

Reducing SLCPs from waste management through national and subnational engagement and collaboration



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TO REDUCE SHORT-LIVED  
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# CLIMATE & CLEAN AIR COALITION

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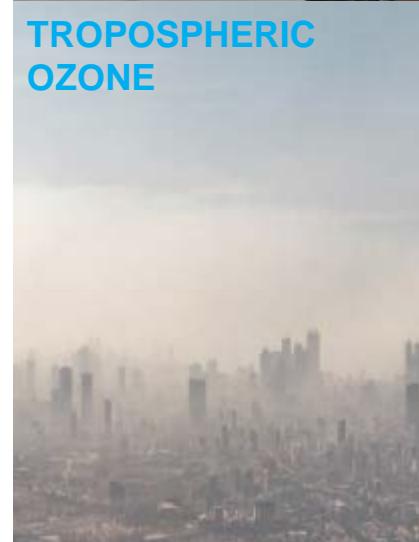
- The Climate & Clean Air Coalition is a global, voluntary partnership dedicated to addressing short-lived climate pollutants
- Network of 400+ members: governments, IGOs, financial institutions & civil society organisations



**BLACK  
CARBON**



**METHANE**



**TROPOSPHERIC  
OZONE**



**HFCs**

**Fast Action => Quick Results & Multiple Benefits**

**Science-based solutions**

**Leadership & awareness**



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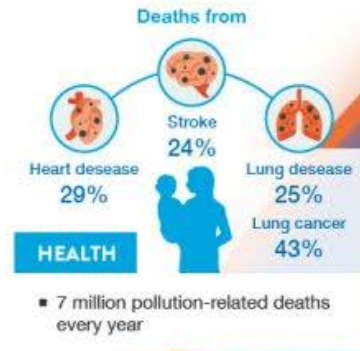
# BLACK CARBON (BC)

When waste is burned, the resulting toxins and particulate matter, including black carbon, in the air can cause:

- **Air pollution**
- **Impact human health:** respiratory and neurological diseases, particularly in children
- **Strain health facilities** due to the increase of health problems related to the burning of waste
- **Contributor to warming**
- **Impact animals' health:** animals used as pets or for work
- **Affect crops:** deposit of PM on crops
- **Reduce visibility:** impact on traffic
- **Affect economic development** such as through diminished tourism

Black carbon, or soot, is part of fine particulate air pollution (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) and contributes to climate climate.

## IMPACTS



## CLIMATE

Absorbs sunlight and converts it to heat

## LIFETIME IN ATMOSPHERE: UP TO 2 WEEKS

Since black carbon does not last long in the atmosphere, efforts to reduce it will bring immediate benefits for the climate and human health.

## WEATHER

- Prevents clouds from being formed
- Alters regional weather patterns and rainfall

## SNOW & ICE

Accelerates the melting of snow and ice

## AGRICULTURE & ECOSYSTEMS

- Reduces sunlight
- Affects plant health and productivity

# REDUCING SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANT EMISSIONS FROM WASTE

Many common waste disposal methods generate short-lived climate pollutants like methane and black carbon - powerful climate forcers that damage our environment and health. Changing our consumption habits and managing waste differently are important steps in the fight against climate change and air pollution.



Without action, global waste could grow by

**70%**  
by 2050



FOOD SCRAPS



GARDEN WASTE

**ORGANIC WASTE**  
1/3 of all food produced goes to waste

**METHANE** CH4  
A powerful greenhouse gas that also leads to ground-level ozone pollution  
Impacts:

**LANDFILL GAS**  
3rd largest human-made source of methane

**BLACK CARBON** **BC**  
A dangerous air pollutant that also contributes to global warming  
Impacts:

**BURNING WASTE**  
produces multiple air pollutants, including black carbon

**ANAEROBIC DECOMPOSITION**  
of organic waste produces methane, carbon dioxide, and other gases

## Black Carbon

Emitted from:

- open burning of waste
- landfill fires
- outdated and polluting vehicles used in waste collection and transport

# CCAC WASTE HUB

The Coalition works closely with relevant communities, industry representatives, NGOs and policy makers to support targeted improvements to technology, best practices, and policies.

## **Methane mitigation**

- Preventing organic waste, as well as diverting it *from landfills and open dumps*
- Collecting and using/flaring of landfill gas from landfills *to burn the methane generated*
- Developing economic uses and facilities for organics, *such as composting or anaerobic digestion*



### WASTE PREVENTION AND SEPARATION

Diverting organic waste from landfills prevents emissions



### LANDFILL GAS CAPTURE

Existing technology can cut emissions



### OPEN BURNING ALTERNATIVES

Improved waste management services reduce the need to burn waste

## **Black Carbon mitigation**

- Preventing open burning of waste *by addressing the causes*



# CCAC – ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR THE WASTE SECTOR

## *Key Activities*

- National Government:
  - Advocating for action on waste and convening cities in the effort
  - Creating supportive policy and regulatory environment
  - Assisting developing strategies to prioritize financing and engage the private sector
- Cities and local government
  - Planning and policy capacity on the focus areas
- Networks and peer-to-peer
  - Support regional networks
  - Transfer specific know-how and exchange experiences and best practices
  - Coordination with other initiatives and programs in the waste sector
  - Coordinate and cooperate with the National Planning, Policy and Implementation Hub



