

TIDRA: TOBACCO INDUSTRY DOCUMENTS RESEARCH IN AFRICA



Declaration of Interest and related information by Partners¹

Tobacco product manufacturers and related organizations have tried to prevent the development of a global strategy to combat tobacco consumption. Consequently, TIDRA warns of the threat posed by the tobacco industry to global tobacco control. The Preamble of the Convention recognizes the need to be alert to industry efforts to subvert tobacco control policies. In addition, Article 5(3) obligates Parties to the WHO FCTC to protect their public health policies regarding tobacco control from manipulation by the tobacco industry, and the Guidelines for Implementation of Article 5.3 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control adopted by the Conference of Parties further expound upon the parameters in which interactions with the tobacco industry must operate.

For the foregoing reasons, the requisite questions below are provided in order to ensure that the public health objectives of this TIDRA-coordinated initiative are not compromised by, and are protected from, tobacco industry involvement.

WHO requires that each proposed partner complete this declaration of interest form with the aim of disclosing all current and previous affiliations, interactions or relations with the tobacco industry.

Institutional / Individual Profile:

- 1.1 Name of the proposed partner
- 1.2 Address of the proposed partner
- 1.3 City/State/Region/Canton/Province
- 1.4 Postal Code
- 1.5 Country
- 1.6 Telephone
- 1.7 Fax
- 1.8 Web site

¹ Partners, for the purposes of this declaration of interest form, include all organizations and individuals with whom the Resource Centre is considering the establishment of an institutional subcontract, a staff contract, consultancy contract, or any other contractual relationship for the performance of services, whether paid or unpaid, or any other collaborative partnership, arrangement, or interaction.

During the past 4 years, has the proposed partner had any interaction, affiliation or relation with, and/or financial interests in, the tobacco industry, a subsidiary of a tobacco company, or any commercial entity involved with the manufacture, sale, or distribution of tobacco or tobacco products, including, but not limited to, such interactions as:

- a) a past or present employment, consultancy, directorship, or other position, whether or not paid
- b) an ongoing negotiation concerning prospective employment, whether or not paid
- c) the possession of a financial stake, e.g. shareholdings or bonds
- d) a proprietary interest in a substance, technology or process (e.g. ownership of patent)
- e) past or present work performed for, research commissioned by, or projects or programmes undertaken in collaboration with the tobacco industry, a subsidiary of a tobacco company, or any commercial entity involved with manufacture, sale, or distribution of tobacco or tobacco products
- f) any programmes, initiatives, research, or projects, either independent or jointly administered or undertaken by the proposed partner which have been directly or indirectly endorsed, funded either monetarily or otherwise, or promoted by the tobacco industry, a subsidiary of a tobacco company, or any commercial entity involved with manufacture, sale, or distribution of tobacco or tobacco products

If "Yes", please provide details, i.e. names of the companies involved, their business activities, the nature of the interactions, affiliations, relations, or other personal, professional, financial or business interests, and the value of or income generated through such the interactions, affiliations, relations or other interests, together with an indication whether the interactions, affiliations, relations, or other personal, professional, financial or business interests in question have stopped (and if so, the year in which they stopped), or whether they are current or prospective.

Note: The reference to companies in this form includes trade associations and foundations closely associated with their commercial sponsors. The reference to "companies engaged in activities relating to tobacco" includes companies engaged in the manufacture, distribution and/or sale of tobacco or tobacco products and subsidiaries of such companies (including holding companies).

In the case of a positive declaration, TIDRA reserves the right to request additional information from the proposed partner including, but not limited to:

- 1) The governance structure of the proposed partner

- 2) Financial disclosures relating to affiliations with the tobacco industry
- 3) Information related to prior employment history of any staff member currently or previously employed by the proposed partner
- 4) Any other information deemed relevant by WHO/TIDRA.

WHO reserves the right to exclude from consideration any proposed partner WHO deems not to have satisfied the requisite level insulation from the tobacco industry.

In addition to signing this form, submit the names, titles, organizations and email addresses for two recommenders in tobacco control in Africa.

DECLARATION: I hereby declare on my honour that the disclosed information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Should there be any change to the above information, I will promptly notify TIDRA in, and complete a new declaration of interest form that describes the changes.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____