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National Clean Air Programme Combatting Air Pollution in India

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About Roundtable

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Dates: 26th November 2018; Venue: Hotel The Claridges, New Delhi

1. Background

The topic of air pollution is very high on the political agenda in India. The Government of India through the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) developed the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP). The NCAP follows an integrated approach covering the aspects of implementation, monitoring, awareness raising and capacity building. The NCAP elaborates the proposed activities in detail for dust management, indoor air pollution management, power sector emissions, industrial emissions, transport emissions, crop residue management, waste management, city and state-specific air quality management plans, etc. to improve ambient air quality at all the locations in the country in stipulated time.

WHO highlighted based on PM2.5 data that 14 of the world's 15 most polluted cities are in India (2018). Many industrialised and emerging economies have faced similar challenges in their past: in Germany's cities and industrial clusters, the issue of hazardous air pollution has been high on the agenda for decades, and it is again today. The air in Mexico's capital was believed to be among the worst on the planet in the 1990, but thanks to active policy enforcement, an improvement of the air quality has been achieved.

Several ministries of the Indian Government have already started working on the sectors related to them to combat air pollution, viz. the ministries of finance, housing & urban affairs, petroleum & natural gas, new & renewable energy, health & family welfare, rural development, agriculture & farmers welfare. Several city administrations too have started their work. These include Delhi, Kanpur, Pune, Surat, Bhubaneshwar, Dehradun etc. Prominent Indian research organisations and NGOs such as TERI, NEERI, IIT Kanpur, IIT Delhi, CSE and DA have actively been contributing to the air pollution topic. Of the international agencies, Germany was long associated in capacity building of central and state pollution control boards on the topic of air quality management from mid-80's. The other international agencies associated with MoEFCC include UNEP, UNDP, The World Bank, UNIDO, USAID, WHO, European Union, DFID etc.

With several agencies so far associated with MoEFCC and its keenness to successfully implement NCAP, GIZ in cooperation with MoEFCC is organizing a high-level Roundtable in New Delhi with selected involved agencies.

2. About the Roundtable

Objective:

The Roundtable will take a stock of the planning and implementation of the National Clean Air Programme and the status of combatting air pollution in India, discuss on international benchmarks and on way forward and key next steps. The deliberations will also focus on taking a stock of the strengths, weaknesses, gaps and risks of the National Clean Air Programme as well as identification of key strategic next steps including identifying potential partnerships with German and other international organisations.

Specific objectives are:

- To get an overview on the planned measures for combatting air pollution in India, areas of focus, planned measures, time targets.
- To discuss international benchmarks from an industrialized country's context: Germany
- To discuss international benchmarks from an emerging economy's context: Mexico
- To understand the status of implementation, progress achieved, bottlenecks (technical, financial, capacities etc.), troubleshoots, strengths, weaknesses, gaps and risks etc. in various cities and sectors.
- To understand the role and support from international organisations.
- To broadly identify the way forward.

Date/venue:

The Roundtable is scheduled for 26th November 2018 at Hotel The Claridges, New Delhi.

3. Agenda

The Roundtable will be opened by His Excellency Dr. Martin Ney, German Ambassador to India at 09:30 hrs on 26th November 2018 at Hotel The Claridges, New Delhi. The 'High Level Dialogue Session' will take place during 16:00 to 17:30 hrs with valuable words from Dr. Wolfram Klein, Head of the Department for India and South Asia, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Mr. C.K. Mishra, Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, Minister Armando Vivanco Castellanos, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Mexico in India, Mr. Norbert Gorissen, Deputy Director-General, International Policy, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Mr. S.P. Singh Parihar, Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board and Mr. A.K. Mehta, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India.

There will be technical presentations on the National Clean Air Programme, and the successes from Germany and Mexico City. This will be followed by a roundtable dialogue by the representatives of the sectoral ministries of the Indian Government, State governments that are coordinating with cities on combatting air pollution, R& D organisations and academia on their findings and international organisations on their role in combatting air pollution in India.

