

NICOTINE AND THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL SYSTEM

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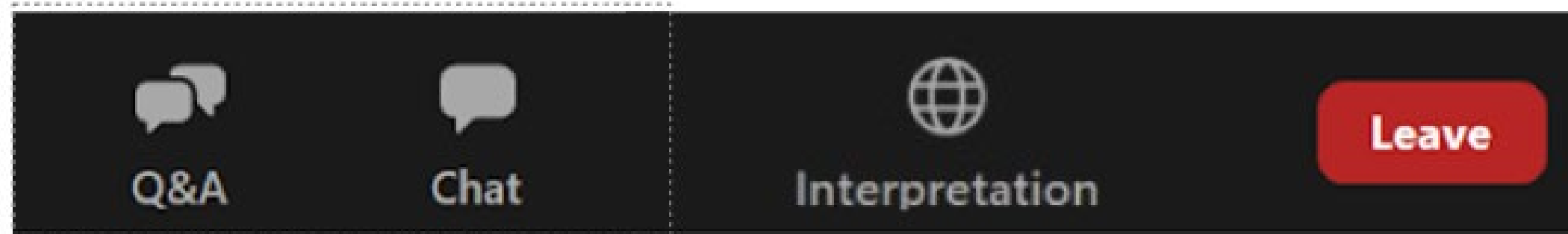


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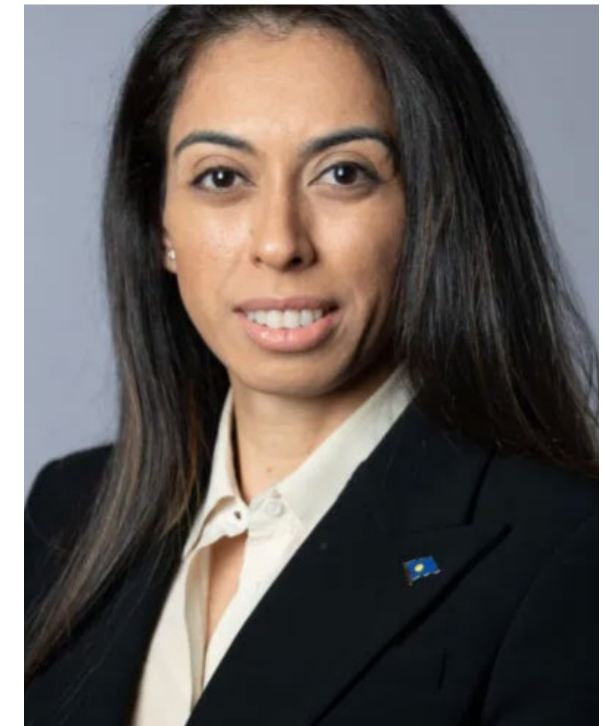
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9 JULY 2026
AT 8.00 AM ET

- Welcome and brief introduction by **Laurent Huber** (*Executive Director, ASH*)
- Remarks from the First Lady of Palau, **Valerie Whipps**
- Remarks from Palau Ambassador **Ilana Seid**
- Short scientific presentation by Professor **Ghazi Zaatari**
- Q&A with participants and our panel of tobacco control, scientific, and legal experts. Moderated by **Laurent Huber**



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Point 1: Join Palau

Be heard before October 2026

Send a formal notification and your country will be heard by the ECDD.

Notifying countries carry more weight than observers.

Objective: a coordinated, evidence-based coalition.



