Climate change and air pollution are significant threats to public health. Framing these issues in the context of public health is a powerful tool for increasing public engagement and creating a sense of urgency for action.

The Coalition has called for health sector perspectives to be integrated into climate policy since its founding in 2012. Coalition partners led an effort calling for a resolution in the world’s main forum on health policy: the World Health Assembly.

### COALITION CONTRIBUTIONS

**2012**
- Coalition ministers call for greater awareness of air pollution’s effects on health, and to build political support for resolutions in key UN bodies

**2014**
- The Coalition engages the World Health Organisation (WHO), with partners creating the Coalition’s Health Initiative and forming projects

**2015**
- May
  - Resolution at the 68th World Health Assembly on addressing the health impact of air pollution

**2016**
- BreatheLife public awareness campaign launched with partners WHO and UN Environment

**2018**
- October
  - WHO First Global Conference on Air Pollution, and adoption of a “Geneva Action Agenda to Combat Air Pollution”

- Geneva Action Agenda to Combat Air Pollution: 17 steps to meet the goal of reducing the number of deaths from air pollution by two thirds by 2030
AIR POLLUTION IMPACTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

7 million premature deaths each year

National policies for cleaner air can simultaneously contribute to the global climate effort

Premature deaths due to ambient air pollution amount to **US$ 5.7 trillion** in welfare losses

Or 4.4% of the global GDP in 2016

Air pollution is closely linked to climate change and efforts to mitigate one can improve the other

Air pollution impacts and opportunities

Around 25 developing countries and cities are being supported through our health and national planning initiatives.

Many more are calling for assistance. You can help by targeting funds to this work, including through the Coalition’s Trust Fund.

JOIN OUR EFFORTS

“...Our health is directly related to the health of the environment we live in. Together, air, water and chemical hazards kill some 12.6 million people a year. This cannot and must not continue.”

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO

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