

Editorial

New Clean Air Journal editors appointed

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experiments and field observations. Dr Kirago holds a PhD in Environmental Sciences from Stockholm University, Sweden, and BSc and MSc degrees from the University of Nairobi. Prior to joining UM6P, Leonard served as a Postdoc researcher at the Wolfson Atmospheric Chemistry Laboratories, University of York, UK.

We extend a warm welcome to both Dr Shikwambana and Dr Kirago and look forward to working with them.

Prof Kristy Langerman will be stepping down from her position as one of the editors-in-chief in early 2026. She is thanked for her contribution to the Journal over the last eight years.

The Clean Air Journal is pleased to announce the appointment of two new editors for terms beginning in 2026. Their expertise and leadership will strengthen the journal's mission to advance research on air quality in Africa.

Dr Lerato Shikwambana has been appointed as an editor-in-chief. He is a Senior Scientist at the South African National Space Agency (SANSA) within the Earth Observation Directorate. He holds an NRF rating and serves as an Honorary Research Fellow in the School of Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand. His research focuses on atmospheric emissions using satellite observations, in situ measurements, and model data. His broader interests include climate change, meteorology, and atmospheric dynamics. He serves on the Editorial Board of Discover Atmosphere (Springer Nature) and has been nominated to serve as an Extraordinary Associate Professor in the Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management at North-West University.

Dr Leonard Kirago has been appointed to the role of senior editor. He is a researcher in the African Research Centre on Air Quality and Climate, UM6P, Morocco. As an atmospheric scientist, Dr Kirago's research focuses on chemical characterisation and source identification of key air pollutants, with a particular interest in the African region. This is achieved through laboratory