



PROGRAMME

**Dialogue Rx**  
*Air Pollution and Our Health*

A joint initiative of:

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Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

1:00 – 2.00 pm      **REGISTRATION and LUNCH**

**DIALOGUE I:                    DIALOGUE WITH DOCTORS -- INSIDIOUS LINK BETWEEN AIR POLLUTION AND HEALTH**

*2:00 pm onwards*

**Welcome and setting of the agenda -- Toxic air and our health: the next gen concerns**  
Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director, Centre for Science and Environment

**Joining the dots -- Towards better health risk assessment**

**Chairperson**

Vishwa Mohan Katoch, Secretary, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research

**A prescription for prevention: what doctors can do and IMA's role**

D R Rai, Hony. Secretary General, Indian Medical Association

**Looking beyond lungs: Understanding the linkage between polluted air and non-communicable disease**

K K Aggarwal, Cardiologist and Physician, Founder and President, Heart Care Foundation of India

**Building understanding of the health impact of new generation pollutants like ozone in India**

S K Chhabra, Professor, Department of Cardio-respiratory Physiology, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute

**Air pollution and the toxic risk: Revisiting cancer from environmental health risk perspective**

Vinod Raina, Professor and Head, Department of Medical Oncology, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute – Rotary Cancer Hospital, All India Institute of Medical Sciences

**The margin of safety for the vulnerable: Children**

Sanjeev Bagai, Pediatrician, Former CEO Batra Hospital and CMD Nephron Clinic and Health Care

**What is holding back doctors from doing more health risk studies?**

Sundeep Salvi, Director, Chest Research Foundation, Pune

**The new evidence .... Daily dose of pollution in Delhi**

Joshua Apte, University of California, Berkley

**Open House discussion: How to deepen public and policy understanding of the linkage of air pollution and health?**

**3.50 pm – 4.00 pm: HEALTH BREAK**

**DIALOGUE 2:**

**4:00 –5.45 pm POLICY ACTION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION**

**Chairperson:** Tishya Chatterjee, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests

**How health evidences can be integrated for effective air quality management and regulations?**

**Air quality monitoring and management for public health security**

S P Gautam, Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board

**Why vehicles are a special concern: Emerging evidences**

Dan Greenbaum, President Health Effects Institute, Boston, US

**How other governments consider health costs for emissions regulations?**

Michael Walsh, Chairman, International Council on Clean Transportation, US

**What is needed for more health impact studies in India?**

Rajesh Kumar, Professor and Head, School of Public Health, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh

**How can health research community carry forward health risk assessment to inform policy?**

J N Pande, Senior Consultant, Department of General Medicine, Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science and Research

**Setting the terms for action**

**Setting the terms for policy action to reduce exposure to vehicular pollution**

Bhure Lal, Chairman, Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority

**The way forward**

Sunita Narain, Director General, Centre for science and Environment

**Open House discussion**