

Batumi Action for Cleaner Air (BACA)
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Note

The commitments submitted by UNECE are based on ongoing and planned activities, in particular those carried out in the programmes of work under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention). Such activities are based on the needs expressed by concerned countries (both Parties and non-Parties) in order to support ratification and implementation of the Convention and its protocols. The implementation of proposed actions is contingent upon resource availability and continued support by countries concerned.

Title:

Capacity-building in relation to air quality management policies and measures, air pollutant emission inventories and projections, as identified by target countries

(BACA Actions 1,4, 28)

Description: Providing advice to national authorities to support the development and implementation of air quality management policies and measures; providing training to national teams of experts to develop national emission inventories in accordance with the reporting requirements of the Air Convention, estimating base year emission levels and emission reduction targets, as provided for by the revised Gothenburg Protocol, and making respective emission projections; facilitating the exchange of information between countries on issues related to air pollution.

Expected outcome: Improved capacity in analysing and updating air quality management policies and legislation; Increased awareness of the Air Convention, its protocols and their requirements; Improved ratification and implementation of the Air Convention and its protocols by countries in the UNECE region; Improved reporting of emission data and exchange of information by countries in the UNECE region

Partners: UNECE Environment Conventions
Subsidiary bodies under the Convention
National scientific institutions
Other, including NGOs

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Title:

Promoting public awareness and visibility of the UNECE Air Convention and of air pollution issues in the UNECE region

(BACA Actions 22, 23, 24, 25)

Description: Raising public awareness on the Convention and the overall visibility of air pollution issues throughout the UNECE region, in particular through substantive outreach and communication activities.

Expected outcome: Increase in communications and outreach activities and identification of joint activities with other UNECE programmes, intergovernmental organizations, regional networks and agreements, resulting in enhanced visibility of the Convention and air pollution issues.

Partners: UNECE programmes, WHO, UNEP, CCAC

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