

## SESSION CONCEPT NOTE & AGENDA

Session Title	<b>"Breathing Better: Exploring Investment Opportunities for Air Quality"</b>
Session Track	TRACK 4 – SPOTLIGHT
Date	15 November 2023 (Wednesday) – Day 1 Main Conference
Time	14:00 – 15:30 (1.5 hours)
Background	<p>The session will provide a unique opportunity to delve into the intersection of air quality and climate finance. By understanding the intricate link between these two domains, participants can uncover effective strategies to address air pollution and promote a healthier environment. Through exploring diverse funding mechanisms, success stories, on-ground projects, and expert insights. The session will try to unfold a comprehensive understanding of how climate finance can be harnessed to propel air quality improvement initiatives.</p> <p>This session will highlight how finance, when strategically aligned with air quality goals, becomes a catalyst for positive change – fostering cleaner air and a more sustainable future for all.</p>
Objective of the Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand Climate Finance mechanisms for air quality</li> <li>• To highlight the link between climate finance and air quality improvement.</li> </ul>
Session Organizers	ICIMOD Clean Air Asia SCS Global Registry

AGENDA		SPEAKER
<b>14:00-14:05</b> (5 min)	<b>Opening</b> Brief overview of the session agenda and importance	<b>Bhupesh Adhikary, ICIMOD</b>
<b>14:05-14:15</b> (10 min)	Assessing suitable climate finance mechanisms for air quality initiatives	<b>Anouj Mehta, ADB (virtually)</b>
<b>14:15-14:25</b> (10 min)	Voluntary Carbon Markets (VCM), corporate carbon neutrality and carbon offsets	<b>Dana Pillai, SCS Global Registry</b>
	<b>Case Studies</b>	
<b>14:25-14:35</b> (10 min)	Climate finance and its significance in tackling global environmental challenges.	<b>Sandeep Chaudhary</b> VNV

<b>14:35-14:45</b> (10min)	Scaling up cleaner brick production through the VCM	<b>Bidya B Pradhan,</b> ICIMOD
<b>14:45-15:25</b> (40 min)	<p><b>Moderated Panel Discussion</b> <b>Indonesia, Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bhutan</b></p> <p>Possible discussion points/guide questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What challenges and opportunities exist in accessing and utilizing climate finance for air quality initiatives?</li> <li>2. Are there any successful examples of air quality improvement/climate projects funded through climate finance? How can climate finance contribute to effective air quality management?</li> </ol>	<p><b>Moderated by</b> <b>Precious Benjamin,</b> Sustainable Cities Lead, Clean Air Asia</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><b>Martina Otto,</b> Head of Secretariat, CCAC (<i>to speak about the study that CCAC has conducted "Bridging the Gap in Climate Finance"</i>)</p> <p><b>JS Kamyotra*</b></p> <p><b>Indah Wibinastiti</b> General Manager Association of Indonesia Municipalities (APEKSI), Indonesia</p>
<b>15:25-15:30</b> (5 min)	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <p>The Moderator summarizes the key points discussed during the panel and session, highlighting the importance of collaboration between climate finance and air quality efforts.</p>	<b>Precious Benjamin,</b> Clean Air Asia

Speakers above are confirmed unless stated otherwise. More details on the presentations are to follow.

<b>BREATHING BETTER: EXPLORING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR AIR QUALITY</b> (Auditorium 4)	
PHOTO	Opening 14:00 – 14:05
	<b>ICIMOD</b>
	Speaker 14:05– 14:20
	<b>Anouj Mehta</b> Asian Development Bank
	Speaker 14:20 – 14:40
	<b>Dana Pillai</b> SCS Global Registry
	Speaker 14:40 – 14:50

	<b>Sandeep Chaudhary</b> VNV
	Speaker 14:50 – 15:00
	<b>Bidya B Pradhan</b> ICIMOD
	Panel 15:00 – 15:25