

## SDG 3.4: REDUCE NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES BY ONE THIRD

### MINISTRIES OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



#### Together we can support people to:

- Reduce their exposure to polluted air, water, soil and food
- Reduce their exposure to hazardous chemicals
- Avoid tobacco use and harmful use of alcohol
- Eat healthily and be physically active

#### Environment, energy and NCDs are interconnected:

- Chemicals and pollution are a cause of avoidable illness and early death
- Tobacco is bad for the environment and bad for health
- Animal farming is less friendly for the environment than farming of fruits and vegetables – and excessive intake of animal products is harmful to health
- Heavy motor vehicle use → more carbon emissions, less physical activity and more NCDs
- Inefficient energy sources and other pollutants (e.g. from unclean cookstoves) cause NCDs

#### Ministries of Environment and Energy can help:

- Protect forests, green areas and biodiversity through legislation
- Achieve optimal fuel subsidies, active transport and low-emissions technologies
- End tobacco growing and support tobacco farmers with viable alternatives
- Reduce harmful chemicals and harmful use of antibiotics in food production
- Engage partners to consider the economic and social benefits of environment/energy solutions
- Encourage civil society to hold government and industry accountable for commitments

**The right to health is a fundamental responsibility of government.**

**Working across government sectors can prevent and control NCDs.**

**The time for collective action is now.**

