

**Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) high level roundtable on air pollution  
13:30-14:45, 6 December, Conference room 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-3), Nairobi**

*Fast action on air pollution provides quick results and multiple benefits*

**Background:**

The high-level panel discussion, complemented by a technical discussion, focuses on actions that national governments, cities, and businesses are taking in key sectors to rapidly reduce air pollution. It emphasizes practical solutions readily available to reduce three short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs): methane, black carbon (soot), and ground level (tropospheric) ozone, which have an outsized impact on the climate, environment, and human health. Intensified action, and a multi-sectoral approach to reduce these pollutants can also reduce other air pollutants, in addition to reducing near-term warming, thereby bringing substantial benefits to health, development and economic growth.

Attendees will better understand the benefits that reducing SLCPs have for the climate, development, and economic growth. Panellists will discuss best practices, policies, technology innovation, local-level action, lessons learned from their efforts, and how different partnerships are effectively reducing air pollution across countries, cities, and sectors, and accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement.

**Moderator/opening remarks: Judy Wakhungu, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Kenya**

KEY NOTES

**NATIONAL ACTION**

- **Marcelo Mena, Minister of Environment, Chile**  
Presentation on efforts that Chile has undertaken to reduce air pollution through its atmospheric decontamination plans, and its leadership role in BreatheLife, a global campaign working with cities to reduce air pollution.

**REGIONAL PRIORITIES**

- **Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**  
Experiences under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP)

PANEL

**BENEFITS OF ACTION**

- **Maria Neira, Director, Department of Public Health, World Health Organization**

**NATIONAL ACTION**

- **Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany**
- **Jonas R. Leones, Under Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines**
- **Marc D'Iorio, Director General, Industrial Sectors, Chemicals, and Waste, Environment and Climate Change Canada**
- **Saif Al-Ghayth Executive Director of Ras Al-Khaimah Environment Authority, United Arab Emirates**

**REGIONAL PRIORITIES**

- **Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director-General, European Commission – DG Environment**
- **Dechen Tsering, Regional Director, UN Environment Asia Pacific**

**Closing remarks: Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment**