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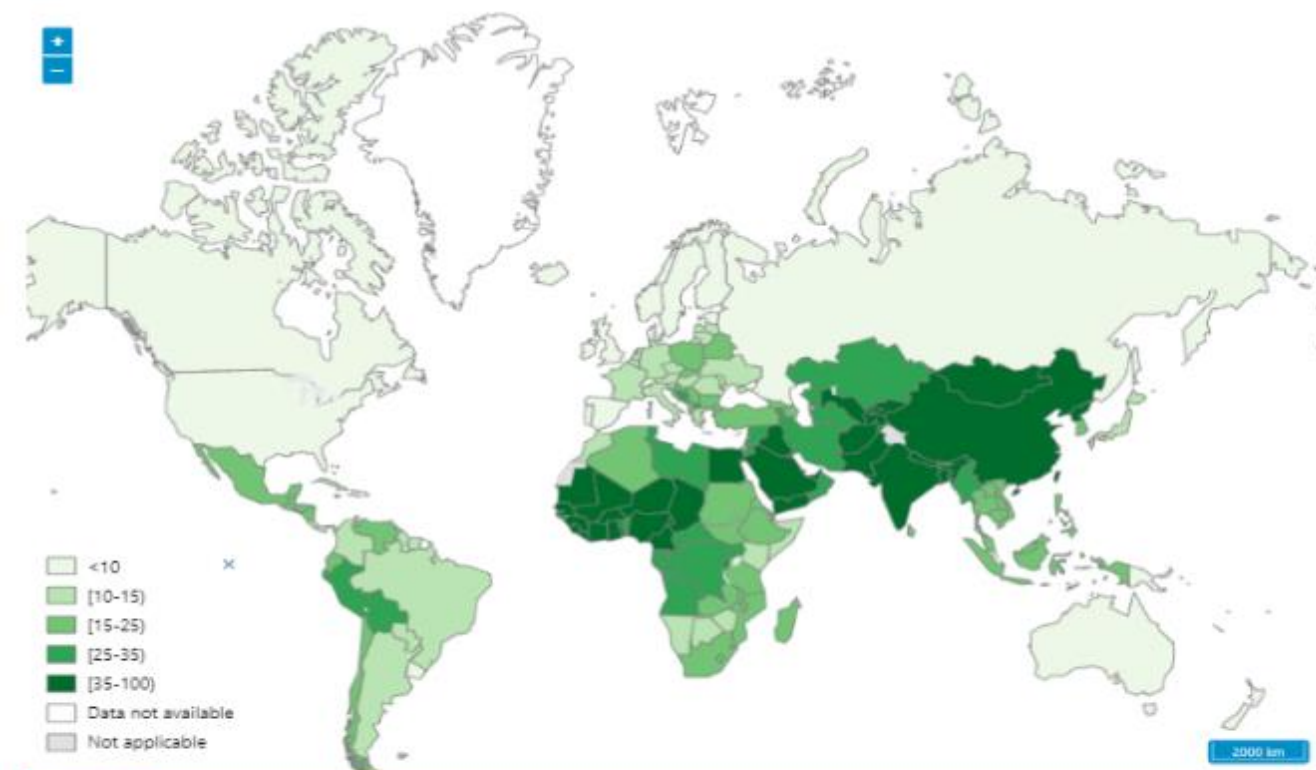
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Asia-Pacific Regional Action Programme on Air Pollution (RAPAP)

