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UNEP OzonAction hosts HCFC Control Policy and Enforcement Consultation for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea



Bangkok, 27-28 April 2015 – The UNEP OzonAction Compliance Assistance Program (CAP) in the Regional Office for Asia Pacific (ROAP) organized a consultation for the inter-ministry delegation from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with the aim of accelerating national efforts to reduce production and consumption of hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) which are ozone-depleting substances (ODS) controlled under the Montreal Protocol.

The DPR Korea delegation was headed by Mr. KIM Yong U, special Ozone Senior Adviser from the National Coordinating Committee for Environment (NCCE) and consisted of representatives from multiple agencies, including the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection, the General Bureau of the Customs, and the Ministry of Chemical Industry, demonstrating the country's commitment to meet its obligations as a Party to the multilateral environmental agreement.

During the two day consultation, the delegates carried out an in-depth and multi-agency analysis of the existing and future policies and their enforcement to control both the production and the import of HCFCs. Like all developing countries in the world, DPR Korea must reduce HCFCs consumption by 35% by 1st January 2020. Moreover, the discussions were enriched by remote participation of the China ODS Import and Export Management Office - the authority responsible for ODS export license in the People's Republic of China - and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Based on a collective review of the existing ODS control policies and the advice offered for improvements, the delegation will strengthen the licensing systems with a quota to control

HCFCs through screening of the trade registry and more cross-checking of information between the authorities involved.

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