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Dear National Ozone Officers,

On 16 September each year, we all celebrate the commitments made by Parties in 1987 to protect human life and the environment by implementing the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

This year's World Ozone Day (WOD) theme – **Montreal Protocol: fixing the ozone layer and reducing climate change** – reminds us of our responsibility to continue building on the considerable ozone and climate benefits already achieved under the Montreal Protocol through the phase-out of ozone depleting substances, by enthusiastically pursuing the objectives of the Kigali Amendment to phase down HFC production and consumption. World Ozone Day provides an excellent opportunity to outreach the successes and new developments of the Montreal Protocol and to increase support for your national compliance strategy among the public and key stakeholder groups.

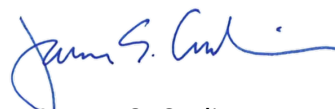
With the COVID-19 pandemic now officially over, this year countries can now celebrate WOD more fully and raise awareness about the Montreal Protocol achievements with a wider audience. OzonAction is pleased to provide you with the information resources listed in the annex that can be used as part of your national celebrations (all items can be downloaded). Please also refer to the [Ozone Secretariat's WOD website](#) for other related resources.

We would appreciate receiving information or reports about your country's WOD activities for posting on our website. Please send this information to your Montreal Protocol Regional Coordinator or directly to Ms. Jo Chona at jo.chona@un.org.

It is our sincere hope that the Network and thematic meetings, information and awareness resources, compliance assistance, and project support that OzonAction's Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) teams provide are helping you and the members of your National Ozone Unit to deliver your country's Montreal Protocol compliance strategy and programme more effectively.

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 celebrations!

Yours sincerely,



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ANNEX

Materials for use in World Ozone Day celebrations

1. **Regional Art Contests:** The regional contests in Asia-Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean were designed to increase public awareness of the **Montreal Protocol** and the **Kigali Amendment** to protect the ozone layer and combat accelerated climate change.

- The Artwork of the winners of the Latin America and the Caribbean art contest organized between October 2022 – March 2023, may be used in other regions for awareness purposes. The artwork is available at: [The Planet is Your Canvas](#)
- The Artwork of the winners of the [Asia Pacific Regional Ozone2Climate Art contest](#) organized between September 2021 – March 2022, can also be used by other regions for awareness purposes. The artwork is available at the [Hall of Fame](#)

 *These are suitable for outreach to the public.*


2. [How to set up and manage logbooks or refrigeration, air-conditioning, heat pump and other types of equipment](#): This technical brief reflects the Polish experience of setting up and managing logbooks for refrigeration, air-conditioning, heat pump (RACHP) and other types of equipment. It also provides examples of similar equipment databases used in other developed and developing countries.

 *This is suitable for outreach to the RAC servicing technicians and RAC associations.*


3. [Watch out for Illegal Trade of HCFCs and HFCs](#): Lessons learnt from the Global Montreal Protocol Award for Customs and Enforcement Officers. This publication provides an analysis of the cases submitted in the context of the Global Montreal Protocol Award for Customs and Enforcement Officers.

 *This is suitable for outreach to the Customs and enforcement community.*

4. [Considerations for Establishing National HFC Quota System](#): The Parties to the Kigali Amendment need to establish a mechanism to effectively control the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), a group of greenhouse gases that are controlled under the Montreal Protocol. Like the hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) phase-out, an effective quota system can play a vital role in assisting Parties to be in compliance with their HFC consumption targets.

 *This is suitable for outreach to NOU staff, other government agencies and other stakeholders involved in the licensing and quotas process.*

5. [Five Posters on the Kigali Amendment](#): OzonAction 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.

 *This is suitable for outreach to the general public and the key Montreal Protocol stakeholders.*

6. **Every Action Counts: Kigali Amendment:** This brochure targets the general public and explains in a simplified manner what the Montreal Protocol and its Kigali Amendment signify. It includes some actions that everybody can do to support the Kigali Amendment. It also covers the relationship between the Kigali Amendment and Sustainable Development Goals. It introduces some examples of successful communication campaigns on the Kigali Amendment.



This is suitable for outreach to the general public and the key Montreal Protocol stakeholders.

7. **Women in Cooling: A Worldwide Survey:** To better understand the background, motivation, challenges, and opportunities faced by women working in RACHP a worldwide survey was undertaken by the International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR) and UNEP OzonAction in cooperation with several partners.



This is suitable for outreach to RAC servicing technicians, RAC associations, education and training stakeholders, Government gender departments, and the general public.

8. **Gender Mainstreaming in the Montreal Protocol: Experiences in Latin America and the Caribbean:** OzonAction in Latin America and the Caribbean has prepared this publication contextualizing the international legal framework and the instruments available regarding rights, gender, and equality aspects, in order to give visibility to the actions, good practices and progress achieved in a non-exhaustive group of countries of the region.



This is suitable for outreach to the general public, the key Montreal Protocol stakeholders, Other government agencies, Government gender departments, and the general public.

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



This is suitable for outreach to the general public and the key Montreal Protocol stakeholders.