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**Twelfth Meeting of the
Standing Committee on Medical and Epidemiological Aspects of Air Pollution on
U.S. Government Employees and their Families**

**March 30-31, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

AGENDA

Zoom Information (Day 1 – March 30, 2021)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://nasem.zoom.us/j/95588484081>

Or Telephone (U.S.): 301-715-8592 or 877-853-5257

Meeting ID: 955 8848 4081

Zoom Information (Day 2 – March 31, 2021)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://nasem.zoom.us/j/91460817748>

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Meeting Goals:

- Discuss opportunities and approaches for DOS engagement with local host governments, academic and non-profit institutions, foreign missions, and other U.S. government agencies on issues related to air pollution.
- Solicit committee and DOS post staff input on agenda and plans for May meeting on response plans for extreme air pollution events.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome and Overview of the Agenda

Jonathan Samet, Committee Chair

Session I — Opportunities for External Engagement by the U.S. State Department to Support Collaboration and Capacity Building

9:05 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Perspectives from DOS Bureaus and Posts

Craig Simons, Embassy Beijing, U.S. Department of State

Michelle Sheckells, Embassy Antananarivo, U.S. Department of State

Apurva Dave, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

9:50 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

Q &A

10:05 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Perspectives from Academic and Non-governmental Organizations

Lynn Atuyambe, Makerere University, Kampala

Sumi Mehta, Vital Strategies

Chisato Fukuda Calvert, OpenAQ

10:50 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Q &A

11:10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Perspectives from Other U.S. Government Agencies

Richard Baldauf, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Beth Hassett-Sipple, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Joshua Rosenthal, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health

John Kerekes, Rochester Institute of Technology

David Diner, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Shobha Kondragunta, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

12:15 p.m. – 12:35 p.m.

Q &A

12:35 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Break

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Experiences of DOS Air Quality Fellows

Garima Raheja, Columbia University

Peter DeCarlo, Johns Hopkins University

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Committee Discussion of Focus Questions

- Based on the resources from the Air Pollution Working Group (APWG) discussed to date, how can the APWG help posts and fellows with external engagement on air quality?
- What additional resources can DOS develop to facilitate external engagement?
- What advice do committee members have for our colleagues and partners on addressing challenges with local government and nongovernmental organizations?
- How can the State Department's air quality network build on the experiences and successes to serve future air quality engagement?
- What additional topics should the State Department's air quality network promote to advance air quality and health management globally?
- What additional partners should the State Department's air quality network engage to advance air quality and health management globally?

2:15 p.m.

Adjourn

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

10:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. **Welcome and Review of the Day's Objectives**
Jonathan Samet, Committee Chair

Session II — Response Plans for Extreme Pollution Events – Input on May Meeting

10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Brief review of Post EAPs, Extreme Pollution Events, and Objectives for the May Meeting**

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Review Draft May Meeting Agenda and Discuss Session Formats**

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Review and Discussion of Draft Worksheets for the May Meeting**
Worksheets may cover potential event types, information sources, post resources, key local partners

11:45 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. **Discuss Case Studies and Potential Group Activities**

12:25 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Wrap up**

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**