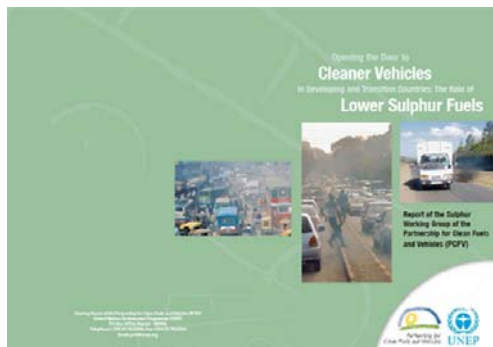


The Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles is the leading global initiative promoting better urban air quality through the use of clean fuels and vehicles.

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Need Clear, Concise Information on Lowering Sulphur in Fuels ?



The report of the PCFV Working Group on Sulphur "Opening the Door to Cleaner Vehicles in Developing and Transition Countries: The Role of Lower Sulphur Fuels" is available for download from the publications section of www.unep.org/pcf

The report addresses reduction of vehicle and sulphur-related emissions, sulphur effects on vehicle emissions, sulphur impacts on diesel engines and emission control technologies, options for reducing fuel sulphur in countries with and without refiners, and provides a global snapshot of diesel sulphur levels.

PCFV Partners Gather for Milestone 5th Global Meeting

"The PCFV is impactful - the first Global Partnership Meeting was a landmark, and 5 GPM is a milestone." With these words, moderator Tim Kasten of UNEP reflected on PCFV accomplishments and the coalescing of partners over the years on a global, unified approach to cleaner fuels and vehicles.

Taking stock of the accomplishments of the past year, and strategizing to further the impact and global reach of the PCFV, forty representatives from twenty eight PCFV partner organizations gathered for the 5th Global Partnership Meeting (5 GPM) in Quito, Ecuador. Partners were also joined by observing institutions: the Environment Secretariat of Argentina, Ecopetrol Colombia, the International Center for Cleaner Transportation, and the California Air Resources Board.

Reviewing the progress to date on the Global Campaign to Eliminate Leaded Petrol by end 2008, and the success in sub-Saharan Africa, Indonesia, and Syria, priority regions that remain for the campaign include: North Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Europe, and Central Asia. It is expected that as countries continue to go unleaded a critical mass will be reached, effectively ending world demand for lead additive. According to best-available Clearing-House information there are currently 18 countries still using leaded Petrol, the majority in North Africa and the Middle East. For the latest maps and info, check www.unep.org/pcf

Test Drive the Cleaner Fleets Tool



Access <http://www.unep.org/tnt-unep/toolkit/index.html>

Interested in developing a cleaner vehicle fleet strategy, incorporating anything from simple measures on using best available fuels and improving maintenance to more complex emission control technology and even alternative fuels and vehicles? The UNEP/TNT Toolkit for Clean Fleet Strategy Development has 18 tools covering all of these topics and

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There are also plans to rev up efforts on the PCFV low sulphur campaign in Africa and Latin America (following the South America Sulphur in Vehicle Fuels Conference 13-14 February). On the vehicles side, the cleaner fleet work between UNEP, TNT, and Fleet Forum continues and vehicle industry partners are now drafting the terms of reference for a PCFV vehicle working group. PCFV cleaner vehicle activities will continue to expand to meet demand for information and training from countries, to include promoting catalytic converters, pilot retrofit projects, and solutions for both new and existing Petrol and diesel vehicles. >> **Read More on page 4**



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Harnessing political will, eliminating misconceptions about leaded petrol and working together towards a concrete goal. These were some of the ingredients for success highlighted during a side event on "Towards a World Free of Leaded Petrol - Successes to Date and Next Steps" which was held during the 24th session of the Governing Council of UNEP on 7 February 2007 in Nairobi. The side event discussed the different roles and experiences of PCFV partners in the global campaign to eliminate lead from petrol.

H.E. Dr. Abdulrahman Fadhl Al Eryani, Minister of Water and Environment of the Republic of Yemen,

show cased how Yemen used blood lead level tests for awareness raising. Speaking on behalf of USEPA, Martin Dieu, Director of the Office of Technology Cooperation and Assistance in the Office of International Affairs, said that it was a question of political will and applauded Sub-Saharan Africa for going unleaded much faster than the US who needed 12 years to do so. Marta Bonifert, Director of the Regional Environment Center for Central and Eastern Europe, said that it was essential to stop unfounded allegations that lead-free petrol is bad for engines and said that her organization was bringing business, policy-makers and other partners together to help the last three countries in Eastern Europe to phase-out lead. Mr. 'Dapo Oguntoyinbo, Regional Health, Safety, Security & Environment Manager of Kenya Shell, represented IPIECA during the event and gave evidence that lead-free petrol was more

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Sulphur Conference Endorses 50 ppm Target for South America



The first-ever PCFV event focusing specifically on sulphur in fuels and accompanying vehicle standards and technologies in South America was organized by the PCFV Clearing-House, the USEPA and CORPAIRE back-to-back with the 5th Global Partnership Meeting in Quito. Held 13-14 February 2007 participants from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Suriname agreed that a subregional target of 50 parts per million sulphur diesel is attainable by all countries between in the next few years, and recommended bringing cleaner fuels and vehicles, including the issue of a regional approach to low-sulphur fuels, to the region's environmental ministerial forum meeting to be held in November in the Dominican Republic.

Dr. Anita Mora Alban, Minister of Environment of Ecuador and Alberto Acosta Espinosa, >> **Read More on page 4**

New Look for PCFV Website



On April 2007, the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles (PCFV) Clearing-House launched a revamped website with more dynamic and interactive features that are more navigable.

