

Forum for International Cooperation on Air Pollution

09:00 – 17:00, 16 March 2023
Quality Hotel 11, Gothenburg, Sweden

Wednesday 15 March

19.00 Reception for Forum participants (on site)

Thursday 16 March

09.00 Welcome and launch of the 1st Forum meeting

- **Minister Rebecca Pow**, Minister for Environmental Quality and Resilience (UK)

09.10 Welcome and outline of the day,

- **FICAP Co-chairs** (Anna Engleryd & John Salter)

09.20 Presentation of the results from the Global Working Group of Saltsjöbaden VII

- **Beatriz Cárdenas**, World Resources Institute (WRI)

09.30 – 11.30 Session 1: Pathways to air pollution action in a regional context

- **(Panel discussion / Q & A with audience)**

This session aims to map the key steps and building blocks for establishing regional cooperation on air pollution and what kind of cooperation may be most useful in different regions. Using the UNECE air convention as an example, a panel will discuss the milestones, difficulties, dos and don'ts of regional cooperation and similarities and differences with initiatives in other regions will be mapped out. The discussion will also touch on the question of finding the right governance level in different regions/ countries.

Session 1 Panelists:

From the discovery of the acid rain problem in Europe to the signing of the Air Convention

- **Peringe Grennfelt**, Swedish Environmental Research Institute (IVL)

Science cooperation in a regional context

- **Laurence Rouil**, Chair of the Steering Body of the European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme (EMEP)
- **Isaura Rabago**, Chair of the Working Group on Effects (WGE)

Recent regional development and future expectations, Asian region

- **Sangmin Nam**, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Recent regional development and future expectations, Latin-American and Caribbean perspective

- **Beatriz Cárdenas**, World Resource Institute (WRI), Latin America

Recent regional development and future expectations, African perspective

- **George Mwaniki**, World Resource Institute (WRI), Africa

Practical examples of current governance levels for air quality management - implications for the Forum

- **Markus Amann**, Consultant for the World Bank, formerly at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, (IIASA)

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 12.20 Inventory E-Learning Course Announcement and Teach-in

- **Carolin Sanz Noriega**, UNECE Air Convention Secretariat
- **Chris Dore**, Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections (TFEIP)

12.20- 12.30 Presentation of the report “Strengthening Air Quality Guidance Management”

- **Tom Grylls**, Clean Air Fund (CAF)
- **Soraya Smaoun**, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

12.30- 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.30 Session 2: ‘No regret’ actions for improving air quality, taking both climate change and economic development into consideration

- ***(Panel discussion / Q & A with audience)***

This session aims to present and discuss possible ‘easy-win’ measures and actions which countries could implement to improve air quality, even if monitoring or measuring emissions is not possible. The Panel will also discuss the synergies and co-benefits of implementing measures to also mitigate climate change and achieve net zero aims. The Panel will further present and consider the relevant ‘trade-offs’ of implementing such measures, taking into account national considerations and levels of economic development.

Session 2: Panelists

Perspective from the World Bank

- ***Valerie Hickey, Director, World Bank***

‘No regret’ options: Agriculture

- ***Pam Pearson, International Cryosphere Climate Initiative (ICCI)***

Technical measures and emission reductions in Europe and ASEAN

- ***Zbigniew Klimont, Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)***

Energy and residential heating in West Balkans

- ***Aleksander Macura, RES foundation***

Air Quality ‘trade-offs’ with achieving Net Zero

- ***Bill Parish, Deputy Director, UK Government***

Trade-offs in Air Pollution management for Developing Countries

- ***Alice Kaudia, Climate and Clean Air Coalition, Africa***

Impact of Batumi Action Plans

- ***Noe Megrelishvili, Vice chair of the Executive Body to the Air Convention, Georgia***

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00 -17.00 Wrap up and next steps