

19 June 2019, 3.00 – 5.30 pm

UN Headquarters,  
United Nations Plaza, New York City,  
Conference Room 6

# Air Pollution and Health Launch Event



Academy of Science  
of South Africa



Brazilian Academy  
of Sciences



German National Academy  
of Sciences Leopoldina



U.S. National Academy  
of Medicine



U.S. National Academy  
of Sciences

## Background

Air pollution is a major, preventable and manageable threat to people's health, well-being and the fulfillment of sustainable development. Air pollution is estimated to contribute to at least 5 million premature deaths each year across the world. No one remains unaffected by dirty air, but the adverse impacts of air pollution fall most heavily upon vulnerable populations, such as children, women, and people living in poverty. Clean air is as vital to life on earth as clean water.

The Academy of Science of South Africa, the Brazilian Academy of Sciences, the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences have started an initiative on "Air Pollution and Health" relating to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The five academies brought together leading scientists from South Africa, Brazil, Germany, and the United States as well as representatives of the UN and civil society. The first outcome of this initiative is a compact science-policy statement, which addresses global options and measures to reduce air pollution-associated risks to health. In this event, the statement will be launched and handed over in a ceremony to high-level UN diplomats from South Africa, Brazil, Germany, and the United States and to senior UN representatives.

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### Information

The event is open to the public and is free of charge.  
Prior registration is required until 13 June 2019.

Registration and further information:  
[www.leopoldina.org/air-pollution-health](http://www.leopoldina.org/air-pollution-health)

Please bring your government-issued photo ID for security check. You are kindly asked to come early and leave sufficient time for the registration process. Please note that no bags or pieces of luggage larger than handbags are allowed inside the venue.

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[www.assaf.org.za](http://www.assaf.org.za)  
[www.abc.org.br](http://www.abc.org.br)  
[www.leopoldina.org](http://www.leopoldina.org)  
[www.nam.edu](http://www.nam.edu)  
[www.nasonline.org](http://www.nasonline.org)

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# Program

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2.00–3.00 pm **Registration and Security Check**

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3.00–3.05 pm **Welcome and Moderation**

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**Jacqueline McGlade**, former Chief Scientist of UN Environment

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3.05–3.15 pm **Presentation of Science-Policy Statement on behalf of the five National Academies of Sciences and Medicine**

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**Jean Krutmann**, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

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3.15–3.40 pm **Remarks by Permanent Representatives to the UN**

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**H.E. Mauro Vieira**, Brazil

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**H.E. Christoph Heusgen**, Germany

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**Permanent Representative**, South Africa (tbc)

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**H.E. Cherith Norman Chalet (a.i.)**, U.S.A.

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3.40–3.50 pm **Messages**

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**H.E. Satya Tripathi**, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Head of New York Office of UN Environment

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**Adriana Dinu**, Deputy Director, UNDP's Bureau for Program and Policy Support, on behalf of **H.E. Achim Steiner**, UNDP Administrator

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3.50–4.05 pm **Technical Discussion**

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**David Boyd**, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment (via video)

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**Werner Obermeyer**, Deputy Executive Director of the WHO Office at the UN

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**Helena Molin Valdes**, Head of the Secretariat, Climate and Clean Air Coalition

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4.05–4.15 pm **Ceremony: Handing Over of the Science-Policy Statement to UN Ambassadors and UN Representatives**

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4.15–4.40 pm **Comments by High Representatives of the five National Academies of Sciences and Medicine**

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**Himla Soodyall**, Executive Officer, Academy of Science of South Africa

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**Luiz Davidovich**, President, Brazilian Academy of Sciences

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**Jörg Hacker**, President, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

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**Marcia McNutt**, President, U.S. National Academy of Sciences, on behalf of the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

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4.40–5.30 pm **Reception**

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