

Friday, 4 December 2015, 12.30-14.00
EU side-event room 'Luxembourg'

Reduce air pollution to save lives and combat climate change



As a number of sources of air pollutants and greenhouse gases are the same, reducing air pollution can have significant co-benefits for human health and the climate, making the need to harmonize air pollution, climate, and health policies and regulations a priority. Some air pollutants, such as black carbon, also known as soot, fall in the category of so called short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs).

Programme

On the day of the Lima Paris Action Agenda (LPAA) Thematic Event on SCLPs, this event will provide an introduction to the topic and serve as curtain-raiser. It will highlight the need to better integrate air, climate, and health policies and look at air pollution reduction as a way to achieve both climate and health co-benefits. The key messages and outcomes of this event will be discussed further during the LPAA Thematic Event on SLCPs in the afternoon.

Welcome

Karmenu Vella, EU Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Introductory presentation: Air pollution and climate change: approaches for policy integration

Mark Lawrence, Managing Director, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies

Panel discussion

Moderator: *Christian Friis Bach*, Executive Secretary, UNECE

Panellists:

Hanne Bjurstrøm, Special Envoy, Ministry of Climate and Environment of Norway

Teimuraz Murgulia, Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Tomasz Chruszczow, Deputy Head, Polish Delegation to COP 21

Ibrahim Thiaw, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme

Maria Neira, Director, Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants, World Health Organization

Q&A

Conclusion and closure

