FIRST WHO GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON
AIR POLLUTION AND HEALTH

IMPROVING AIR QUALITY, COMBATTING CLIMATE CHANGE – SAVING LIVES

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LET’S ACT TOGETHER ….
BECAUSE THE COST IS FAR TOO HIGH
Air pollution claims 6.5 million lives a year
Air pollution is a major driver of the non-communicable disease epidemic
Air pollution accelerates climate change
AND WE HAVE SOLUTIONS
Affordable and clean urban, transport, waste & household energy strategies
Health, environment & development sectors can lead the way to change

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Clean Air | Healthy Future | Healthy Climate
Air pollution, both ambient and indoor, is one of the largest causes of death worldwide. Eight of ten cities exceed WHO Air Quality guideline levels.

Household air pollution is a leading killer in rural and urban homes. Nearly half of the world’s population still cooks with polluting fuels and stoves.

Non communicable diseases (NCDs) - About 1/4 of all heart attack deaths and about 1/3 of all deaths from stroke, lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease are due to air pollution exposures. Health impacts are largest among women, children, older people and the poor.

Affordable strategies exist to reduce emissions from transport, energy, waste, housing and industrial sectors. Other benefits may include traffic injury and noise reductions and safer physical activity. Healthcare cost savings and improved worker productivity benefit local economies.

Climate Change - Tackling air pollution reduces emissions of both short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) and long-lived CO2. This can also help reduce health risks related to weather extremes, sea level rise, drought and food production.