

SUCCESS STORIES AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CITIES WITH IMPROVED AIR QUALITY

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Asia has experienced strong economic growth in the past few decades, lifting millions out of poverty. However, this has not been without environmental costs. In most cases development has been accompanied by environmental degradation in various forms including air pollution which is one of the biggest environmental health risks especially in developing countries and cities in Asia. The United Nations estimates that well over 2.2 billion people in Asia will live in cities by 2026, and this will grow to more than 3.3 billion people by 2050. While more than half the population of Asia live in cities less than 8% of Asia's population breathes air that meets the World Health Organization Air Quality standards for PM2.5. Hence, we cannot solve the problem of air pollution in Asia if we don't have targeted interventions for cities in Asia.

In this webinar, participants will learn about selected cities that previously had chronic air pollution problems but were able to undertake interventions that resulted in improved air quality. The panelists will recommend air quality improvement measures that can be applied to Asian cities.

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PROGRAM

5–5:03 p.m.	<p>Welcome Remarks Neeta Pokhrel, Unit Head, Project Administration, South Asia Urban and Water Division, ADB</p> <p>Introduction of Panelists</p>
5:03–5:06 p.m.	<p>Opening Remarks Sujata Gupta, Director, East Asia Sustainable Infrastructure Division, East Asia Regional Department, ADB</p>
5:06–5:30 p.m.	<p>Air Pollution Story of London Presentation on Air pollution challenges faced in London and measures taken to improve the air quality. Stephen Inch, Greater London Authority, United Kingdom</p> <p>Efforts to improve Air Quality in Mongolia Presentation on efforts being made improve air quality in Mongolia. Alex Heikens, Representative, UNICEF Mongolia</p> <p>Questions from the audience</p>
5:38–5:54 p.m.	<p>Air Quality improvement in the Greater Beijing – Tianjin – Hebei (BTH) Region of People’s Republic of China (PRC) Presentation on the BTH air quality improvement initiatives in PRC. Li Bi, China National Investment and Guaranty Corporation (I&G), People’s Republic of China</p> <p>Urban air quality management in Incheon, South Korea Presentation on Air Quality Actions in Incheon, South Korea. Heekwan Lee, Professor of Environmental Engineering and Climate Change, Incheon National University, South Korea</p> <p>Questions from the audience</p>
5:54–6:05 p.m.	<p>Panel Discussion on Lessons Learned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question for GLA • Question for I&G PRC • Question for UNICEF Mongolia • Question for Incheon University South Korea
6:05–6:20 p.m.	<p>Questions from the audience</p>
6:20–6:29 p.m.	<p>Panel discussion on key lessons on Air Quality Management that can be applied to Asian cities</p>
6:29–6:33 p.m.	<p>Closing remarks by moderator</p>

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