#### Better air quality through cleaner fuels and vehicles – the Partnership for Clean Fuels and

Vehicles (PCFV)





## Overview

- Why? The challenge of air pollution
- What is the Partnership for Clean Fuels
  and Vehicles?
- What have been its successes?
- How has the Partnership operated?



- What have we learned from this partnership?
- What are the next steps?

# Why? The challenge of urban air pollution

- WHO: air pollution causes 2 million premature deaths worldwide per year
  - More than half in the developing world
- Transport sector: key contributor to urban air pollution and CO2 emissions



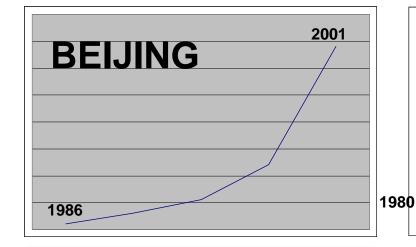
Air pollution affects poor people and children

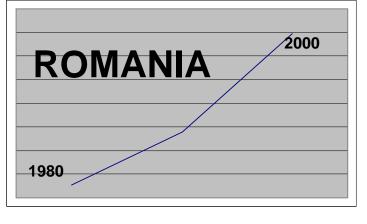
#### Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles (PCFV)

- Launched at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Sept 2002
- Public private partnership
- Goals: Promote clean fuels and vehicles for better urban air quality:
  - the elimination of lead in gasoline;
  - and the phase down of sulfur in diesel and gasoline fuels, concurrent with
  - the adoption of cleaner vehicle technologies



#### Challenge: Vehicle Growth





80\_\_\_\_\_\_ Beijing: from 1 car per 1000 persons to

1999

UGANDA

Beijing: from 1 car per 1000 persons to 45 cars per 1000 persons (1986-2001)

*Romania*: from 11 cars per 1000 persons to 139 cars per 1000 persons (1980-2000)

*Uganda*: from 25,000 cars to almost 190,000 cars in less than 20 years (1980-1999)

Sources: Word Bank (2000)/ UC Berkeley (2003)/ UNEP (2002)



#### Who is involved in the PCFV ?

- UNEP acts as the "Clearinghouse" for the Partnership
- Private sector: oil, auto, and emissions control industry
- Governments: local and national
- NGOs: international and local
- International organizations



#### PCFV Lead Campaign

- Goal: Unleaded gasoline world-wide by 2008
- Progress since 2002:
  - Sub-Saharan Africa: totally lead-free
  - 2 years and 21 countries left

- UNEP
- Impact on air quality:
  - Lead emissions greatly reduced
  - Enables catalytic converters

#### Hungary: declining blood lead levels after leaded petrol phase out (1985 – 2000)

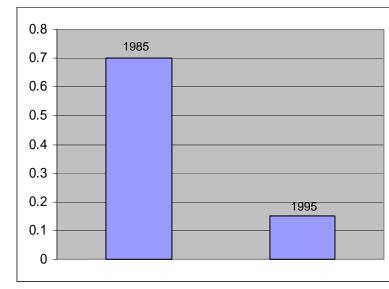
Lead levels in petrol in Hungary:

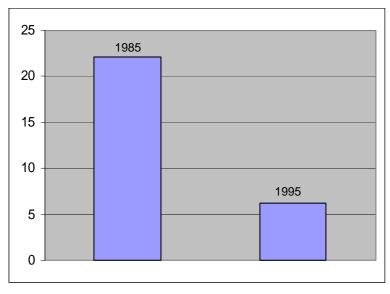
1985: 0.7 grams/ liter

1995: 0.15 grams per liter

Lead contents in gasoline (g/l)

