

José Luis Castro writes on NCDs and tobacco tax in The Lancet

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José Luis Castro, Chair of the NCD Alliance, President and CEO of Vital Strategies; and Executive Director of The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union), makes a call to leaders of all nations to use tobacco taxes to fund Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"It is important that leaders of nations stand up to the corporate interests that would derail government responsibility and dilute the urgency of fulfilling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Implementing greater tobacco taxation worldwide and designating part of the revenue to public health programmes and accessible health care could help save more than [16 million lives annually in NCD prevention alone](#) [1]. All countries, even the poorest, have both the power and the means to increase tobacco taxes and at same time reduce tobacco use and raise much needed government revenue to fund development".

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