

Update on outreach and communications

Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference: side-event on air quality









High-level segment on improving air quality







Side-event on SDG 3: Healthy lives



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Communications

Environmental Policy

Conventions and Protocols

Air Pollution

- The Air Convention and its Protocols
- > Convention bodies
- Guidance documents and other methodological materials

Capacity building

Cross-sectoral linkages

Air pollution and health

Air pollution and food production

Air pollution, ecosystems and biodiversity

Air pollution and climate change

Air pollution and economic development

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Publications

Videos and audios

Air Pollution

About Air Pollution

Air pollution has significant impacts on our health, environment and economy. Pollutants in the air we breathe come from multiple sources, including sectors such as industry, transport and agriculture. Every day, air pollution causes respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. It also damages vulnerable ecosystems and biodiversity and leads to a decrease in agricultural crop and commercial forest yields. It is therefore paramount that we take action together — across sectors and national boundaries.



Our Focus

To improve air quality on the local, national and regional levels. UNECE member State successfully to gradually reduce and prevent air pollution in the region. One of the verthis has been achieved is the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution 1979. Over the years, it has been extended by eight protocols that identify specific members to cut their emissions of air pollutants. Fifty-one UNECE member States are Parties to cut their emissions of air pollutants. Fifty-one UNECE member States are Parties to cut their emissions of air pollutants. Fifty-one UNECE member States are Parties to cut their emissions of air pollutants. Fifty-one UNECE member States are Parties to cut their emissions of air pollutants.

Key documents

Workplan 2016-2017

Long-term strategy A

Rules of procedure A

Events

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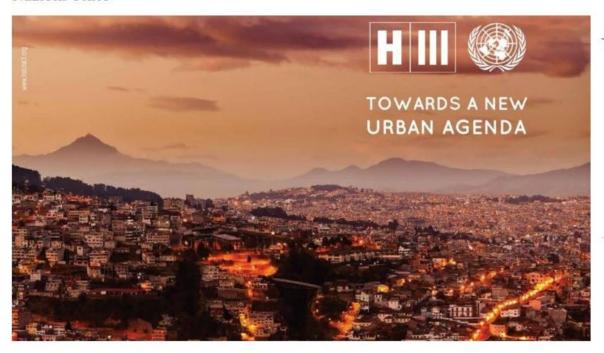
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Habitat III, aria pulita per città vivibili

In vista della Conferenza ONU Habitat III, dove i governi discuteranno del futuro delle nostre città, pubblichiamo un intervento di Christian Friis Bach, segretario esecutivo dell'UNECE, la Commissione Economica per l'Europa delle Nazioni Unite



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Almost every day, we hear news about high air pollution episodes in cities: in Milan and Rome at the end of 2015, in Stuttgart in January 2016, but also in many other cities throughout the world. These episodes raise public concern, cause health complaints and sometimes make air pollution literally visible. They remind us time and again that air pollution is a pressing issue.



With more than half of the world's population now living in urban areas and population and urbanization expected to grow, ever more people are exposed to high levels of air pollution in cities. The latest data collected by the <u>World Health</u> Organization (WHO) on urban air quality shows that worldwide, more than 80% of

