

Table 1 National commitment to tobacco control in the Gulf Cooperation Council member states and Yemen: the situation in 2010

Initiative	Bahrain	Kuwait	Oman	Qatar	Saudi Arabia	UAE	Yemen
<i>Specific national government objectives in tobacco control</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>National agency or technical unit for tobacco control</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control status (year):</i>							
Signed	No	Yes (2003)	No	Yes (2003)	Yes (2004)	Yes (2004)	Yes (2003)
Ratified, or legal equivalent	Yes (2007)	Yes (2006)	Yes (2005)	Yes (2004)	Yes (2005)	Yes (2005)	Yes (2007)
Any smoke-free public places covered by legislation	No	No	No	No	Yes ^a	Yes ^b	No
National law requires fines for smoking	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Health warnings appear on tobacco packages, mandated by law	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Direct & indirect bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship in:</i>							
National TV and radio	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Local magazines and newspapers	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free distribution of promotional material and packages	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Smoking cessation support available	Yes ^c	Yes ^d	No	Yes ^e	Yes ^f	Yes ^g	No
Smoking cessation support free-of-charge or cost-covered (by national insurance)	Fully	Fully ^h	No	Fully ⁱ	Partially	Partially	No
Total taxes on the most popular brand of cigarettes (% of retail price)	29	34	31	33	29	29	53

Smoke-free public places: ^aIn universities, government, health-care and educational facilities only; ^bIn universities, health-care and educational facilities only. *Smoking cessation support available:* ^cIn most health clinics or primary-care facilities, in some hospitals, in some offices of health professionals but not in the community; ^dIn most health clinics or primary-care facilities, in some hospitals, in some offices of health professionals and in the community; ^eIn only some health clinics or primary-care facilities, in some hospitals, in some part of the community, but not in offices of health professionals; ^fIn only some health clinics or primary-care facilities, in most hospitals, in some offices of health professionals and in some parts of the community.

Free-of-charge cessation support: ^hExcept in the community, where it is only partially covered by national insurance; ⁱInformation on national financial coverage for smoking cessation support is only for hospitals (data not available for health clinics and primary-care facilities).