

**Dr Haik Nikogosian**

Head of the Convention Secretariat  
WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

**Bio Data**

Dr Haik Nikogosian is the Head of the Convention Secretariat, WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) since the inception of the Secretariat in June 2007, with an initial mandate for four years, which was renewed for a further three years in 2011. The WHO FCTC is the first global treaty negotiated under the auspices of the World Health Organization and provides new legal dimension for international health cooperation. The Convention was adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2003 and has currently 174 Parties (as at 21 June 2011).

The responsibilities of the Head of the Convention Secretariat include provision of leadership in supporting the work of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies, translating into programme activities the decisions of the Conference, and supporting Parties in fulfilling their obligations under the Convention. The mandate also includes promoting the Convention's implementation internationally, organizing the reporting arrangements under the Convention, and coordination with WHO and other relevant international organizations and bodies.

Before his nomination as Head of the Convention Secretariat, Dr Haik Nikogosian served as Minister of Health, and as Chairman of the National Institute of Health of Armenia in 1990s, and thereafter in the period 2000-2007 he held different managerial positions with the World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe, most recently as Head, Noncommunicable Diseases and Lifestyles.

Dr Haik Nikogosian holds an MD, a PhD and professorship in medical sciences and Doctorate in healthcare organization and public health. He is a national of Armenia, born in 1955.