

Round Table Invitation How can science bring better air and better health to the world?

Thursday 26 April, 16:30-17:30 Euler room of Leonardo Building, ICTP

Dear colleagues and friends,

Ambient air pollution is among the most important risks to health in the Mediterranean. Studies project that it will even be a bigger problem in the future overpassing the impact of drinking poor quality waters or the impact of malaria! There is an urgent need for action, science can surely help but to what extent?

Choice of the measured pollutants, recommendation of the exposition thresholds, communication, support and evaluation of mitigation policies: from Marseille to Alexandria and from Tunis to Antalya, what are the limits of scientific action? Can science lead to the reduction of atmospheric pollution and improve human health? What are the road blocks that scientists face in their respective countries, may it be at the political or societal levels? Beyond the scientific aspects of atmospheric pollution and its impact on human health that have been the subject of this spring school, this round-table will be an opportunity for all the participants to share their respective experiences, discuss difficulties and co-imagine what could be a desirable future.

This round table will be guided by Dorothée MOISAN, freelance journalist based in Paris and specialized in environmental issues.