

Item 8 Outreach activities

**Outreach activities of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution
(TF HTAP)**

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The TFHTAP was set up in December 2004 and was tasked to provide information to the Convention on the role of intercontinental transport of air pollution. The chairs of the TF were encouraged to invite also experts from outside the UNECE. The co-chairs have strived to fulfill this request through

- Continued cooperation with CLRTAP bodies and groups, such as EMEP centres and Task Forces
- Support for participation of individual experts from EECCA countries, such as Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, and planning of a future workshop in St. Petersburg in Spring 2009 with participation of experts from EECCA countries.
- Cooperation with relevant organisations within the UN, such as ICAO, IMO, WHO, and UNEP.
- Cooperation with other organisations with relevance for the TF HTAP, such as national organisations (including ESA and NASA) and international programmes, such as IGBP and WCRP.
- Cooperation with regional environment programmes such as UNEP regional offices in East Asia, the EANET and the Malé Declaration.
- Cooperation with individual experts from non-ECE countries, such as experts from Cambodia, China, Comoros, Egypt, India, Japan, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, South Korea, and Thailand.

The cooperation has taken place through expert participation in 9 workshops or meetings and contributions to the 2007 interim assessment report, *HTAP 2007* (UNECE Air Pollution Studies no 16). One workshop has taken place outside the UNECE region to facilitate such outreach (Beijing October 2006) and another workshop outside the UNECE region is planned (Hanoi October 2008).

Reports of the workshops and future plans are available at www.htap.org.

The TF HTAP will continue to reach out to experts in countries outside the UNECE in its future meetings, further cooperative work, and for the preparation of the 2010 assessment report.

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