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Dear National Ozone Officers,

On the eve of World Ozone Day (WOD), 16 September, the celebratory day of the Montreal Protocol community, UNEP OzonAction is pleased to offer its congratulations to you and your team for the continuing excellent work to implement your national compliance strategy, including the policies, projects, capacity building and awareness activities approved under the Multilateral Fund. Your dedication and hard work demonstrate why the Montreal Protocol is considered by many to be such a great multilateral environmental success story: it continues to deliver on its promise in spite of challenges, including the current COVID-19 pandemic.

This success story starts at the national level. It is led by the National Ozone Units and includes the most important partners in civil society: other government agencies including customs, the refrigeration and air conditioning sector, the private sector, NGOs, and the general public. Partnership with these groups is absolutely essential for the success of the Montreal Protocol and for achieving broader socio-economic and environmental objectives, as noted in Sustainable Development Goal number 17.

This year's WOD theme reflects this concept: ***Montreal Protocol@35: global cooperation protecting life on earth***. Through cooperation at the national, regional, and international levels, we have collectively continued to deliver the Montreal Protocol commitments throughout a pandemic, with impressive results. Under the umbrella of the Montreal Protocol, and with a new emphasis inspired by the Kigali Amendment, we can use these partnerships to protect human health and the environment even more through parallel and inter-connected ozone protection and climate mitigation.

To assist you in organizing activities for WOD this year, we are pleased to provide you with the following Resources, which you can download from our website:

**Five posters on the Kigali Amendment:** OzonAction has developed five related posters for different target audiences, with the following slogans: 1. *Let's change this*; 2. *Make the right decision*; 3. *Let's continue working for our planet*; 4. *For an increasingly sustainable planet*; and 5. *Keep them cool without warming the planet*. The posters are available in English, French, Russian and Spanish. The countries can translate the posters and add their logos to the editable files which are available from the [OzonAction website](#).

**Poster on Gender Mainstreaming in Montreal Protocol:** OzonAction has developed a poster on gender mainstreaming which is available in English, French and Spanish.

**Cooling keeps food fresh campaign:** OzonAction has joined Chefs4thePlanet and Global Food Cold Chain Council to raise awareness of cooling technologies that reduce food loss and promote climate security. The campaign offers several resources including a special brochure, video messages and recipe cards of renowned chefs as well as a dedicated webpage with a platform for engagement by other interested chefs and public. [The campaign material](#) is available in English, French and Spanish.

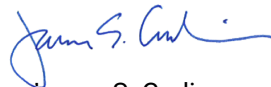
**Regional awareness activities:** The Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Networks will launch an Art Contest on 16 September for World Ozone Day. It will be open for submissions of artwork on the Montreal Protocol and the Kigali Amendment. It is open to everyone in the LAC region in four main categories: photo, video, traditional art (painting) and design (digital art).

Beyond these resources, OzonAction also has a wide range of information and awareness-raising material that could also be used for your national celebrations. Please visit the [Ozone Day webpage](#) on the OzonAction website for several examples.

We would appreciate to receive your country's WOD activities or reports for posting on our web site. Please send this information to your Network's Montreal Protocol Regional Coordinator or directly to Ms. Jo Chona at [jo.chona@un.org](mailto:jo.chona@un.org).

Once again, we thank you for your ongoing commitment to maintaining compliance with the Montreal Protocol and your excellent work in implementing your national strategies and projects. On behalf of the entire OzonAction CAP team, I wish you great success in this year's WOD celebration!

Yours sincerely,



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