Forum for International Cooperation on Air Pollution

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• The Air Convention’s youngest TF
• Co-lead by Sweden and the UK.
• 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.
• **Complement** ongoing efforts in more global forums (i.e. CCAC)
• Make the Air Conventions 44 years of experience, tools, methods and expertise available to others.
The Taskforce (TFICAP) vs the Forum (FICAP)

- The **Taskforce for International Cooperation on Air Pollution** (TFICAP) is the “steering group” for the wider Forum.
- The purpose of the Taskforce is:
  - To set the direction of the Forum.
  - To support the Co-Chairs in its progression.
  - To provide input into the topics for discussion and cooperation at the Forum.
  - To plan and support efforts to encourage a wide participation of Countries organisations and experts.
- The **Forum** is open to participation from all regions, countries, NGOs and IGOs.
- The Forum aims to:
  - Share mutual learning and technical expertise.
  - Foster collaboration to improve regional air quality.
2022 – 2023 Workplan ambition

- **Early 2022**: Outreach and engagement with potential participants
- **2022**: Establish independent web-presence
- **Autumn 2022**: 1st Taskforce Meeting Held in UK
- **Spring 2023**: 1st Forum Meeting, 16 March, Sweden
- **2023**: Development of Toolkits, FICAP Website, IGO Collaboration
- **Spring 2024**: 2nd Taskforce Meeting, Date Q1 (tbc)

- **Outreach and engagement with potential participants**: Ongoing
- **Establish independent web-presence**: Ongoing
- **Development of Toolkits, FICAP Website, IGO Collaboration**: Continuous
First Task Force meeting

- Hybrid meeting, 11-12 October 2022 in Bristol, UK
- Opened by Trudy Harison, MP Minister of environment, UK.
- > 80 participants (AQ experts, National governments, IGOs, Charities, Universities, Air Convention TFs and ICPs).
- 2 main sessions and breakout groups.
- Theme 1: Capacity building and outreach: Multiple regional and organizational perspectives shared; Key insight to the wide scope of existing activities; Scoping of key areas for the Forum.
- Theme 2: Topics of interest for the Forum to pursue: Most relevant topics of interest for the Forum to pursue; How to best take forward international collaboration and inter-regional cooperation; Topics for the upcoming Forum event in Gothenburg.
First meeting of the Forum

- Hybrid meeting, 16 March, Gothenburg, Sweden
- Opened by Rebecca Pow, Minister for Environment Quality and resilience, UK.
- > 178 participants

2 Interactive panel sessions:
  - Pathways to air pollution action in a regional context
  - ‘No regret’ actions for improving air quality, considering both climate change and economic development.

Overall conclusions:
  - Urgent need for more Air Pollution management in many regions/countries.
  - Strong interest to increase co-operation between regions.
  - Interest in using and adapting Air Convention experience/tools/methods etc.
  - Request for FICAP to contribute to and reinforce several ongoing global initiatives.
Next Steps

• In cooperation with the Air Convention secretariat and Convention TF/ICP Chairs, list topics where the air convention has experience to share as well as list relevant experts for the different areas. This will form a basis for conducting targeted webinars where there is mutual interest. Request for input from Air Convention groups.

• In cooperation with development agency partners, organise link ups between regions and countries interested in using the Air Convention’s experience to help set up local arrangements (regional, national, sub-national).

• Engage with international and regional organisations to understand the needs and interests of regions and what further collaboration and cooperation could be achieved.

• Continue to develop the Forum’s web presence and understand what information and data would be useful to collate and communicate to a wide set of countries.

• 2nd Task Force meeting, planned for early spring 2024. Possibly in Geneva. CLRTAP community and key partners.
## Draft WP items for 2024-2025

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<td>In collaboration with the World Bank, and on request; organize incoming tours of UNECE region for countries to learn, discuss, and adapt policies and institutional structures for Air Quality Management at a regional, national, and sub-national level.</td>
<td>Increased understanding by study tour participants of how countries in UNECE with different governance systems can work towards the common goals of the Air Convention.</td>
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<td>Better understanding of where further collaboration and cooperation could be developed.</td>
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