The Global Commission on Healthy Indoor Air

Meeting the call to action to improve public health and boost human performance

Background: A Global Crisis

Poor indoor air quality represents a pervasive public health crisis—one that demands urgent, coordinated global action. From homes and schools to workplaces and public spaces, poor indoor air contributes to respiratory diseases and illnesses, cardiovascular disease, cognitive decline and rising healthcare costs for billions of people around the world. Today people spend about 90% of their time indoors, where the air can be as much as three to five times more polluted than outdoor air. Though critical to human health and performance, indoor air quality has remained an underrecognized and long-neglected issue. The Global Commission on Healthy Indoor Air was created to change that.

An Engine for Driving Global Action

The Global Commission on Healthy Indoor Air is comprised of renowned international leaders and experts spanning public health, science, academia, policy and industry who are banding together to advance a Global Framework for Action for making healthy indoor environments the norm—not the exception—in all buildings everywhere. By charting a bold path forward and delivering a transdisciplinary strategy, the Commission seeks to empower decision-makers, accelerate innovation, unlock new sources of funding, shape policy and raise public awareness such that the health, economic and societal benefits of healthy indoor air are recognized, prioritized and realized at scale.

Through a multi-year, collaborative effort, the Commission will accelerate the adoption of proven solutions and strategies, fostering innovation and job creation across sectors. Recognizing the unique needs and opportunities of different regions, the Commission will support the development of country-level Blueprints for Healthy Indoor Air, each articulating a localized set of recommendations on funding, policy, education, public awareness, advocacy and market transformation.

