



# FICAP

## Forum for International Cooperation on Air Pollution



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# Background: Vision and Aims

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- **Vision:** To promote international collaboration towards preventing and reducing air pollution to improve air quality globally
- **Aim:** To act as a forum for international exchange and mutual learning, to facilitate the sharing of science, technical and policy expertise internationally
- **Mandate:** The mandate to establish the new Task Force as approved by the CLRTAP Executive Body in December 2021 can be found on page 7 [here](#).

# Task Force Meeting

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- Hybrid meeting held on 11-12 October in Bristol, UK
- Themes of capacity building and international cooperation discussed
- UNECE Secretariat presented on the new E-learning tool
- Attended by UNECE members, and Countries outside the ECE Region.

# Outreach and Capacity Building

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- Recognition of the existing programs undertaken across the UNECE region to improve air quality management and aid expansion of technical expertise. Notably in EECCA region
- Examples of where multiple actors/agencies have worked effectively employing expertise from National, Multilateral, and regional levels to secure better outcomes
- For EECCA region, stronger links can be fostered by UNECE members for Capacity building, the UNECE secretariat, FICAP (and other Task Force experts) as well as stronger integration with UNEP and UNESCAP programs.

# Regional Links and Global Action



- Clear need for global community to link up on combating air pollution
- Understanding that different Countries and regions have different air quality issues.
- We can explore common solutions and shared knowledge via the Forum to start or continue action
- Other regions, notably UNESCAP have made efforts to set up mechanisms to cooperate on Air quality. The ESCAP community recently agreed a [Ministerial Deceleration](#) at the 7th Session of the Committee on Environment & Development.
- FICAP has a role to convene and share information with input from UN bodies, IGOs, and NGOs to help regions, including EECCA to plan and implement air quality management and mitigations.



# The Forum Meeting

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- 16 March 2023, Gothenburg, Sweden
- Following the Saltsjöbaden VII Workshop – in close cooperation with the Global working group
- Desire strong regional representation. Opportunity to interact with Non-Parties to the Air Convention and countries bordering the EECCA region in UNESCAP.
- Tentative topics: Air Convention building blocks and potential funding opportunities - We want to engage with Parties on the best topics to cover for all regions.
- Promoting inter-regional cooperation to solve air pollution issues that are shared across UN regions.
- Registration open at <https://www.ivl.se/projektwebbar/saltsjobaden-air-science-and-policy-workshops.html>

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