Tobacco companies throughout the region continue to aggressively market cigarettes and interfere in tobacco control measures. The O'Neill Institute, ASH, and FIC Argentina will present to the commission about the harms of tobacco, industry interference, and the impact of tobacco marketing on targeted and vulnerable groups.

The three organisations will recommend that the commission consider tobacco control as an important measure in pursuit of the highest attainable standard of health.

Hearing Details

WHO:

- Oscar A. Cabrera, [The O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law](#) [1], Georgetown University, Washington DC
- Chris Bostic, [ASH > Action on Smoking and Health](#) [2], Washington, DC
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WHEN:

Tuesday, April 5, 2016; 10:15 – 11:15 am Eastern or via livestream <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/default.asp> [4]

Interviews can be scheduled with the experts before and after the hearing.

WHERE:

GSB Building of the Organization of American States (OAS)

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