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EVENTS DEDICATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL OZONE DAY

A series of events were organized within the framework of the National Ozone Unit dedicated to 16 September, the International Ozone Day, the main objective of which was to raise public awareness and the coverage of the sector-related processes.

01. Radio-quiz dedicated to the International Ozone Day



The events started with the quiz dedicated to the International Ozone Day which took place on the popular Radio Station «Radio Van» and the «Public Radio of Armenia» on September 14 and 17 accordingly.



Radio hosts presented the selected multiple choice questions prepared by the National Ozone Unit of Armenia, and the listeners called the radio stations to provide the answers. The radio hosts were quite surprised by the active participation of the listeners and the interest shown up towards this topic. Listeners that provided the correct answers were awarded by the trip to the Ozone Measuring Station which was to be organized by the end of September by the National Ozone Unit.

02. Radio-interview dedicated to the International Ozone Day

National Coordinator for the Ozone Layer Issues, Liana Ghahramanyan, had a live interview with «Public Radio of Armenia» on 17 September. Ms Ghahramanyan shared the achievements of the Republic of Armenia in the global efforts of preserving the ozone layer, underlined the current activity and the short- and long-term plans of the National Ozone Unit. Part of the talk was dedicated to the negative impact of the UV radiation, and the importance of protecting oneself from it. Ms Ghahramanyan received an invitation for the next interview upon completion of the establishment of the training centers at three colleagues of Armenia.

03. A Trip to the Ozone- Measuring Station



On September 30, the winners of the radio quiz accompanied by the National Ozone Unit and MES Hydrometeorology Service staff set off to the AMBERD Ozone-Measuring Station, the Global Atmosphere Watch (GAW) regional meteorological station #410 in Armenia, where the regular measurements of total ozone have been carried out since 2000. The station is equipped by Dobson spectrophotometer D-044 (Fig.1). Location: 40.38N, 44.25E, 2070.



Representatives of the Hydrometeorology Service presented the Dobson spectrophotometer device, and on-site measurements were carried out by the Ozone-Measuring Station employee. The Head of the Helio-pharmacology and Atmospheric Studies Division of the Ministry of Emergency Situations, Anna Tsarukyan presented the data processing techniques. Other equipment and their significance were also presented to the participants.



The visit the AMBERD Ozone-Measuring Station was concluded by a visit one of Amberd fortresses, 7th-century fortress located 2,300 meters above sea level, on the slopes of Mount Aragats of Armenia.

04. Meeting with representatives of supermarkets, cold stores and hotels

On 18 September, 2018 meetings with representatives of supermarkets, cold stores and hotels took place in «Hyatt place» hotel from 11:00 to 18:00.



The meeting was aimed at presenting possible solutions and recommendations to decrease the impacts on the environment through RAC equipment used in the field, as well as trends in the international market of the particular field.



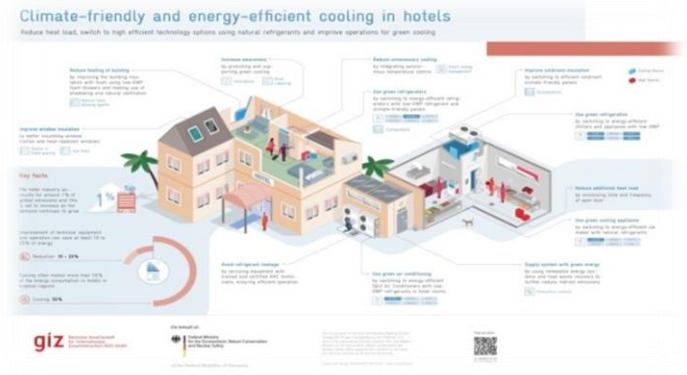
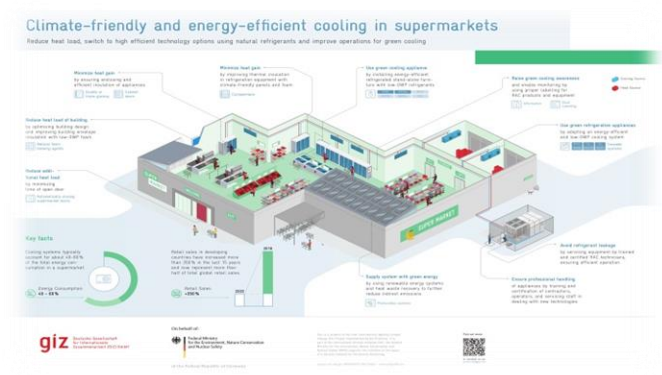
The meetings started with presenting the importance of the International Ozone Day, 16 September, the necessity of raising awareness in this regards, and also the thematic poster with the theme «Keep cool and carry on» designed by UN Environment.



Further, the attention of the participants was drawn to the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, which was adopted on 15 October, 2016 in Kigali, Rwanda; ratification is yet pending in Armenia. In this context the ongoing fulfillment of Armenia's international commitments and the importance of developing new legislative regulations were highlighted.

