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Webinar 4: Opportunities to Scale Up Economic and Market-Based Instruments to Address Air Pollution

Primer on Air Pollution Issues and Trends

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90% of Asian cities do not meet WHO annual air quality guideline for PM_{2.5}



Distribution of Asian Cities relative to PM_{2.5} concentrations

Lahore to Sialkot, Pakistan. 31 January 2020 Photo by G. Bathan

Global Burden of Disease – Air Pollution

Global Deaths due to Air Pollution (Ambient and Indoor)

a. Central Asia



2015 2014

2013 2012

Clean Air Asia, 2019.

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(Data source: Health Effects Institute, 2019)

2010 2005

2000 1995 1990

Premature deaths from total air pollution (2019)





Estimated annual deaths

1,800,000

1,600,000

1,400,000

1,200,000

1,000,000

800,000

600,000

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Global Burden of Disease – Air Pollution





• 6.7 million premature deaths in 2019 (12% of total)





Each year, 4.5 million people in Asia die prematurely from illnesses caused by breathing polluted air (HEI, 2020)

Economic cost of air pollution



- As early as 2013, it was already estimated that air pollution cost the world's economy ~\$5.11 trillion in welfare losses (World Bank, 2016)
- By 2060, the projected annual number of lost working days are projected to reach \$3.7 billion (~\$1.2 billion in 2015).

In terms of global costs associated with premature deaths due to air pollution, projections show \$3 trillion in 2015 to **\$18-15 trillion** in 2060 (OECD, 2016)

FIGURE ES.1 Welfare Losses Due to Air Pollution by Region, 2013



Sources: World Bank and IHME.

Note: Total air pollution damages include ambient PM₂₅, household PM₂₅, and ozone. GDP = gross domestic product.

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The Cost of Air Pollution: Strengthening the Economic Case for Action Source: World Bank (2016)

Economic cost of air pollution: India

- Lost output from premature deaths and illness related to air pollution is equivalent to 1.36% of India's GDP in 2019.
- In addition, health care cost of air pollution-related disease treatment is 0.44% of India's GDP.

Source: Pandey, A., Brauer, M., Cropper, M., Balakrishnan, K., Mathur, P., ... Dandona, L. (2021) Health and economic impact of air pollution in the states of India: the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019, The Lancet Planetary Health, Volume 5, Issue 1



Air pollution sources

Table 2

Tabulation of the fractional apportionments by global region or country.

• Among the major sources of $PM_{2.5}$ in South Asia is traffic (motor vehicles) at ~25% of $PM_{2.5}$ and ~21% of PM_{10} .

• $PM_{2.5}$ in China comes from motor vehicles at ~19%, but industry is not far behind at ~17%.

Source: Hopke, P. K., Dai, Q., Li, L., & Feng, Y. (2020). Global review of recent source apportionments for airborne particulate matter. Science of The Total Environment, 140091.

Source	Northem China	Southern China	Eastern Asia -Not China	Southern Asia	South-eastern Asia
No. of reports	205	41	27	46	14
$PM_{2.5} (\mu g/m^3)$	100.9	50.3	27.5	102.5	24.8
Mixed SIA (%)	31.0	31.0	42.3	34.3	23.9
Sea salt (%)	4.1	4.1	6.8	4.8	7.8
Dust (%)	8.9	8.9	7.2	9.8	19.1
Traffic (%)	19.3	19.3	17.6	25.2	23.0
Industry (%)	16.8	16.8	8.9	6.4	15.4
Biomass. burning (%)	10.3	10.3	10.1	14.9	16.3
Coal or no. 6 oil	10.9	10.9	14.5	7.1	13.8
combustion (%)					
Other (%)	10.5	10.5	11.9	10.8	23.9
$PM_{10} (\mu g/m^3)$	164.6	110.0	40.5	190.0	92.8
Mixed SIA (%)	22.3	28.9	0.0	17.5	
Sea salt (%)	6.9	6.0		16.5	
Dust (%)	30.5	15.2	44.0	33.5	
Traffic (%)	14.6	25.6	8.0	21.4	
Industry (%)	12.1	19.0		19.8	
Biomass. burning (%)	14.3	5.9		17.0	
Coal or no. 6 oil	20.2	17.3	25.0	12.9	
combustion (%)					
Other (%)	11.0	9.0	23.0	23.2	





Source: McDuffie, E. E., Martin, R. V., Spadaro, J. V., Burnett, R., Smith, S. J., O'Rourke, P., ... & Brauer, M. (2021). Source sector and fuel contributions to ambient PM2. 5 and attributable mortality across multiple spatial scales. Nature Communications, 12(1), 1-12.



Mainstreaming Air Quality in Urban Development in Asia

Lessons and Recommendations from Selected Country and City Studies

Regional Capacity Development Technical Assistance (B.CDTA) 8751. Mainstreaming Air Quality in Urban Development through South-South Twinning

Final Consultant's Report

OCTOBER 2018



Common challenges to implementing integrated air quality management



- Insufficient air quality information to inform policies, plans and programs
- Limited technical capacity
- Lack of coordination among stakeholders
- Leniency of national air quality standards
- Weak enforcement of air quality standards
- Insufficient financial resources and incentive schemes
- Lack of mainstreaming of air quality concerns in urban development

https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/project-documents/46250/46250-001-tacr-en.pdf

Opportunities to improve air quality





25 Clean Air Measures



FIGURE 2.5: PM_{2.5} CONCENTRATIONS IN 2030 AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOP 25 CLEAN AIR MEASURES



FIGURE 2.4: IMPACTS ON POPULATION-WEIGHTED EXPOSURE TO PM_{2.5} IN 2030 FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF 25 CLEAN AIR MEASURES, RANKED BY FURTHER POTENTIAL



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