

Accelerating action for healthier people, a thriving planet, a sustainable future

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Dear Madam,

**Executive officers meeting on governance and capacities for environment and health
2–4 December 2024
Bonn, Germany**

I have the honour to invite you to nominate a senior representative of your ministry to participate in the above-mentioned meeting, which is being organized by the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health with generous support from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection.

The meeting will offer senior executive officers from national ministries of health and ministries of the environment the opportunity to discuss with their peers integrated governance approaches to implementing the commitments of the Budapest Declaration adopted at the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health in Hungary on 5–7 July 2023. For this reason, attendance is recommended for an executive officer of the ministry or relevant national institution, such as a chief medical officer, head of public health, director-general or chief scientist, depending on the national context. To facilitate exchange and collaboration across sectors, we are seeking nominations from both ministries of health and ministries of the environment.

The meeting aims to accelerate action to implement the environment and health agenda through facilitation and exchange of governance mechanisms, policies and capacity models that can be utilized for promoting and improving environmental health conditions. An integral part of the meeting will be a discussion of selected national case studies on implementation pathways for the commitments made at the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, as indicated in the enclosed scope and purpose and provisional agenda.

Please send your nominee's name, functional title, institution and email address to the WHO Secretariat at eurobonnschool@who.int no later than 25 October 2024.

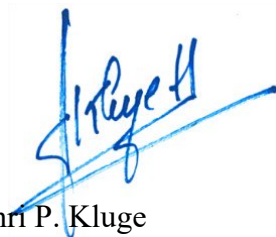
We regret that participation costs cannot be covered by the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

The working language will be English, with simultaneous interpretation in Russian. The meeting will open on Monday, 2 December at 13.30 and close on Wednesday, 4 December at 14.00 after a farewell lunch.

Policy or technical queries related to the meeting can be addressed to Dr Sinaia Netanyahu, Programme Manager, Environment and Health Impact Assessment, at eurobonnschool@who.int.

We look forward to receiving your nomination.

Yours very truly,



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Provisional agenda
Scope and purpose

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