

Improving Air Quality, Combatting Climate Change – Saving Lives

Access to new resource related to solving global problems added to PMWL



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15 January 2019 – Mumbai, India – Access to a new resource has been added to the PM World Library (PMWL) related to solving global environmental problems. The new resource is titled “*Improving air quality, combatting climate change – saving lives*”, a global conference organized by World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva from 30th October to 1st November, 2018.

The conference was organized in collaboration with UN Environment, World Meteorological Organization, the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), the secretariat of the UNFCCC and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). There was participation from and collaboration with national and city governments, civil society, philanthropy, inter-governmental organizations, research and academia.

Air pollution is the largest environment-related global health risk of our time, causing approximately 6.5 million deaths globally every year. In most cities air pollution exceeds the recommended WHO Air Quality levels and household air pollution being a leading cause in poor rural and urban homes.

This conference centered on presenting evidence on the health impacts of air pollution, identifying gaps, discussing methods of monitoring pollution and health exposures and finding possible solutions or tools for assessing and implementing effective interventions. Also to expand awareness on air pollution and critical health, climate and environment, a special BreathLife concert, “*Healthy People, Healthy Planet*”, by Ricky Kej, the Grammy Winner and United Nations Humanitarian Artist was organized on 31st October in the host city of Geneva.

To access this new resource, go to the Solving Global Environmental Problems section of the library at <https://pmworldlibrary.net/solving-global-problems/>, click on “Clean Air – Pollution Reduction”, scroll down to resource. Must be a registered member and logged-in to access.

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[Improving air quality, combatting climate change – saving lives](#): The First Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health (2018) responded to the International Mandates of World Health Assembly (WHA2015 & its extension WHA2016), the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA), the Paris Agreement of 2015 and to Member States’ call to World Health Organization (WHO) to display leadership, foster partnerships and increase advocacy. The conference centered on presenting evidence on the health impacts of air pollution and identifying gaps. It also emphasized on discussing methods of monitoring pollution and health exposures and tools for assessing and implementing effective interventions. Read the summary report from that major conference at <https://www.who.int/phe/news/clean-air-for-health/en/> ([Gopireddy](#))

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