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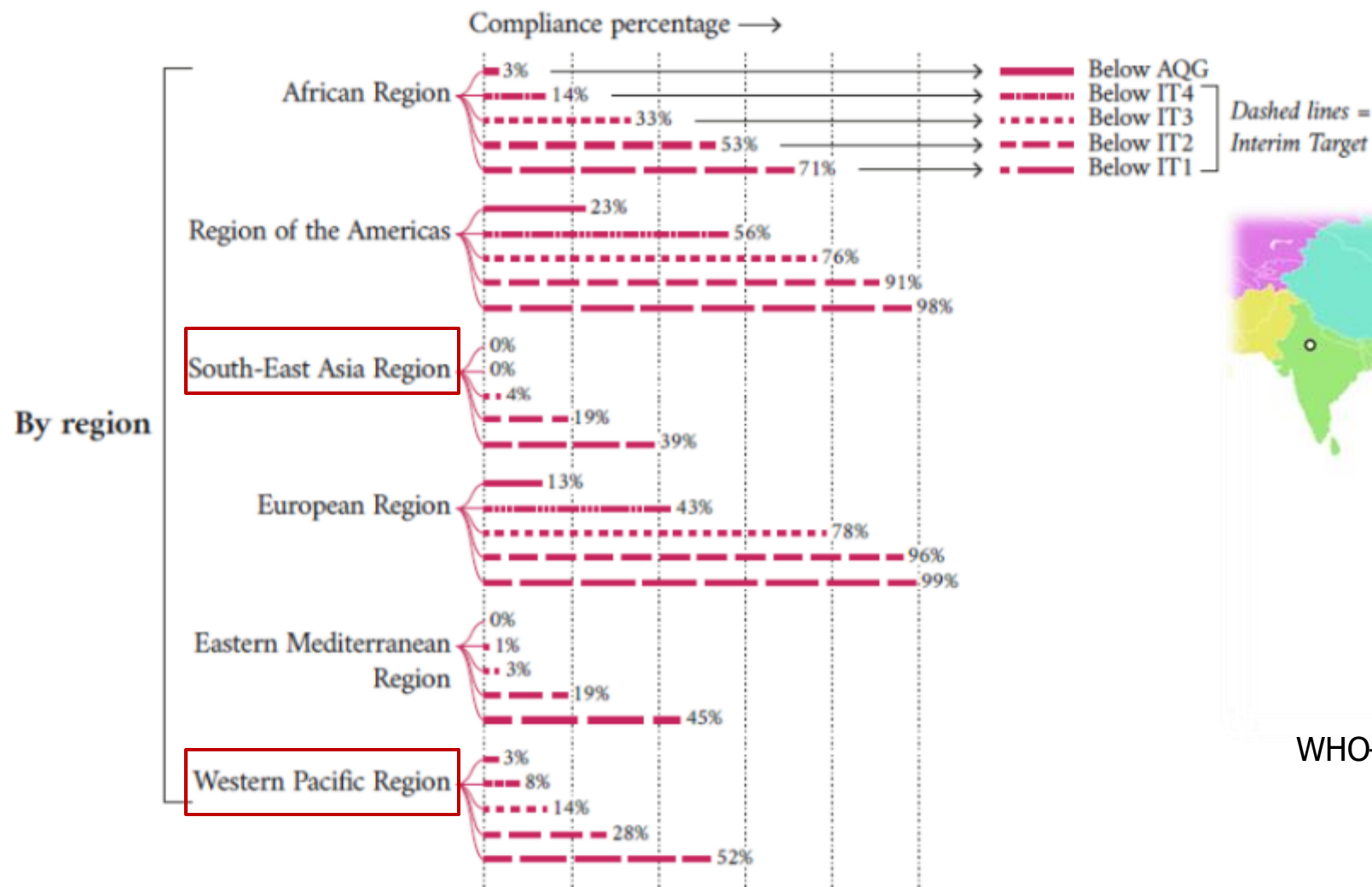
PM_{2.5} Concentration