Among the new features is the improved site structure and an online PCFV form for new Partners. In addition to this, for ease of reference, the homepage now presents all new activities under both "Partnership News" and "Around the World".

We value your opinion. Please send your comments to salome.mbeyu@unep.org

National Commitment Building Workshop to Phase-out Leaded Petrol in Yemen: 2007



The "National Commitment Building Workshop to Phase-out Leaded Petrol in Yemen", took place in Sana'a on 14 and 15 March 2007. Some 80 participants from the Ministries of Environment, Oil, Planning, the Social Fund for Development, vehicle companies, the health sector, the city of Sana'a, local NGOs and various embassies attended the workshop.

Opening statements by the Ministers of Water and Environment and Planning and the Chairman of the Sana'a Chamber of Commerce all supported and presented on the need to phase-out leaded Petrol due to the detrimental effects of lead on the well-being of inhabitants and the environment. Consensus on the phase-out of unleaded Petrol was universal and the H.E. Abdul Rahman Al-Eryani, Minister of Water and Environment expressed Yemen's efforts to abide by the

Regional Ministerial Resolution to phase-out leaded Petrol in the Arab States by end of 2008. The local hospital provided for lead blood tests at the conference venue, thus making the issue of leaded Petrol much more personal and real. The initial ministerial addresses were covered by Yemen national TV.

Presentations from Ministry of Oil and Minerals provided an update on the two ageing refineries and the other two new refineries being built, their capacities and shortfalls, and the economic and technical challenges faced by the oil sector. Other presentations focused on vehicle issues, the Managing Director of Toyota explaining that new vehicles could not cope with the 83 Octane which is the Gasoline standard in Yemen and blamed lead in the fuel for much of the damage and malfunction of vehicles in the country. The second day of the workshop concerned the creation of a strategic framework to be considered by the Yemen Cabinet/ Parliament decision to phase-out leaded petrol.

Sub-regional Workshop on Workshop on Clean Fuels and Vehicles held on 21-22 June 2007 in Lilongwe, Malawi



The sub-regional workshop which was opened by the Deputy Minister for Energy and Mines Hon. Roy Comsy included representatives from Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. The main outcomes were a decision to lower sulphur levels in diesel fuels to 500 ppm by December 2008 and 50 ppm by 2010, and restrict through fiscal regulations vehicles imported into the region to a maximum of eight years. The workshop also recommended that all vehicle imports into the region be fitted with catalytic converters by December 2008. The implementation of these recommendations will be undertaken by the existing national task teams that were initially set up on leaded Petrol phase out.

Biofuels in Albania

PCFV partner organization UNIDO has launched a project to assess the feasibility of biofuels (in particular biodiesel) production and marketing in Albania. In preparation for a country-wide study, a "Consultative Workshop on measures to promote biofuels production and use in Albania" was held on 14-15 December 2006. The PCFV Clearing-House supported the attendance of participants from Central and Eastern Europe, along with Ruslan Zhechkov of the Regional Environmental Center who spoke on the potential air quality benefits and other considerations for biofuels as additives in conventional fuels.

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Towards a World Free of Leaded Petrol

cost-effective for the industry since lead damages cars. Rob de Jong, Acting Head of UNEP's Urban Environment Unit, said as car fleets were growing around the world, clean fuels and cleaner vehicle technologies were more and more crucial for reducing green-house gas emissions and improving urban air quality to ensure the health of city residents.



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Minister of Energy along with a representative from the Mayor's office of Quito formally opened the conference, emphasizing Ecuador's commitment to cleaner fuels and the need for action on sulphur in the country and in Quito. The purpose of the conference was to help clarify and discuss the state of South American fuels and vehicles, the challenges and opportunities available, understand 'who's who' and ongoing initiatives in South America on this topic, discuss ways to improve sharing of information and knowledge on fuel and vehicle issues, catalyze the development of a realistic, step-by-step plan and timeframe for a reduction of sulphur levels in vehicle fuels to the lowest feasible level in each country concurrent with clean vehicles and clean vehicle technologies, and develop an outline of concrete recommendations and next steps for cleaner fuels and vehicles in South America. Meeting documents are available for download from www.unep.org/pcfV

Up coming Events of note

National workshop on clean fuels and vehicles

August 2007, Namibia,
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Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference

10-12 October 2007, Belgrade,
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Conference on Cleaner Fuels and Vehicles for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)

24-25 October 2007, Tblisi, Georgia
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Jordan Workshop

October 2007, Amman, Jordan,
contact shoa.ehsani@unep.org

Eastern Africa BAQ follow up workshop

November 2007, Nairobi, Kenya,
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Forum of Ministers of the Environment , LAC

November 2007, Dominican Republic,
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VI Seminar/Environment Fair - Urban International Municipal Meeting

19-23 November 2007, Santiago, Chile,
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Test Drive the Cleaner Fleets Tool

more - allowing you to assess the environmental impact of your current fleet and benefits of changing fuels, driving habits, maintenance, and technology. The Toolkit also includes animations and step-by-step instructions for both small and large fleet managers, and explains air quality, health, and climate change effects of vehicle emissions, including detailed descriptions of common pollutants. The aim of the tool is help fleet managers develop their own cleaner fleet strategy.

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The Clearing-House, on behalf of all partners, thanks the Mayor's office of Quito and CORPAIRE, the institution mandated by the Quito local government to oversee air quality management programmes, for the warm welcome!

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