Besides, the Armenian versions of the posters, prepared by the GIZ and adopted by the National Ozone Unit, as well as the mobile application for safe refrigeration and air conditioning technologies were presented to the participants.





All the meetings were accompanied by questions and answers, discussions and professional debates, during which the participants had the opportunity to raise questions and make suggestions on facilitating introduction of the state-of-art "green" technologies.

The National Ozone Unit considers such meetings to be necessary from the viewpoint of raising existing issues, promoting awareness, sectoral policy elaboration and relevant decision making.

05. Awareness raising course at Adamyan school

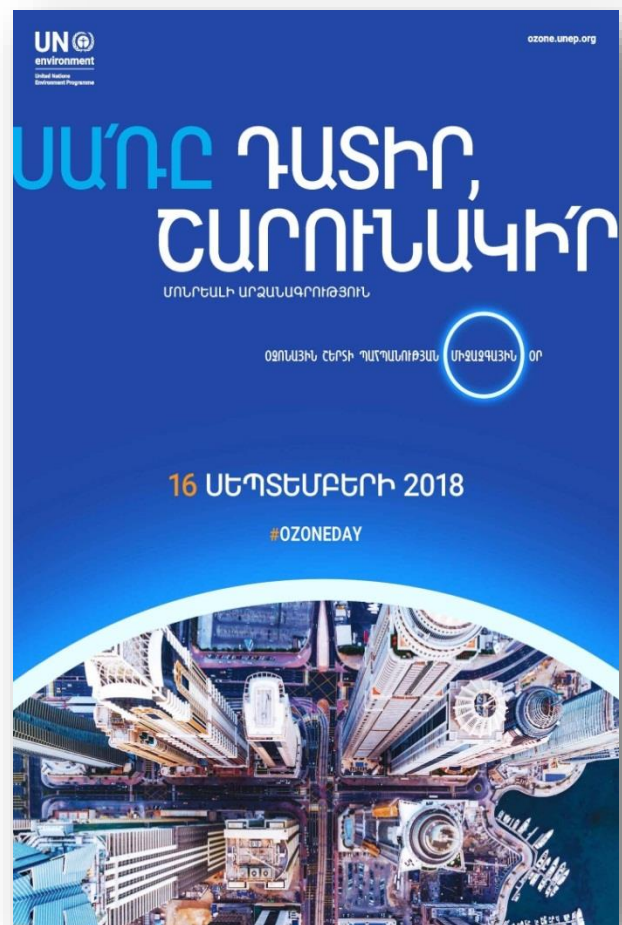
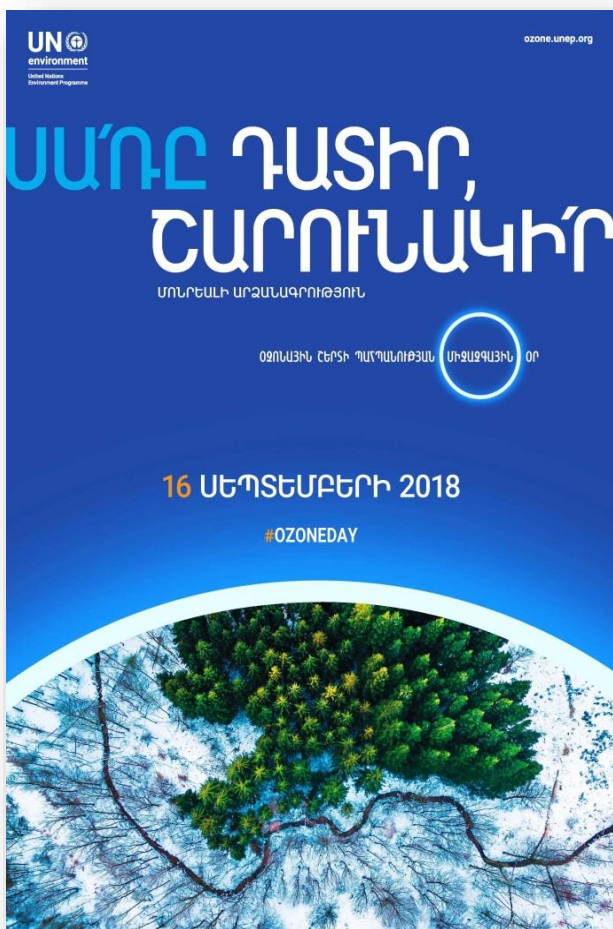


An awareness raising course was conducted by the National Ozone Unit on September 19, 2018 for little students of Adamyan School. 50 students from 1-5 forms participated in the interactive training which provided basic knowledge on the ozone layer as a natural shield, the ozone layer significance and dangers of its depletion, and means of personal protection from the harmful UV radiation. To wrap up the students were distributed larger posters for coloring to learn through playing. At the end all the students received a thematic notebook and pencils.



06. Awareness raising items produced for the International Ozone Day

Thematic posters developed by the Ozone Secretariat were adopted into Armenian.



Two types of thematic notebooks were produced for the International Ozone Day with the print-run of 1000

