

21 October 2015 -- WHO's Regional Centre for Environmental Health Action, the World Meteorological Organization, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Office for West Asia, European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites and State Meteorological Agency of Spain, organized the first Africa/Middle East expert meeting and workshop on the health impact of airborne dust in Amman, Jordan, from 2 to 5 November 2015.

The main objectives were to assess the state of knowledge and encourage country action to address the impact of airborne dust on public health in the Middle East and North African Region. The meeting and workshop aimed to promote active communication among dust-related service providers, African/Middle-Eastern national meteorological and hydrological services and relevant national and international environment, air-quality and public health agencies.

The workshop resulted in a set of recommendations addressed to policy-makers, managers, service providers and researchers aimed at raising awareness of the negative impacts of airborne dust on health and designing and implementing preparedness and mitigation measures.

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