Urgency of accelerating solutions to air pollution and short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs)

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Air pollution, mainly arising from inefficient energy use, is a major environmental risk to health.

By reducing air pollution levels, countries can reduce:

- More than 2 MILLION DEATHS in the WPRO region
- Stroke
- Heart disease
- Lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia and asthma

Every year, around 7 MILLION DEATHS are due to exposure to both outdoor and household air pollution.
WHO Global Air Quality Guidelines

• AQGs can help to update standards and add more pollutants to the list.
• **WHO is ready to support Member States and in implementing the guidelines**
• Science-policy dialogues within and among Member States and with sectors and stakeholders
• Advocacy to support the uptake of AQGs and how to apply them
• Capacity building in the health and other sectors
Thank you