



AIR QUALITY WORK IN UN ENVIRONMENT

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UN Environment's ambition on air quality

Develop an integrated menu of services to countries :

- Building from UN Environment's work in regions
- Country level strategies with various components i.e. monitoring, assessments, support to legislation and standards, education and awareness-raising on air quality
- Sectoral interventions i.e. fuels and vehicles, public transport, waste burning, clean industry, indoor air pollution, sand and dust storms
- City level projects
- Global programmes including campaigns and advocacy efforts (e.g. BreatheLife)

Implementing the UNEA3 Air Quality Resolution

1. Existing global initiatives, like CCAC
 - strengthen
 - will cover some of the Resolution asks (like indoor air)
2. Specific issue and sectoral work
 - to be strengthened (like transport)
 - now to be linked to overarching air quality programme which will increase linkages/ impact/ visibility/ country involvement/ involvement regional offices
3. New air quality programme
 - increase technical support, regional coordination, policy support, info sharing. Especially on monitoring and air quality programme development and implementation
 - And develop global outreach and approaches/ methodologies
4. To do new global policy assessment

Partnering with global, regional & local initiatives or institutions

- Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC): Linking with the sectoral interventions of the 11 initiatives
- Regional Environment and Health Forums (UN Environment & World Health Organisation)
- Cooperation with WMO under measurement and monitoring work
- Cooperation with Europe Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP),
- MEAs (in particular BRS and Minamata)
- UN Environment as host of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network of East Asia (EANET)
- Asia Pacific Clean Air Partnership
- Clean Air Asia
- Environmental Compliance Institute (in Eastern Africa)
- Centre for Science and Environment (India but South-South cooperation focus)
- Global Urban Air Pollution Observatory (GUAPO, led by city of Paris)

Partnership in practice: ongoing collaboration with WHO

1. Regional environment and health Forums
2. Coalition set-up with WHO and WMO
3. Consultations and dialogue resulting in a mapping exercise identifying main topics and countries of intervention
4. MoU signed in January 2018 identifying air pollution as the first deliverable under the partnership
5. Collaboration under the BreatheLife campaign resulting in 5 countries, 11 regions and 11 cities joining in less than one year
6. Collaboration in the Climate and Clean Air Coalition through e.g. the Urban Health Initiative

Opportunities, challenges and/or needs to improve collaboration

- Time is ripe! Political momentum on the issue both at global, regional, national and local scales
- Growing recognition of the fact this is a very serious public health issue that needs urgent and concerted action
- Demand from Member States
- Harmonisation of methodologies needed
- Silo approach and competition over resources
- Regional specificities vs. global challenges
- Gap analysis will be helpful in identifying needs and further collaboration