Asia-Pacific Regional Context of Air Pollution

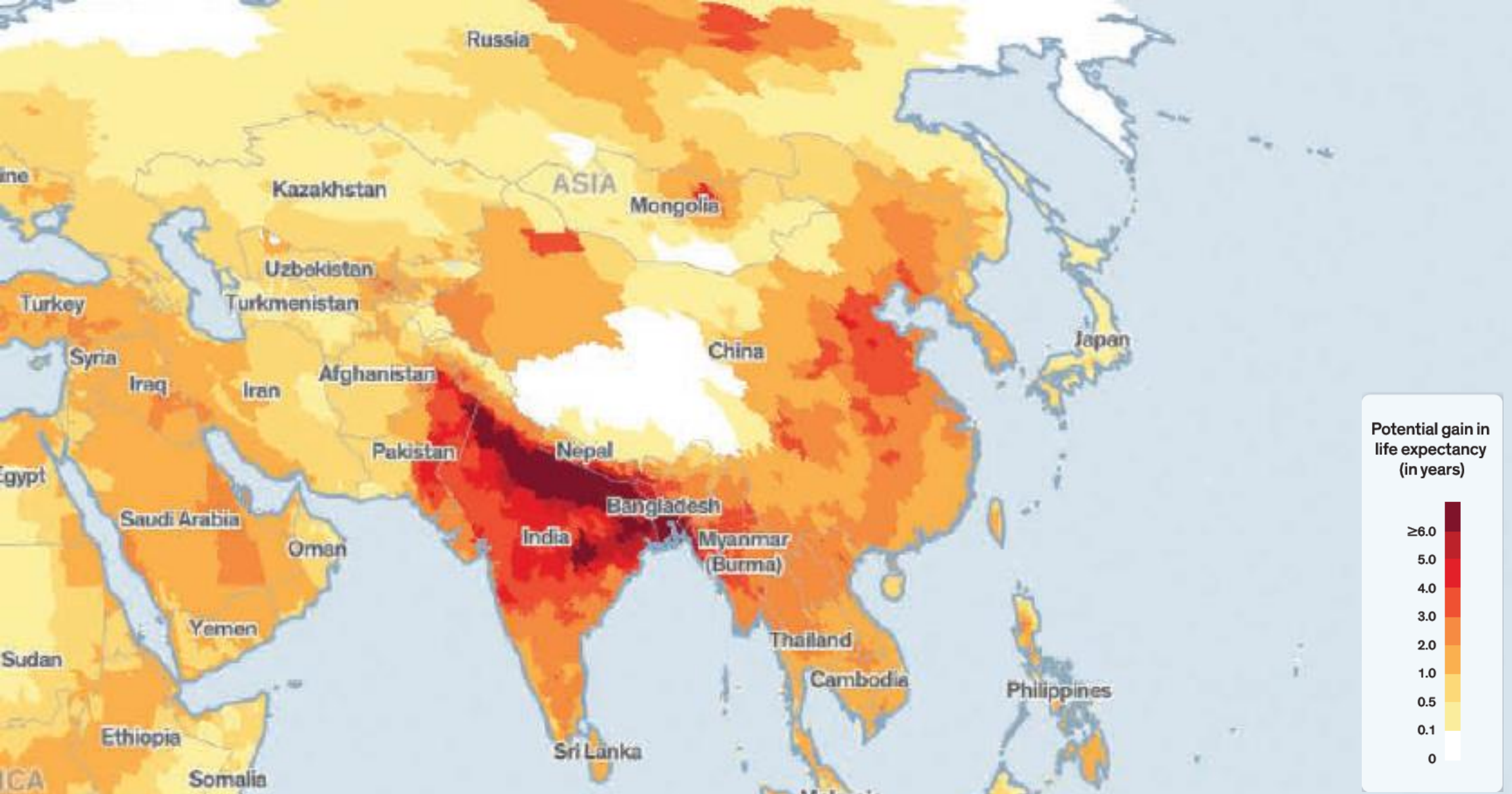
- High level of air pollution concentration and premature death
- Increasing awareness and commitment

Compliance rate of settlements with the WHO air quality guidelines and annual PM targets



WHO-SEA and WP regions

Potential gain in life expectancy from permanently reducing PM2.5 from 2021 concentration to the WHO guideline



Source: Air Quality Life Index 2023 Update, Univ of Chicago

Multilateral cooperation on air pollution in Asia and the Pacific

North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership (NEACAP)

(all 6 NEA countries)

Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)

(13 countries in East Asia, excl. DPRK)

ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (Haze Agreement)

(10 ASEAN countries)

Malé Declaration on Control and Prevention of Air Pollution and its Likely Transboundary Effects for South Asia (Malé Declaration)

(8 member countries)

- Diverse **subregional & multistakeholder cooperation mechanisms**
- However, most face significant constraints like **limited geographical & institutional mandate, insufficient technical & financial capacity**

RAPAP

Asia-Pacific
Regional Action
Programme on
Air Pollution

- Negotiated and adopted under auspices of ESCAP as the **only regional legislative organ** in the Asia-Pacific
- RAPAP **represents collective aspiration and consensus** among countries in the region to combat air pollution
- Adopted at ESCAP's **7th Committee on Environment and Development** in 2022
- Endorsed by member States through **resolution 79/6** at the 79th Commission Session in 2023

RAPAP

Asia-Pacific Regional Action Programme on Air Pollution

Objectives



Promoting **science-based and policy-oriented cooperation**



Establishing an **open regional platform** for best practices exchange



Promoting **domestic actions and regional cooperation**



Identifying **technical and financial resources** for multilateral and cooperative action



Fostering **dialogue and technical cooperation**

Action areas



Air quality management

Improving existing national air quality standards and sectoral air quality management policies



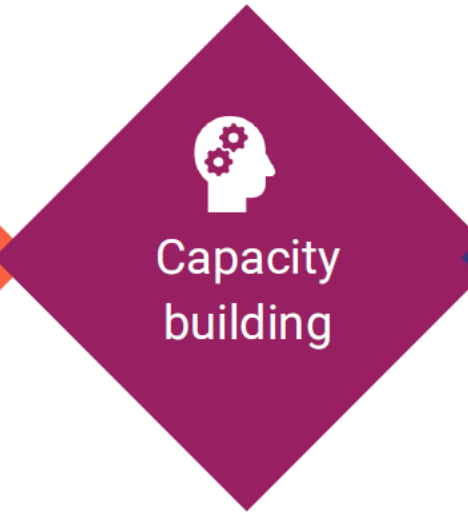
Air quality monitoring and data sharing

Strengthening capacity for air pollution inventories and sharing data and good practices



Best practices exchange

Sharing solutions and best practices and encouraging engagement of multilateral and multistakeholder platforms



Capacity building

Supporting national air quality policies and regulations, and building technical capacities for data management, sectoral policies and clean technologies including through leveraging partnerships



Commitment to multilateral cooperation

Strengthening existing platforms, engaging national experts in regional scientific and technical activities, and facilitating high-level dialogues and engagement of stakeholders and scientific institutions

RAPAP Platform *(under development)*

- RAPAP provision: Para 6(b) *“To establish an **open regional platform** for the exchange of information and best practices on air pollution challenges and solutions, as may be deemed necessary and appropriate by members and associate members of ESCAP”*
- Online regional platform to **support partnerships and coordination** among existing multilateral, subregional and multistakeholder cooperation mechanisms
- Provide **repository** of collaborative work at regional and multilateral levels
- Catalyze **joint capacity building projects** on clean air



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Enhanced capabilities to adopt innovative technologies for city air pollution control in select countries of the Asia-Pacific

Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology
(ESCAP-APCTT)

Project objective: Strengthened policies to facilitate adoption of innovative technologies for controlling air pollution in the Asia-Pacific

Main achievements

01

Nearly 600 city officials and national policy makers in 3 cities have **enhanced awareness** on air pollution as well as **technology and policy options** available for air pollution control

04

Exposure to advanced technology and policy strategies on air pollution in the **Republic of Korea** to 10 city officials and national policy makers from 3 cities

02

Compendium of Air Pollution Control Technology available for countries to identify and/or select appropriate technologies

05

Contextualized **assessment** of gaps and next steps to **strengthen City Action Plans** and policy frameworks in the 3 cities

03

Contextualized analysis of city-level air pollution technology needs and gaps for 3 cities provides a direction for technological way forward

06

Operational learnings from project shared through **Regional Workshop - 21 Dec 2023** and **knowledge products** to help scale up actions across Asia-Pacific region.



