



## **International Ozone Day 2017**



### **Introduction**

Kiribati through the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development (MELAD) conducted series of events in commemoration of the International Ozone Day (IOD) 2017 starting from 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017. This year IOD was planned to be different from previous year's celebration, since this year marked the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol. The planned events for the IOD this year 2017 was the outcome of the national stakeholder preparatory meeting that was coordinated and organized by National Ozone Unit (NOU) team and attended by local RAC technicians and importers. The planned activities were intended to raise awareness to various audiences including local RAC technicians and importers, high school students, future teachers, and end-users.

### **Awareness presentation to RAC technicians and importers – 31<sup>st</sup> August**

The RAC technicians and importers were invited by the National Ozone Unit (NOU) team to attend the preparatory meeting of IOD 2017, which held at the Environment and Conservation Division boardroom on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2017. This IOD 2017 preparatory meeting would also intend to raise awareness to RAC technicians and importers, who attended the meeting, on the Kiribati obligations under the Montreal Protocol (MP) to remind them of their important roles in the implementation of MP at the national level. The presentation was delivered by the Kiribati National Ozone Officer (NOO) – Mika Bitu in which covered the introduction of MP, Kiribati obligations as a party to MP, the RAC technicians and importers obligations under the ODS project and so forth. The meeting was attended by 14 RAC technicians and importers.

### **School visit to Senior Secondary Schools and Kiribati Teachers College – 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September**

School visit started from 11<sup>th</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017. 3 Senior Secondary Schools and 1 tertiary college for teachers were visited by NOU team. NOU team believed that raising awareness on the essential topics including Ozone layer, Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS), Climate Change, world responses toward the Ozone depletion issue, and other ODS related topics were crucial to be delivered to the young people and future teachers as it would broaden their understanding on these essential topics.

NOU conducted its visit to 3 Senior Secondary Schools in which targeted only Form 5 and 6 students. These 3 visited Schools including Sacred Heart High School (SHHS – Catholic School), King George V and Elaine Bernachi School (KGV & EBS – Government school), St Louis High School (SLHS – Catholic School) were situated at South Tarawa. The targeted Forms, i.e. form 5 and 6, were believed by NOU team that the awareness presentation on the importance to protect the ozone layer, impacts of ozone depletion, climate change, and so forth would gave them the chance to understand more about on these concepts, and also could assist them in their further studies.

In addition, the NOU team also visited a Tertiary College for teachers, and targeted 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students. The NOU's aim for visiting this college was to enlighten the students on the definition of the ozone layer, Ozone depletion and its impacts, ODS, the world response toward the issue of ozone depletion, and last but not least, the differentiation of Climate Change and Ozone Depletion. The team believed that from delivering this presentation to these students could expand the awareness on the presented topics to young generation, when these students finally graduated from this college and teaches at primary schools and junior secondary schools. Therefore, awareness to these future teachers students could expand essential messages on ODS to young people.

### **Public Awareness – 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September**

Various awareness approaches carried out by the NOU to deliver the important message of the International Ozone Day 2017 to the public. The following were sort of ways undertaken to deliver the IOD message.

- The IOD 2017 banner displayed at the public area in Bairiki from 4<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- Media awareness to the public on the importance of celebrating the IOD 2017 using the appropriate media, which was the radio program. The media awareness intended to emphasize the activities that would be conducted throughout the commemoration week of IOD 2017.
- Posting the IOD 2017 celebration plan or information at the ECD website: [www.environment.gov.ki](http://www.environment.gov.ki)
- Designing IOD 2017 promotion/awareness T-shirt and used them as uniform for NOU team, Stakeholders, and young dancers during the celebration day on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

### **International Ozone Day Celebration 2017 – 15<sup>th</sup> September**

The IOD 2017 was planned and agreed by the NOU and stakeholders at the preparatory meeting to be convened on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 starting from 1000 to 1330, since the 16<sup>th</sup> September was on the Saturday, which is the weekend. The celebration was conducted at the Bairiki Square, the most suitable place to conduct awareness activities at, since most people visited this area every day for shopping. The program in celebrating the IOD 2017 at Bairiki Square was more on awareness approach. During that day, the NOU team done some awareness announcement, dissemination of ODS pamphlets, and also engaged young dancers to perform the IOD show/drama. Therefore, IOD 2017 celebration intended to deliver the essential message of the ozone layer and the Montreal Protocol to the public attention.

**IOD 2017 Banner**



**School Visit – 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017**



**IOD 2017 Celebration – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

