Central African Republic Air Quality Policies

This document is based on research that UNEP conducted in 2015, in response to Resolution 7 of the UNEA 1. It describes country-level policies that impact air quality. Triple question marks (???) indicate that information for the section couldn't be found.

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Central African Republic Air Quality Policy Matrix			
Goals	Status	Current Policies & Programmes	
GENERAL OVERVIEW	Overall situation with respect to air quality in	National Ambient air quality standards:	
	the country, including key air quality challenges:	• Currently, Central Africa Republic (CAR) has not established nor enacted air quality standards regulations	
	 The predominant use of biomass for energy provision in rural households makes indoor air pollution the most important exposure pathway for air pollutants WHO estimates that outdoor air pollution causes <100 premature deaths annually while indoor air pollution is estimated to cause 3000 premature deaths annually¹ Air quality monitoring system: 	National Air Quality Policy:	
		Currently, CAR does not have a national air quality policy	
		Air Quality legislation / programmes: ???	
		Other: ???	
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM INDUSTRIES	 Industries that have the potential to impact air quality: Air pollution from industrial installations emanates from the following: gold and diamond mining, sugar refining among others 	Emission regulations for industries: ???	
		Small installation's emissions regulated: (Yes/No) ???	
		Renewable energy investment promoted: ???	
		Energy efficiency incentives: (ex: Subsidies, labelling, rebates etc) ???	
		Incentives for clean production and installation of pollution prevention technologies:	
	GDP of country : USD 2.05 B in 2013 ²	???	

¹ WHO, 'WHO | Country Profiles of Environmental Burden of Disease', WHO, 2008

">http://www.who.int/quantifying_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">.

² 'Countries of the World - 32 Years of CIA World Fact Books', 2015 http://www.theodora.com/wfb/#R>.

	Industries' share of GDP: 14.5% ³ Electricity sources: • 43.2% of the installed electricity generating capacity (44,000 KW in 2010) is generated from fossil fuel and the rest 56.8% is generated from hydroelectric plants ⁴ Others	Actions to ensure compliance with regulations: (monitoring, enforcement, fines etc) ??? • Other actions at national, sub-national and / or local level to reduce industrial emissions: (can include incentives to move industries to less populated areas here) ???
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORT	 Key transport-related air quality challenges: (ex: vehicle growth, old fleet, dirty fuel, poor public transport etc) Transportations is limited to road, river and air Freight and passenger transport is usually provided by private companies or individuals Private car ownership is low with 4 car per 1000 individuals Vehicle emissions are a major source of PM, NO2 and CO 	Vehicle emission limit: (Euro rating) ??? Fuel Sulphur content: (in ppm) • Fuel (diesel)sulphur content restricted at 10000ppm Fuel Lead content Unleaded gasoline restrictions since 2005 Restriction on used car importation: • No age limit for used cars imported Actions to expand, improve and promote public transport and mass transit: ??? Actions to promote non-motorized transport: (ex: include sidewalks and bike lanes in new road projects, car-free areas etc) ??? Other transport-related actions: ???
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM OPEN BURNING: OUTDOOR	 Outdoor, open burning: (ex: is it commonly done? burning what kinds of wastes? etc) Uncontrolled waste burning, which is a common practice, is one of the practices that contributes to deteriorating air quality in urban centres The management of waste plastics is considered the greatest priority for CAR 	Legal framework: (ex: is burning banned?) ??? Actions to prevent open burning of municipal waste and / or agricultural waste: ???

³ 'Countries of the World - 32 Years of CIA World Fact Books'.

⁴ 'Countries of the World - 32 Years of CIA World Fact Books'.

	 Despite public awareness of the environmental risks of waste generation, there are currently no specific regulations on the management of waste plastics. There is little-to-no management of e-waste in CAR Industrial waste management is currently only limited to its capital, Ouagadougou. Agricultural waste burning can also impact air quality in the rural areas. 	
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM OPEN BURNING: INDOOR	 Dominant fuels used for cooking and space heating: In 2010, the rate of access of the population to electricity was 4% at national level Impact: WHO estimates that indoor air pollution causes 3000 premature deaths annually⁵ 	Indoor air pollution regulated: (Yes / No) ??? Promotion of non-grid / grid electrification: ??? Promotion of cleaner cooking fuels and clean cook stoves: ??? Other actions to reduce indoor biomass burning, or to reduce its emissions: ???

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