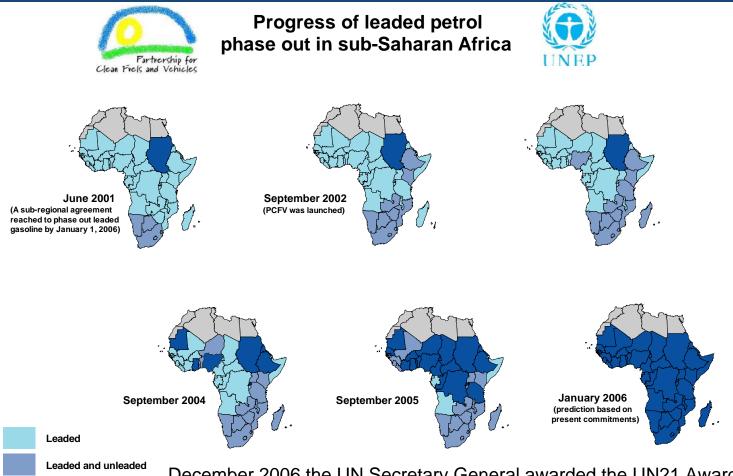
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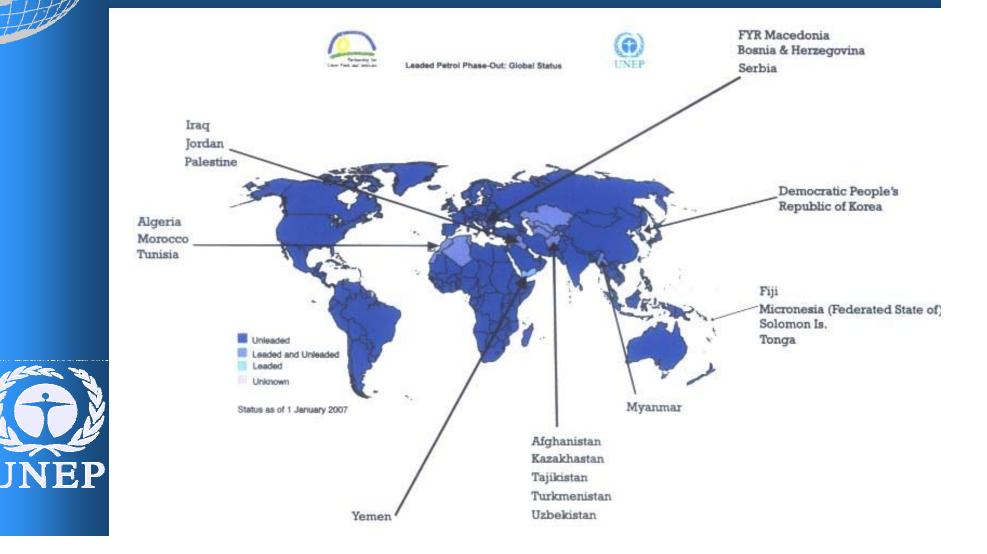
#### Progress on Lead Phase Out in Sub-Saharan Africa



Unleaded

December 2006 the UN Secretary General awarded the UN21 Award to the PCFV for its successful campaign to phase out leaded petrol from SS Africa

## Countries Still Using Leaded Petrol - 2007



#### **PCFV Sulfur Campaign**

- **Goal**: 50 ppm sulfur (or less) in diesel and gasoline fuel worldwide
  - Time frames and roadmaps to be established at regional & national level
  - Hand in hand with vehicle technology
- Impact on Air Quality:
  - Sulfur in fuel is directly related to particulate emissions
  - Sulfur in fuels poisons advanced emission control technology



#### Sulfur, Air Pollution & Health Effects

- Particulates from diesel vehicles have very adverse health impacts:
  - Very small "ultrafines" that get into the lung easier
  - linked to higher incidence of cancer
- Data from Hong Kong show a drop in deaths after sulfur in fuel was reduced.
- The decrease in deaths was for all causes, but was most pronounced for cardiovascular and respiratory disease