# OPPORTUNITIES

## CCAC

- Join CCAC Waste Hub
  - Join Full Hub or the Leadership Group (i.e., countries, NGOs, consultants)
- Expert Assistance: Increase access to SLCP solutions for policy and decision makers and expand learning and sharing
- CCAC countries (ODA eligible) can request support through the Expression of Interest (EOI) 2023

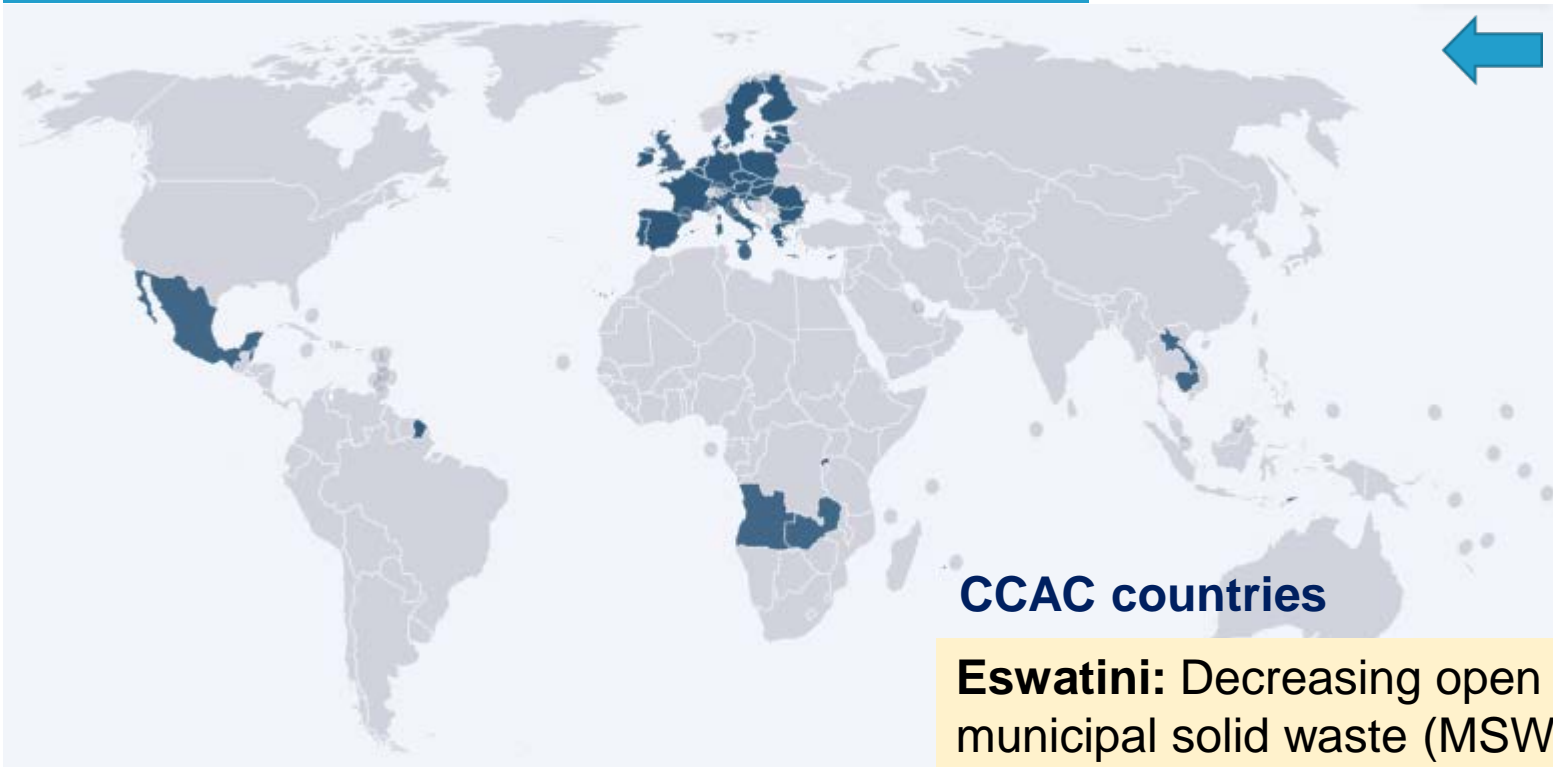
## Participation in alliances

- Waste Wise Cities (UN-Habitat)
- Prevent Waste Alliance (Germany)
- Coalition for the Progressive Closure of Landfills – LAC (UNEP)
- Multi-stakeholder partnership to eliminate open burning of waste in Africa by 2050



# DECREASE OPEN BURNING WASTE IN NDC

“Open burning” could refer to just medical or agricultural waste



← “Open burning”: 42 of 196 parties to the UNFCCC

## CCAC countries

**Eswatini:** Decreasing open burning of municipal solid waste (MSW)

**Togo:** Increase the collection of MSW and reduce burning in the open of MSW

Source: Climate Watch, 2021  
[climatewatchdata.org](https://climatewatchdata.org)



# Thank you!

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