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Congress Presentations to Preview Major International Reports

Leaders of the UNEP Global Assessment of Black Carbon and Ozone and the UNECE Task Force on Hemispheric Pollution will attend the Congress to give progress reports on the work of these major programmes. Reports are due for submission this year, to the governing bodies of UNEP and the LRTAP Convention respectively. By September, later this year, work on both should be largely complete.

Participants in the Congress will thus have early previews of the conclusions emerging from two studies, which, between them, they are likely to set the scene for major developments in international regulation of air quality for over the next decade.

The UNEP Black Carbon and Ozone Study is one of the keys to understanding how far abatement policies for short-term climate forcers could, at the same time, yield substantial health benefits by reducing ground-level pollution and by delaying the impact of climate change, buying time for CO reduction policies to reduce CO₂ levels to have effect. Some studies have indicated that integrated climate-pollution strategies, largely focused on these pollutants, could reduce the cost of achieving long-term goals in each field by up to around 20%. So, the stakes are high and much rides on the outcome of the study.

As polluting emissions from national sources decline in developed countries, pollution from trans-boundary sources at regional and hemispheric scale is becoming an increasingly important component of ambient pollution levels. The Report of the LRTAP Hemispheric Task Force will be a major landmark by giving the first clear assessment of the scale and implications from the movements of pollution - particularly ozone and particulates - at the inter-continental scale, across the Pacific, the Atlantic and the Eurasian landmass.

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