

WORKSHOP ON SCALING UP ADB'S SUPPORT FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT

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Co-hosted by ETG and USG

ADB



Air pollution is the 4th leading risk factor for early deaths worldwide in 2019 according to the State of Global Air (SOGA) report of 2020. Air pollution caused 6.67 million deaths worldwide in 2019. At least 68% of these deaths were in Asia. Of the top 15 countries with the highest number of deaths caused by air pollution in 2019, 13 were in Asia. Of the top 10 countries with the highest population-weighted annual average PM2.5 exposure globally in 2019, 4 are in Asia (India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan).

Since 2015 ADB has invested about \$2.5 billion in projects with air quality improvement as the main objective. This investment has mainly been focused in the East Asia Regional Department (EARD). A regional technical assistance (RETA) on promoting low carbon development in the CAREC region is under implementation in Centra West Regional Department (CWRD). Another RETA covering 7 cities in 5 countries (Bangladesh, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines and Vietnam) is under implementation in the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC). In addition all investment projects in all Regional Departments (RD) and the Private Sector Operations Department (PSOD) that are categorized as A or B for environment safeguards are required to assess and manage project level air quality impacts to comply with the ADB Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS).

In this 2-day workshop ADB staff will initiate the process of developing a corporate level air quality program called “Asia Clean Blue Sky Program”. The first day of the workshop will be an information sharing session where key global and regional actors such as UNEP, CCAC and WHO and other MDBs will present their strategy and experiences on address air pollution in Asia. The second day will comprise an internal brainstorming exercise amongst ADB staff to discuss ways on scaling up ADB's support for air quality management in Asia.

OPENING REMARKS



ROBERT GUILD

Chief Sector Officer, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB

MODERATOR



BRUCE DUNN

Director, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department Safeguards Division (SDSS), ADB

CLOSING REMARKS



MANOJ SHARMA

Chief, Urban Sector Group, ADB

SPEAKERS



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All sessions will be recorded.

Please direct any questions to Karma Yangzom, Principal Environment Specialist, SDCC, ADB at kyangzom@adb.org and Chris Tabungar at ctabungar@adb.org.

DAY 1: INFORMATION SHARING AND SETTING THE SCENE

PROGRAM

2–2:01 p.m.	<p>Welcome Remarks Bruce Dunn, SDSS Director Introduction of Robert Guild to give opening remarks</p>
2:01–2:06 p.m.	<p>Opening Remarks Robert Guild, Chief Sector Officer, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB</p>
2:06–2:10 p.m.	<p>Purpose and Objective of workshop Bruce Dunn, SDSS Director</p>
2:10–2:16 p.m.	<p>Mentimeter session 1 Lisa Kircher Pagkalinawan, ETG</p>
2:16–2:46 p.m.	<p>International Organizations involved in Air Quality Management in Asia</p> <p>UNEP Program on air quality Kakuko Yoshida, Regional Coordinator for Chemicals, Waste and Air quality</p> <p>Climate and Clean Air Coalition: Integrating Air Quality and Climate Action Helena Molin Valdes, Head, CCAC Secretariat</p> <p>WHO program on air quality Lesley Onyon, Regional Advisor, Occupational and Environmental Health WHO Regional Office New Delhi</p>
2:46–3 p.m.	<p>Q&A</p>
3–3:30 p.m.	<p>Air Quality Improvement Program under MDBs</p> <p>World Bank's experience on air quality management in South Asia and East Asia Karin Shepardson, Lead Environmental Specialist, World Bank Singapore Office</p> <p>EBRD's approach on air quality management in Kazakhstan Robert Adamczyk, Senior Environmental Advisor, Environment and Sustainability Department (ESD), EBRD</p> <p>ADB Policy Based Loan on Mongolia: Ulaanbaatar Air Quality Improvement Program Annabelle Giorgetti, Environmental Economist, EAER</p>
3:30–3:45 p.m.	<p>Q&A</p>
3:45–3:50 p.m.	<p>Key recommendations from previous air quality webinars Karma Yangzom, Principal Environment Specialist, SDCC, ADB</p>
3:50–3:55 p.m.	<p>Mentimeter session 2 Lisa Kircher Pagkalinawan, ETG</p>
3:55–4 p.m.	<p>Wrap up and Closing Manoj Sharma, Chief, Urban Sector Group</p>

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DAY 2: DEVELOPING THE ASIA CLEAN BLUE SKY PROGRAM

MODERATOR



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DISCUSSION LEADERS



RAVI PERI
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PRIYANTHA WIJAYATUNGA
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CLOSING REMARKS



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NEETA POKHREL
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PROGRAM

3-3:05 p.m.	Recap of Day 1 Bruce Dunn, SDSS Director
3:05-3:15 p.m.	Mentimeter session 3 Lisa Kircher Pagkalinawan, ETG
3:15-3:50 p.m.	Group work – Round 1 Facilitated by ETG and USG Group 1 to be chaired by Ravi Peri, Director SATC Group 2 to be chaired by Neeta Pokhrel, PAU Head, SAUW Group 3 to be chaired by a Priyantha Wijayatunga, Director, SAEN
3:50-3:55 p.m.	Break
3:55-4:30 p.m.	Group work – Round 2 Facilitated by ETG and USG Group 1 to be chaired by Ravi Peri, Director SATC Group 2 to be chaired by Neeta Pokhrel, PAU Head, SAUW Group 3 to be chaired by a Priyantha Wijayatunga, Director, SAEN
4:30-4:40 p.m.	Mentimeter session 4 Lisa Kircher Pagkalinawan, ETG
4:40-5:05 p.m.	Discussion Virinder Sharma, USG Summary of agreements made Kris Moon, USG Next steps Karma Yangzom, ETG
5:05-5:10 p.m.	Closing Remarks CWRD

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