Point 2: Member State

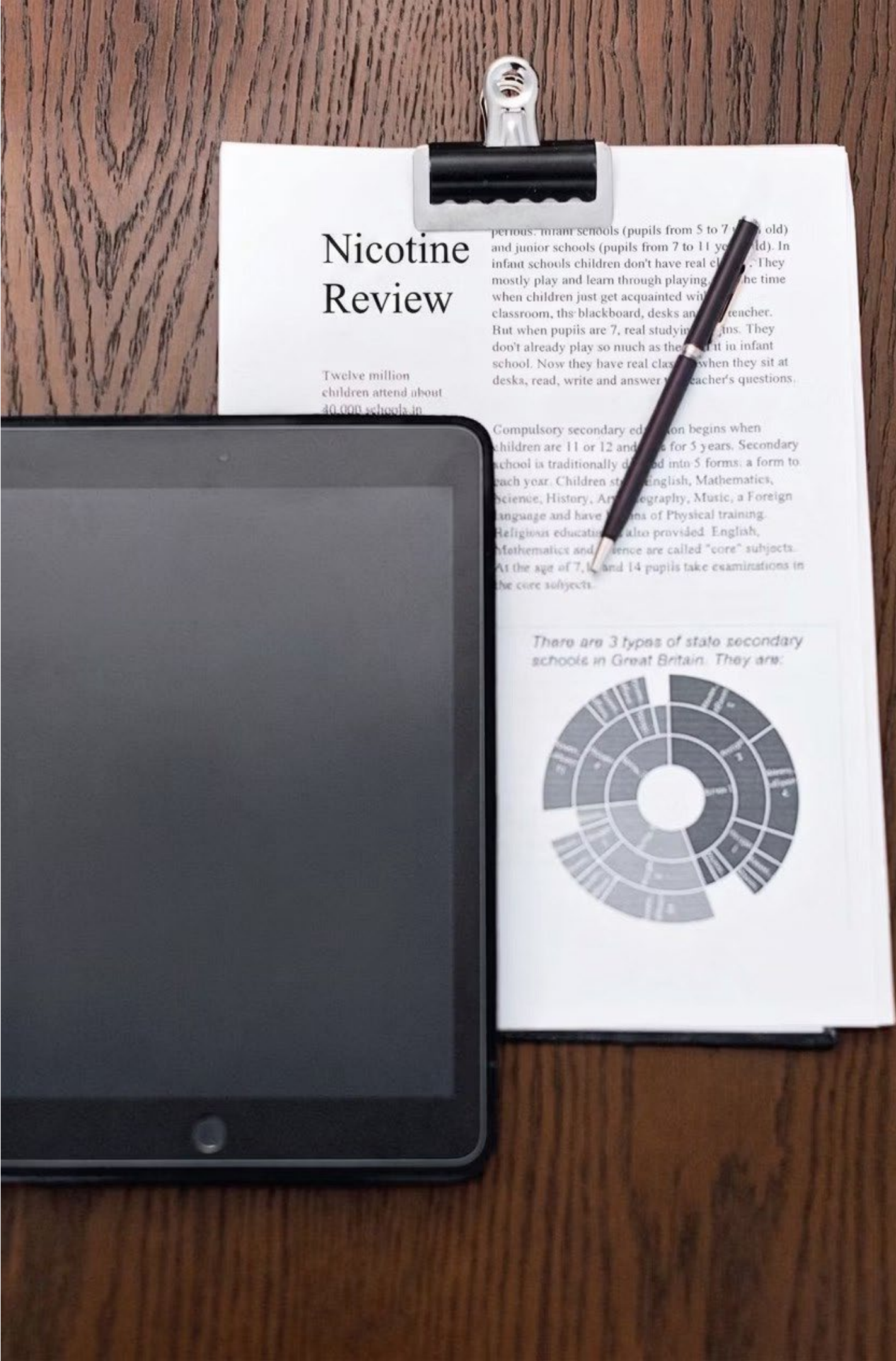
Questionnaire

Build the evidence record

Palau's 55-page scientific dossier already exists: you're welcome to use it.

Add your national data to the record.

You have one year to prepare. Start now.





Point 3: Notifications, Not Debates

Strengthen the coalition

Scheduling nicotine = controlled access.

Industry rhetoric aims to create hesitation, not challenge the science.

More notifying governments = broader, more credible public-health coalition.

Point 4: 18-Month Political Campaign

18-Month Campaign: 2026 to 2028



The period between is an 18-month political campaign, not a pause.

The governments with real influence in March 2028 will be those that start organising in 2026.



- Point 5: Who Votes in March 2028
- CND Vote: know your position

Final decision taken by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (two-thirds majority).

Not every country has a seat; membership is set by earlier UN elections.

To understand your government's role to 2028, liaise with Palau's delegation.

Thank You & Next Steps

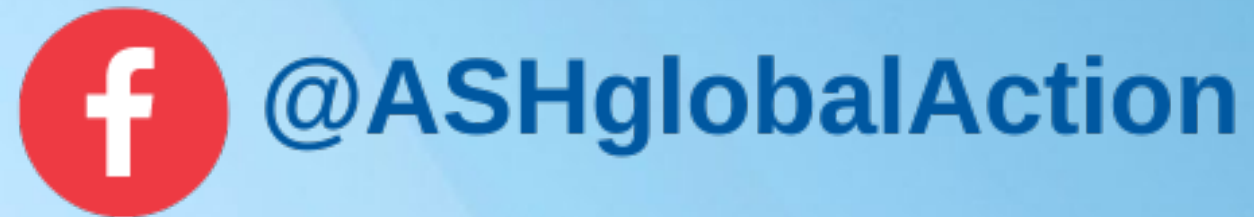


By March 2028,
nicotine will come to a vote.

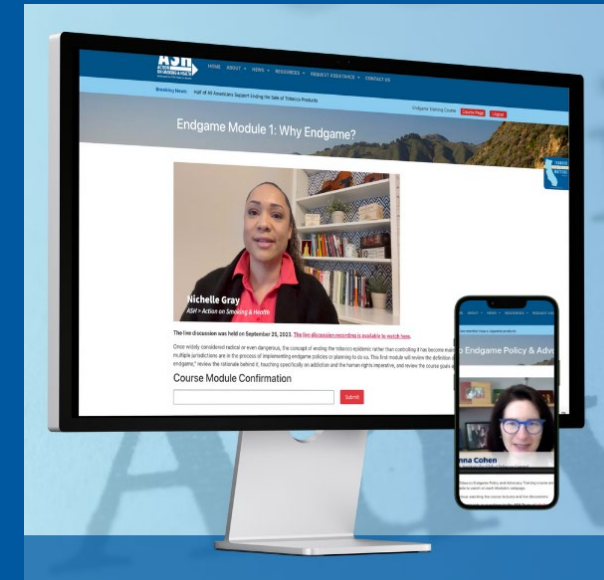
Choice for your government: shape the
outcome or accept it.

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