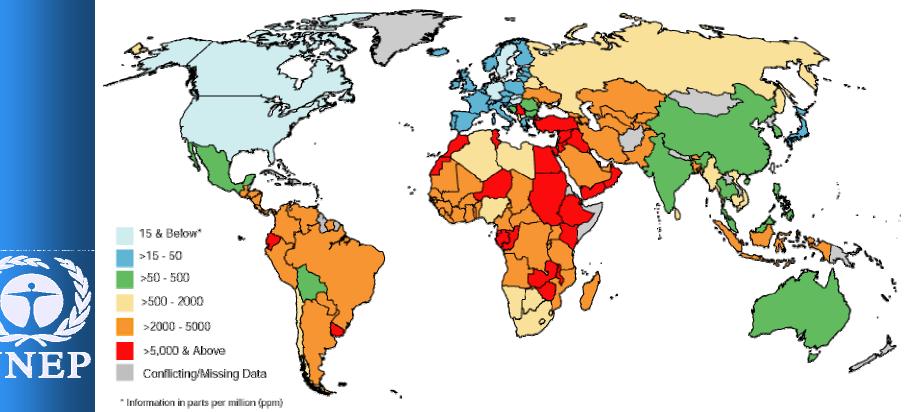


#### Sulphur Levels (Oct 2006)



**Diesel Fuel Sulphur Levels: Global Status** 





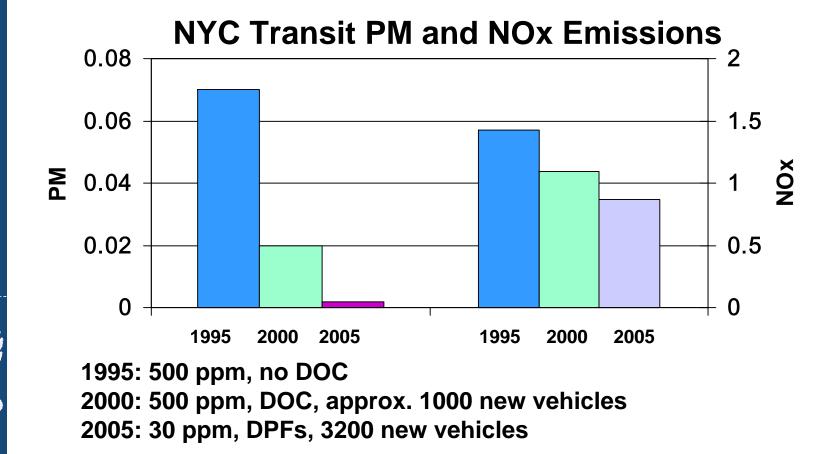
Sulphur levels are maximum allowable as of October 2006. For additional details and comments per country, visit www.unep.org/pcfv.

#### **Cleaner Vehicles**

- The Partnership has adopted the "systems approach"
  - Advanced vehicle technology requires very clean fuels
- Gasoline vehicle technology:
  - Catalytic converters reduce NOx, CO, and HC
- **Diesel** vehicle technologies
  - Diesel oxidation catalysts: 20-30% reduction in PM
  - Diesel particulate filters: >90% reduction in PM (with ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel)



## NY city bus project



#### **Organization and Structure**

- 90+ partners
- Clearinghouse at UNEP in Nairobi
- Advisory Group: subset of partners
- Governance rules
- UNEP
- Annual global partnership meeting

#### 7 Key Lessons

- 1. Set clear, achievable, and measurable targets
- 2. Bring in all key stakeholders
- 3. Get political buy-in/mandate at a high level
- 4. But...involve local players
- 5. Develop governance rules and partnership structure as soon as possible
- 6. Communicate, communicate, communicate...
- 7. Designate a focal point to coordinate partnership activities



#### Partnership Challenges

- Setting goals over which we have little control
- Coordinating diverse stakeholders, with diverse viewpoints
- Keeping focused
- Diversifying funding sources
- Maintaining momentum
- Keeping partners interested and engaged



## PCFV: Next Steps

- Lead: sub-regional and national support to reach 2008 target
  - Challenges in Central Asia, North Africa, Middle East and selected countries
- **Sulfur**: support development of regional and national action plans
  - Challenges in developing regional roadmaps (Africa, South America done) followed by national follow-up
- Vehicles: catalytic converter campaign, retrofit heavy diesels, fleet management
  - Challenges: first need cleaner fuels, many opportunities for emissions reductions





## Thank You!

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