CiROCCO Webinar

Health Impacts of Desert Dust Storms: Engaging Stakeholders and Gatekeepers towards Public Policy Transformation

10 December 2024 - 11:00 AM EET – 12:30 PM EET (1.5 hours)

Description

The webinar aims to address the significant public health implications posed by desert dust storms, focusing on evidence-based strategies and stakeholder engagement for effective policy change. The session will bring together experts from academia, health services, and policy-making bodies to share research findings, community insights, and practical recommendations. Through presentations and panel discussions, the webinar seeks to raise a comprehensive understanding of regional challenges and promote collaborative solutions for improved public health outcomes and policy implementation.

Webinar Agenda		
Time	**Topic**	**Speaker**
11:00–11:05	**Welcome Message and Agenda Overview**	Dr. Petros Mouzourides (University of Cyprus)
11:00–11:05	**Interactive Session 1: Online Questions**	
11:10–11:15	**Introduction to CiROCCO Project**	Dr. Chrysoula Papathanasiou (Institute of Communication & Computer Systems), Project Manager
11:15-11:30	**Health Effects of Desert Dust Storm Events in the South-Eastern Mediterranean: Perceptions and Practices of Local Stakeholders**	Dr. Panayiotis Kouis (Medical School, University of Cyprus)
11:30-11:45	**Health Effects of Desert Dust Storms: Insights from the Field and the Community**	Evi Kinni, PhD Candidate (School of Health Sciences, Cyprus University of Technology)
11:45-11:55	**Commentary**	Prof. Panayiotis Yiallouros (Professor of Pediatrics, Medical School, University of Cyprus)
11:55-12:20	**Discussion Panel - Audience Q&A Session**	**Discussants** – with a focus on policy implementation and stakeholder engagement: **Chrysanthos Savvides** (Head of Air Quality and Strategic Planning Section, Department of Labour Inspection, Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance, Cyprus) **Andrie Panayiotou** (Assoc. Professor in Public Health, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, Cyprus University of Technology) **Melanie Charalambous** (Senior Nursing Officer, Educational Sector, Nursing Services, Ministry of Health, Cyprus)
12:20–12:25	**Interactive Session 2: Online Questions and Feedback**	Dr. Eleni Athanasopoulou (National Observatory of Athens)
12:20-12:30	**Closing Remarks**	Prof. Panayiotis Yiallouros

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