



**Briefing on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Session of the  
Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution**

**17 September 2019, 11:00-12:00 hrs**

**Palais des Nations, Room Concordia 1 (Building A, Door A 13 – Ground Floor)**

You are cordially invited to attend a briefing focusing on the preparations for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Session of the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution.

To attend this briefing, please register online with registration code **79474** by 12 September 2019: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=kdHcmX>

**BACKGROUND**

The Convention represents a key United Nations legal and institutional framework promoting clean air policy development. Signed in 1979, it became the first international treaty to deal with air pollution on a broad regional basis. Over the last 40 years, cooperation under the Convention has led to significant achievements in air pollutant emission reductions, with benefits for human health, the environment and the economy.

The thirty-ninth session of the Executive Body (9-13 December 2019) will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention. On this occasion, a special high-level event on clean air will be organized on 11 and 12 December 2019. This will be an opportunity to discuss milestones under the Convention, progress in the region, and visions for future development of the Convention. The event will include the launch of the global forum for cooperation on clean air. A Ministerial Declaration is being prepared by the Bureau of the Executive Body. It is expected to be approved on 11 December 2019.

**Programme:**

**Welcome and introduction**

Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE  
Her Excellency Ms. Veronika Bard, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Sweden

**Clean Air – 40 Years: The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Session**

Provisional agenda and decisions to be adopted  
High-level session and opportunities for engagement  
Launch of the forum for collaboration on reducing air pollution  
Questions and answers