The main topics that will be covered are:

- National Clean Air Programme (NCAP): overview, implementation strategy, time targets
- Successful models from Germany and Mexico City
- Combatting air pollution by sectoral ministries - status, successes and bottlenecks
- Combatting air pollution in cities - status, successes and bottlenecks
- Strategic partnerships – status of association and successes by international organisations
- Role of R&D Organisations, NGOs, regulatory agencies

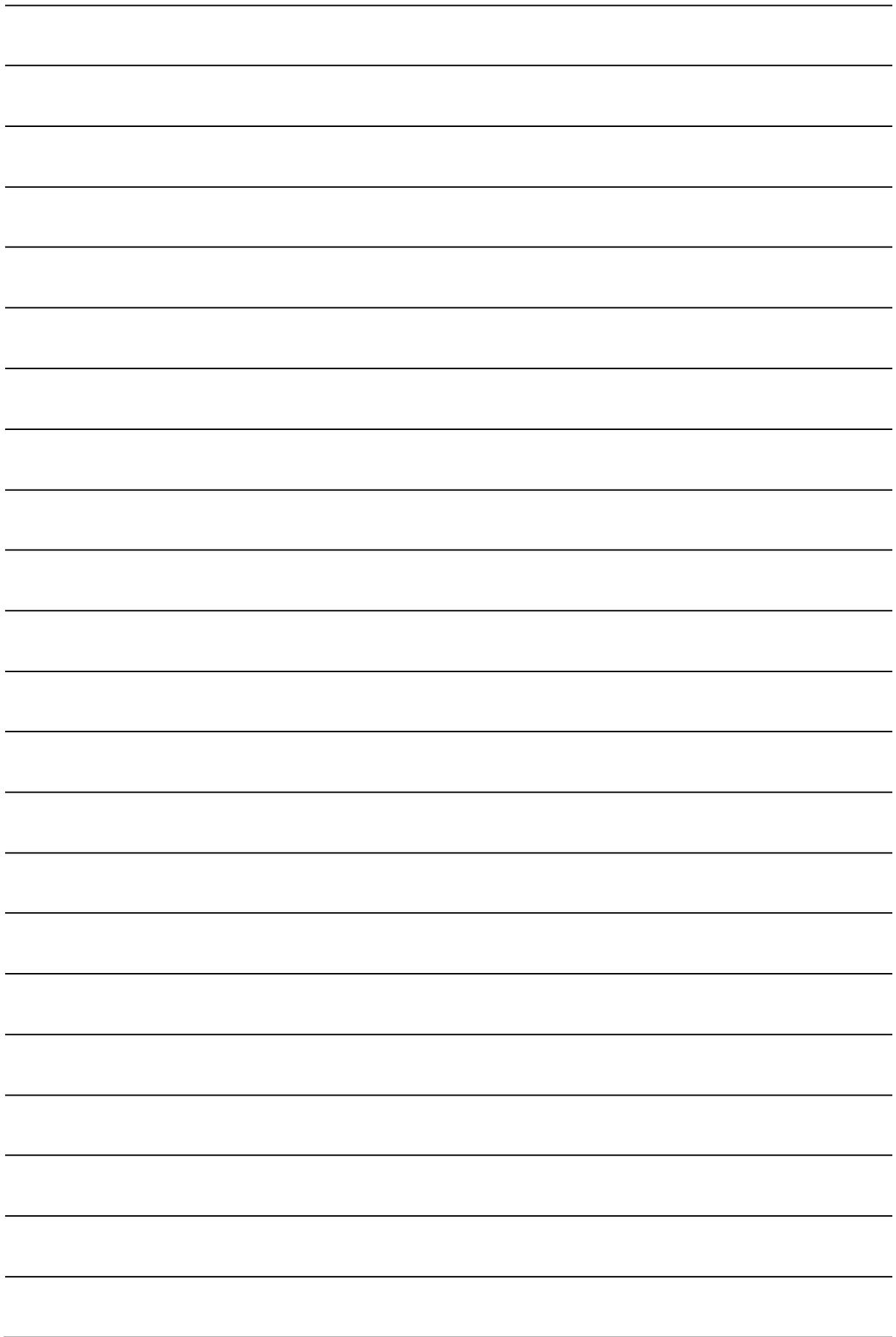
4. Participants in the Roundtable

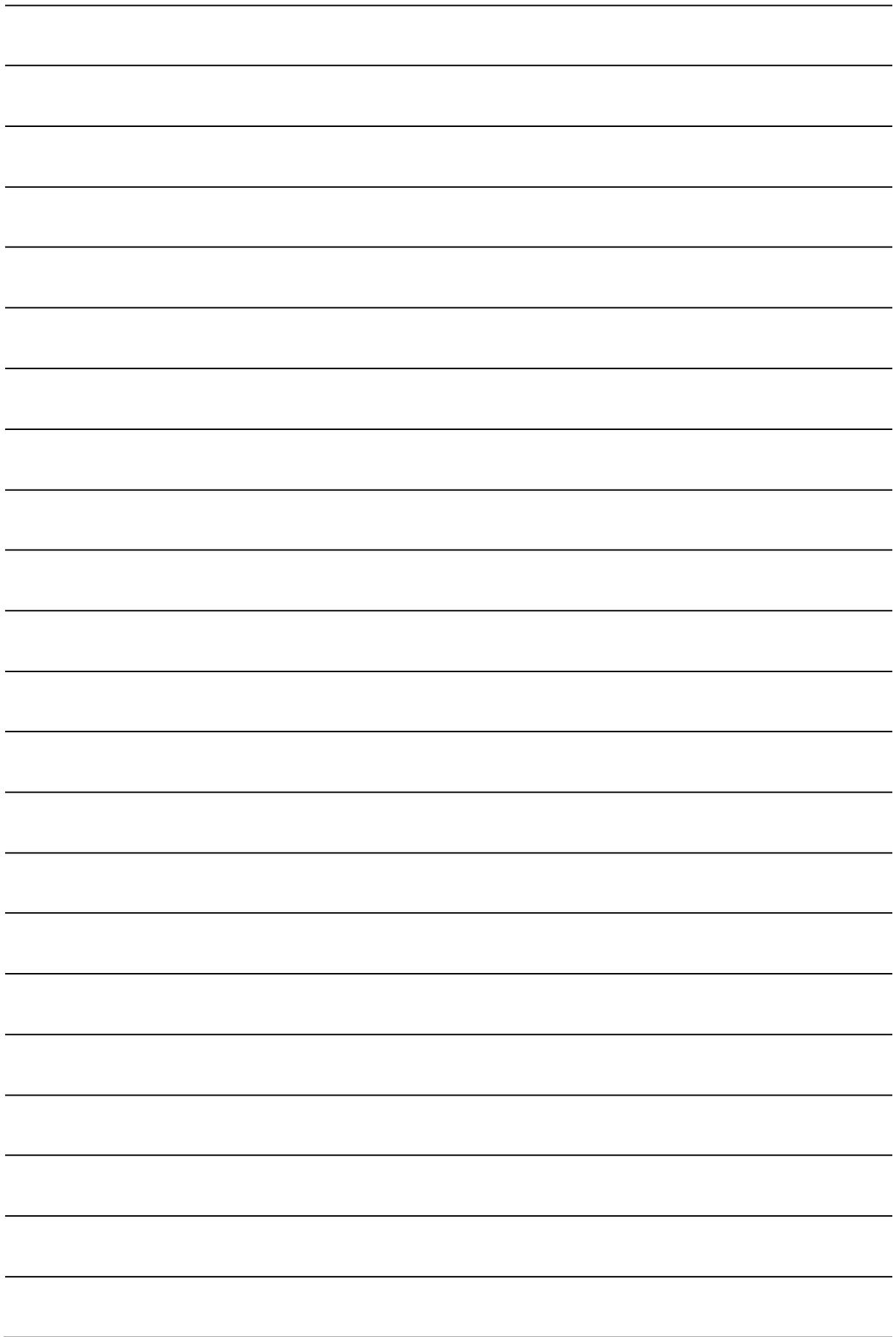
The Roundtable will have about 50 participants that are actively engaged on the topic of combatting air pollution in India and the National Clean Air Programme. The key organisations that are expected to participate in the Roundtable are:

