

**THE AIR POLLUTION INFORMATION NETWORK FOR AFRICA (APINA): ACTIVITIES  
PROMOTING REGIONAL CO-OPERATION  
ON AIR POLLUTION ISSUES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**

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In 1998, APINA convened a regional multi-stakeholder policy dialogue on air pollution which resulted in the 'Harare Resolution on Prevention and Control of Regional Air Pollution in southern Africa and its likely transboundary Effects'. Since this time seven countries in southern Africa (Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) have produced country status reports on air pollution and participated in air pollution related projects and events. APINA has also developed close links with other important regional initiatives such as the Southern African Regional Science Initiative (SAFARI 2000) and the Cross Border Air Pollution Impact Assessment (CAPIA) whose experimental and modelling work demonstrate the transboundary nature of the air pollution problem in the region. In 2003, APINA convened a second regional multi-stakeholder policy dialogue (attended by two Ministers of Environment), which resulted in the formulation of the draft 'Maputo Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Regional Air Pollution in southern Africa and its likely Transboundary Effects'. An organizational structure, which facilitates information flow to ministries of environment at both national and regional levels, was agreed upon as part of the draft Declaration and country focal points for air pollution issues are also to be established. The paper describes APINA's development in southern Africa as well as results from recent activities, including the initiation of a regional emission inventory, a health study scoping report, air quality monitoring around a smelter in Zambia, participation in an international corrosion exposure and modelling of ozone impacts to vegetation.