



Side Events Name: Achieving Air Quality Targets in Asia Pacific through Regional Cooperation

Date: 27 August 2025

Time: 9.00-11.00

Venue: Hotel Crowne Plaza, Nadi, Fiji

Concept Note

1. Background

Air pollution remains a key environment and health challenge in Asia and the Pacific. Regional and subregional cooperation remains a cornerstone of effective air quality management, enabling countries to address shared challenges, harmonize standards, and leverage collective expertise. Regional bodies, initiatives, and financing institutions continue to support in developing tailored air pollution solutions, fostering cross-border collaboration and capacity-building for measurable improvements.

Member States have also continued to take national action by developing and implementing air quality programmes and aligning policies with the latest World Health Organization (WHO) Air Quality Guidelines. These actions reflect a growing recognition of the need for coordinated, multisectoral interventions to address air pollution and advance the Sustainable Development Goals.

This side event will highlight showcase recent developments and progress of regional cooperation mechanisms on clean air in Asia and the Pacific. The regional forums and platforms will be presented. These include, but not limited to, EANET, APCAP, RAPAP, Thematic Working Group on Air Quality and Health, and the Malé Declaration on Control and Prevention of Air Pollution and its Likely Transboundary Effects for South Asia. The discussions will engage governments and stakeholders to create synergies across different platforms and initiatives for improving air quality at city, national, and regional level.

2. Objective

The side event aims to:

- To showcase recent developments and progress of regional cooperation mechanisms on clean air in Asia and the Pacific; and
- To engage governments and stakeholders to create synergies across different platforms and initiatives for improving air quality at city, national, and regional level.

The side event will contribute to the following UNEA-6 resolutions: (a) UNEP/EA.6/Res.4 - Promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration for national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments; and (b) UNEP/EA.6/Res.10 - Promoting regional cooperation on air pollution to improve air quality globally.

It also contributes to multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including SDG 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing), 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and 13 (Climate Action).

3. Proposed Participants

Representatives from Member States, non-member States, intergovernmental organizations, major groups, and stakeholders are invited to participate in the side event.