



FICAP

Forum for International Cooperation on Air Pollution



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Regional Agreements on Air Quality

Africa – Clean Air Program – African Union

- Goal setting in line with the Agenda 2063 under the African Union adopted in 2015 at the 24th Ordinary Assembly of the Heads of State and Governments of the African Union.
- A framework for comprehensive, continuous and routine air quality assessments.

Latin America and Caribbean – Regional Action Plan on Air Quality 2022–2025 – UNEP

- Promote the technical exchange of research and information on AQ management and strengthen capacities.
- Harmonise national air quality management legislation, standards, monitoring methods, and data management procedures.
- Assessing and proposing policy options for reducing air pollution.
- Supporting the development and implementation of a regional action plan to reduce air pollution in the region.

Asia – Regional Action Plan on Air Pollution (RAPAP) – UN ESCAP

- Enhanced capacity to utilise data and methodologies to support implementation.
- Access to technical assistance and science-policy recommendations to support implementation, including the establishment of common methods for air pollution monitoring.
- Enhanced regional dialogue on developing evidence-based air pollution policies.

South Asia – Malé Declaration – South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)

- The Malé Declaration was first signed in November 2007.
- Strengthen regional cooperation, enhance collaboration with UN bodies and international agencies, and harmonise air quality standards.
- Strengthen monitoring network, build capacity, develop emission inventories, improve modelling and impact assessments.
- Assess policies, actions and measures to reduce emissions.

Status and Recent Activities

Africa – Clean Air Program

- Over 30 countries confirmed **focal points** from the Ministry of Environment for the Science Policy Network.
- Partnership formed between AUC, UNEP ROA, SEI and CCAC to produce the Integrated Assessment of Air Pollution and Climate Change for Sustainable Development in Africa. - [Integrated Assessment of Air Pollution and Climate Change for Sustainable Development in Africa - Summary for Decision Makers \(unep.org\)](#)
- Funding opportunities to promote implementation of the 37 measures as a Clean Air Program for Africa, with development of a Road Map for the Clean Air Program linked with other ongoing projects in Africa.

Latin America and Caribbean – Regional Action Plan on Air Quality 2022 – 2025

- XXIII Forum of Ministers of LAC took Decision 1 on Pollution calling for implementation of the Regional Action Plan on Air Quality 2022-2025, strengthening legal frameworks, and engaging in transformative regional actions. - [Decisiones XXIII ReunionForo Oct2023 ENGLISH.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- [Regional Action Plan on Air Quality.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Asia – Regional Action Plan on Air Pollution (RAPAP)

- High-Level Forum on Clean Air in Ulaanbaatar, March 2023
- International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies in Bangkok, September 2023
- [Ministerial Declaration on Protecting Our Planet through Regional Cooperation and Solidarity in Asia and the Pacific \(unescap.org\)](#)

South Asia – Malé Declaration

- Member countries have agreed to a symbolic re-signing of the Declaration.
- Vision document sent out to all countries to get agreement on updated Declaration, with a new agreement sent out.
- Workplan developed and agreed by all countries.
- [Reinvigorating the Malé Declaration offers South Asia the opportunity to improve air quality \(sei.org\)](#)

Common Themes – How can we best contribute?

Air Quality monitoring / inventories to achieve enough data to take action

- a) Ground monitoring
- b) Satellite monitoring
- c) Emission inventories
- d) Source identification

Impacts, modelling, and communication

- a) Human health
- b) Ecosystems
- c) Communication to public

Cooperation on setting air quality standards and legislation (Ambient)

- a) Setting standards and regulations
- b) Integrated approach to climate change
- c) Common approaches to emission reduction policies
- d) Enforcement / sector-based policies