



FICAP

Forum for International Cooperation on Air Pollution



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63rd Working Group on Strategies and Review
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Recent Updates:

- TFICAP and the UNECE Air Convention participated and delivered a session at the 2nd Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health hosted by the WHO and Government of Colombia this year.
- First meeting of the UNEP Global Network on Air Pollution held in the margins of the WHO Conference as well as a first meeting of the dedicated Africa Clean Air Programme
- The UK has taken up the Climate and Clean Air Coalition Co-Chairing under UNEP alongside Brazil
- Sweden has replaced the co-chair Anna Engleryd with an interim co-chair Stefan Åström,
- Virtual TFICAP is planned for Autumn 2025, invites have gone to TF Chairs and National Focal Points.

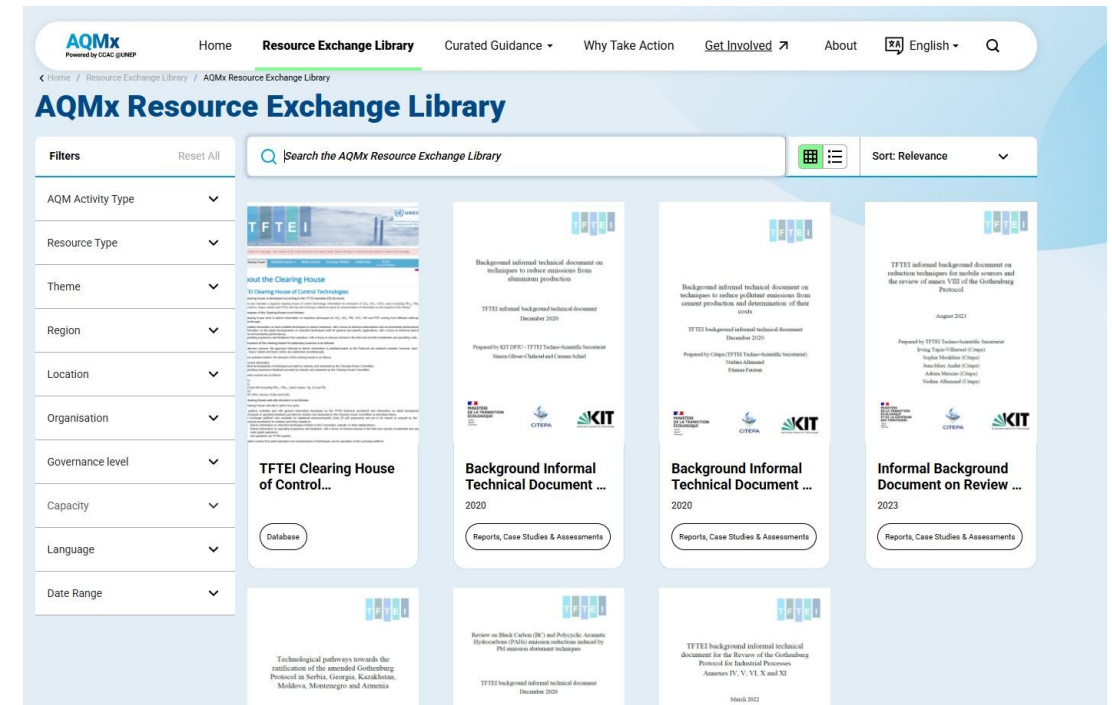
FICAP Prospectus

- The Chairs have developed a prospectus with engagement by all UNECE Air Convention groups – a directory of expertise to be used when engaging with other regions/organisations. Containing:
 - Information about the groups under the Air Convention.
 - Tools, manuals, and guidance held under the Air Convention groups.
 - Expertise and knowledge held by Air Convention groups.
- Available at the FICAP website: [Forum for International Cooperation on Air Pollution](https://www.ficapforum.org/)



Input to to global initiatives:

- TFICAP have coordinated input from many Technical Bodies under the Air Convention to the new Air Quality Management Exchange Platform, delivered by the Climate and Clean Air Coalition: <https://aqmx.org/> Including from TFTEI!
- This platform was called for under the UNEA-6/10 resolution on ‘**Promoting regional cooperation on air pollution to improve air quality globally**’: <https://docs.un.org/en/UNEP/EA.6/Res.10>
- We continue to work with CCAC to see what else we can add from the UNECE Air Convention. **We need your help!**



Outreach to regions beyond UNECE:

- FICAP is supporting the World Bank AQM Programme in the Indo-Gangetic Plain – Himalayan Foothills area (IGP-HF): 12 jurisdictions in 5 countries
- FICAP helped to organize a visit in November 2024 - Indian federal government, and the governments of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Bihar.



- Cooperation between FICAP, World Bank, KfW (Germany), India AQM program. Grateful to the EU Commission for hosting this meeting in Brussels
- We have continued to liaise with the World Bank and regional stakeholders to see what further support and expertise could be utilized in that region to further reduce air pollution



Recent activities of regional organisations:

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 – UNEP

- 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.

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

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

- 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 \(sei.org\)](#)

Looking ahead – Where FICAP needs support

- **COP30** will take place in November 2025. There is potential for further action to be taken on Non-CO2 emissions, including **Methane, Black Carbon** and other ‘super-pollutants’. **National Focal points and experts should push climate colleagues to partake and highlight the air quality benefits of tackling these pollutants alongside climate change mitigation**
- **UNEA-7** will take place in December 2025. There is potential to undertake a ‘stock-take’ of progress to deliver the UNEA-6/10 resolution and maintain momentum for more action by Countries to reduce air pollution. **UNECE Air Convention bodies (including TFTEI) have a lot of information and expertise that can be useful to other regions! We now have the mandate and platform to do this.**
- **UNECE Air Convention** will hopefully conclude negotiations on the Gothenburg Protocol in the coming years. **We should showcase cost effective measures to reduce air pollution from different sectors to other regions**

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