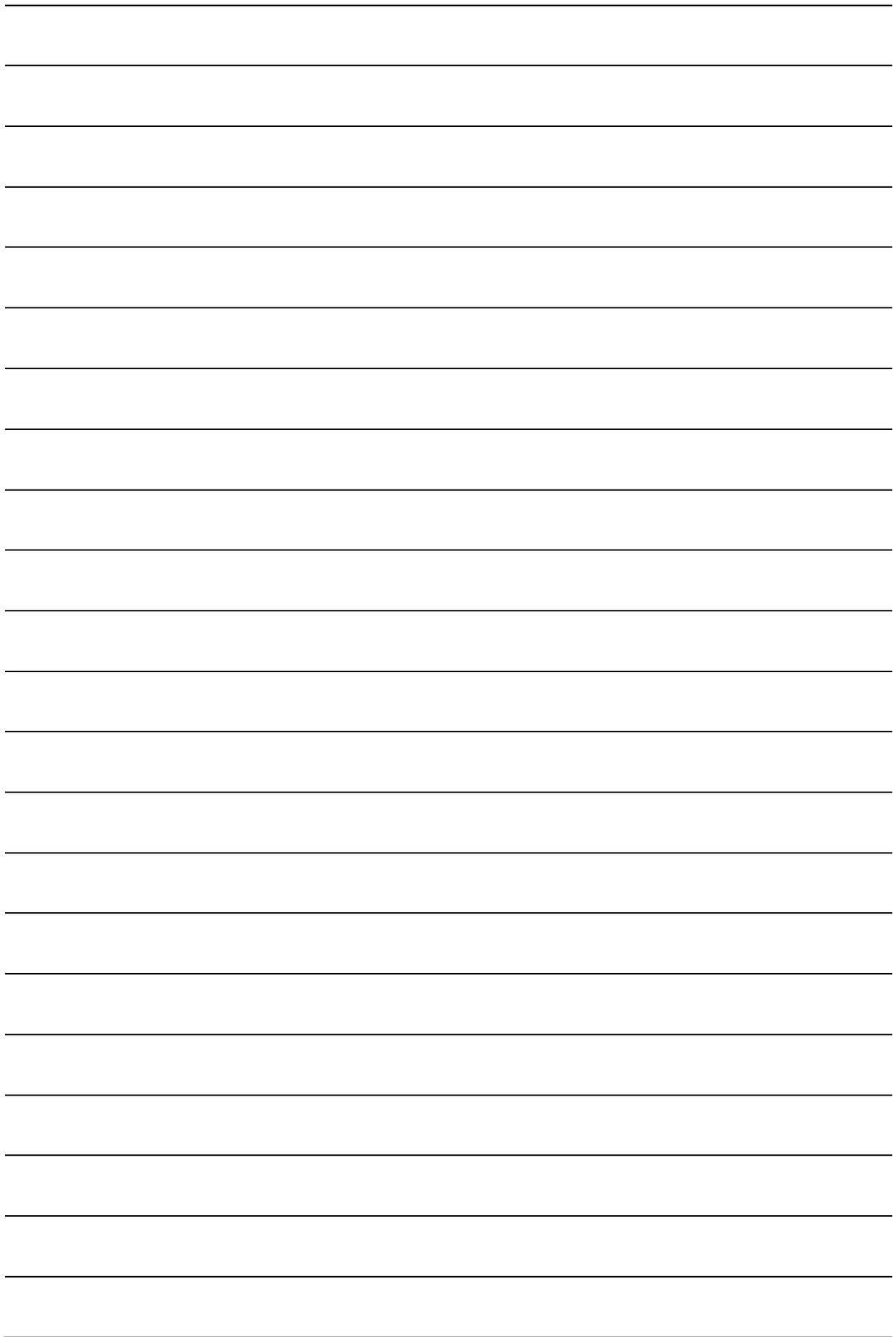
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India
- Mexico: Embassy of Mexico, Air pollution experts from the Environment Ministry of Government of Mexico, and from the Mexico City Administration.
- Germany: Embassy of Germany, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Air pollution expert from Germany, GIZ.
- Indian central ministries: Urban affairs, Transport, Rural development, Power etc.
- Cities: State governments of Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha etc.
- Academia, R&D Organisations, NGOs: TERI, IIT Delhi, NEERI etc.
- Bilateral and multilateral agencies: UNIDO, UNDP, UNEP, DFID, World Bank, WHO, UNICEF, Embassies of Germany, Mexico, Japan, Switzerland etc.

Take-aways for the Participants:

- Learning on the status of NCAP.
- Networking opportunity with key agencies involved in combatting air pollution.
- Take back learnings for application in his/her sphere of work.
- Contribution to further planning of NCAP.







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