

57th session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review:

Workshop on discussion to increase collaboration on air pollution abatement, including to reduce air pollutants that are also short-lived climate pollutants

Wednesday, 22 May (15:00 – 18:00) - Thursday, 23 May 2019 (10:00 – 13:00), room V

Rationale and objectives

At its 38th session, the Executive Body agreed that the workshops under items 2.2 and 5.3.5 of the [2018-2019 workplan for the implementation of the Convention](#) would be combined and held during the 57th session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (WGSR), in lieu of a thematic session. Normal WGSR proceedings will be placed on hold, and the session will be opened to country partners and organizations outside the ECE region to take part in the workshop.

The purpose of the workshop will be to bring together ECE countries (focussing on Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)), organizations and country partners beyond the ECE region with the goal of discussing national, regional and international approaches to abating air pollutants, and furthering collaboration on addressing air pollution, including those that are also short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs). The workshop will seek views on how best to broaden the scope of cooperation on air, including on the proposed CLRTAP-led forum for global cooperation on air pollution. This workshop has been prepared in collaboration with the Climate and Clean Air Coalition.

Format and participation

The workshop will feature presentations that will set the scientific and technical context for the discussions, which will include information on the hemispheric transport of air pollution, and some assessments and potential for emissions reductions at the local, regional and international scales. We will hear about other initiatives, what is happening in other organizations and about regional cooperative efforts. Discussions will include country needs and activities related to reducing air and short-lived climate pollution, as well as technical needs, in part in relation to monitoring and/or inventories, interactions between air quality and climate policies, and science- and policy-relevant issues related to the transport of air pollution. A particular focus on regional and international cooperation is expected, including between existing international and regional organizations, and potential/need for additional regional cooperative approaches. A Chair's summary of the workshop will be drafted and annexed to the WGSR 57 report.

Expected outcomes of workshop

- Acknowledgment that air pollution affects several aspects of society and addressing it results in multiple benefits to health, the economy, ecosystems and climate;
- Key messages on further policy and science cooperation amongst and between ECE and non-ECE countries, as well as between CLRTAP and other international organizations to reduce air pollution, including SLCPs;
- Advice to inform the development of the forum for cooperation that was agreed at the 38th session of the Executive Body; and
- Summary including possible next steps related to addressing air pollution at a broader geographic scope including possible recommendations for Executive Body consideration

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

15:00-15:10	Opening	Jennifer Kerr, Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (WGSR)
Session 1: Scientific and technical context		
15:10-15:30	Hemispheric air pollutant flows, including impacts on increasing ozone concentrations in some areas and relative contributions of transboundary air pollution to air quality in various regions	Terry Keating, Co-Chair of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution (TFHTAP)
15:30-15:45	GAINS modelling of emissions patterns/flows and mitigation potential	Markus Amann, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
15:45-16:00	Economic impacts of air pollution and climate	Shardul Agrawala, OECD
16:00-16:10	The pathway approach	Nathan Borgford-Parnell, Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)
16:10-16:20	SLCP guidance	Valentin Foltescu, CCAC
16:20-16:35	Air pollution at the local, regional and global scales	Rob Maas, Co-Chair Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling (TFIAM)
16:35-16:50	Discussion	All
16:50-17:10	Coffee break	
Session 2: Targeted information sharing on technical aspects and existing cooperative efforts - part 1		

17:10-18:00	<p>Panel discussion for countries to provide information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specific needs in terms of addressing air pollution including SLCPs; - Knowledge of impacts of transboundary air pollution in their countries; - Activities, involvement in, and/or experience with, regional or bilateral arrangements that address air pollution (including SLCPs). 	<p>Moderator: Ivan Angelov, WGSR Vice-Chair</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beatriz Cardenas, World Resources Institute, Mexico - M. Karim Benabbess, Morocco - Valentin Foltescu, CCAC, Coordinator for the African SLCP assessment - Faig Mutallimov, Azerbaijan
Session 2: Targeted information sharing on technical aspects and existing cooperative efforts – part 2		
10:00-11:10	<p>Panel discussion for organizations to provide information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activities and initiatives planned and underway in support of addressing air pollution, including integrated approaches and assessment reports to linked issues such as air pollution and climate change; - Views on topics and activities related to scientific and policy cooperation with other organizations. 	<p>Moderator: Till Spranger, WGSR Vice-Chair</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Akkihebbal Ravishankara, Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) - Monica Shimamura, Global Methane Initiative (GMI) - Oksana Tarasova, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) - Mikael Hilden, Arctic Council - Simon Wilson, AMAP/ EU Action on Black Carbon - Nathan Borgford-Parnell, CCAC - Shardul Agrawala, OECD
11:10-11:30	Coffee break	
Session 3: Discussion - Where to from here?		

11:30-11:40	Conclusions of the Global Event on Clean Air that took place in December 2018, as well as the draft proposal for the forum for global cooperation.	Anna Engleryd, EB Chair
11:40-12:50	<p>Panel discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Views on how the forum can advance collaboration between non-ECE and ECE, and CLRTAP and other organizations moving forward, - Discussion, informed by questions prepared and shared in advance on what would be useful in terms of further collaboration between ECE and non-ECE states, as well as between CLRTAP and other international organizations; - Views on specific next steps and areas of focus including possible recommendations for Executive Body consideration. 	<p>Moderator: Jennifer Kerr</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kimber Scavo, United States - Noe Megrelishvili, Georgia - M. Karim Benabbess, Morocco - Beatriz Cardenas, Mexico - Nathan Borgford-Parnell, CCAC - UNEP (TBC)
12:50-13:00	Conclusions	Jennifer Kerr, WGSR Chair