Thailand Stakeholder Consultation

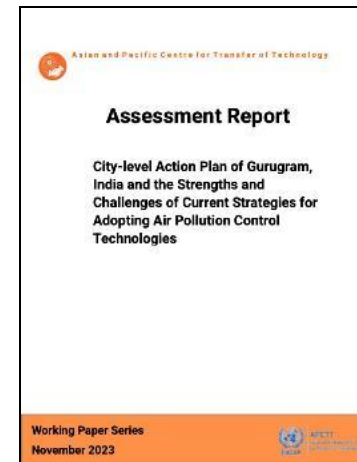
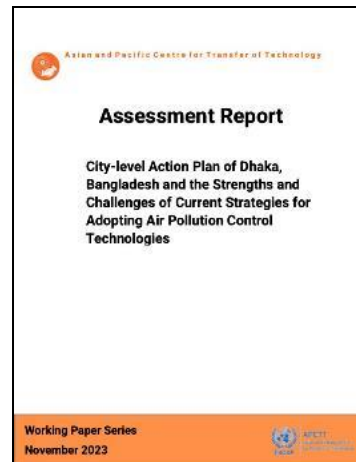
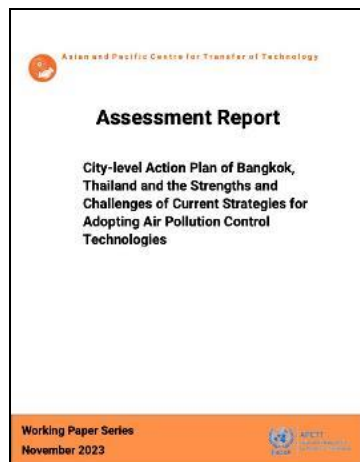
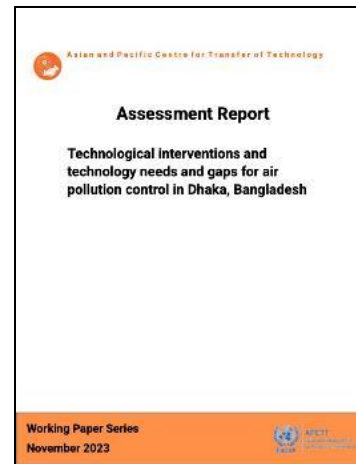


Study Tour on innovative technologies for air pollution control to the Republic of Korea

Key findings from city level assessments

	Key Concerns	Critical Technologies	Critical Policy Areas
Bangkok	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport related pollution • Industrial Emissions • Agri Waste burning • Road Dust • Construction Dust • Street Food and Home Cooking • Air Shed effect • Cross Border Effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diesel Particulate Filter • Electric Vehicles • Remote sensors - vehicles • Low-cost sensors • Low Emission Zones • Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) for Industries • Apps to monitor Agri waste burning • Cleaner Cooking Fuels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retire old vehicles; Incentives, Infra for EV • Move from Diesel to EV – Govt./ Pub. Trans. • Subsidize public transport. • Control Agri waste burning / cleaner cooking fuels • Alternate use for straw • Tech to monitor Agri burning • Self Monitoring, CEMS – Industries • Put in place higher emission norms • Closer monitoring of PM2.5
Gurugram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport related pollution • Power Plants , DG Sets • Industrial Emissions • Waste collection, waste burning • Road and Construction Dust • Agri Waste burning • Brick Kilns • Air Shed effect • Cross Border Pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airshed Approach • Diesel Particulate Filters • Electric Vehicles; Public E-transport • Remote sensors - vehicles • Low-cost sensors • Intelligent traffic management systems • CEMS for Industries • Water fogging – construction • Dust Collection Machines/ Tech • Solid Waste Disposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaner Fuels, Retire old vehicles, Higher Norms • Strengthen EV, Pub. Trans. • Stop Agri Waste burning • Strict Monitoring of polluting industries • Higher Emission Norms for industries • Enhance Green Cover • Enforce Dust control and collection • Road Sweeping systems • Dust control in construction sites
Dhaka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport related pollution • Brick Kilns • Industrial Emissions • Biomass for cooking • Agri Waste burning • Road and Construction Dust • Air Shed effect • Cross Border Pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous Air Monitoring Stations (CAMS) • Diesel Particulate Filters • Electric Vehicles; Public E-transport • Remote sensors - vehicles • Low-cost sensors • CEMS for Industries • Water fogging – construction • Anti-smog guns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaner Fuels, Retire old vehicles, Higher Norms • Strengthen EV, Public Transport • Stop Agri Waste burning; Cleaner Cooking Fuels • Higher Emission Norms, monitoring for industries • Move Brick Kilns to Zig Zag Technology • Enhance Green Cover • Enforce Dust control and collection • Road Sweeping systems • Dust control in construction sites • Source Apportionment Studies; Promote Solar Technologies

Key Knowledge Products



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