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## **REPORT** on the events dedicated to the International Ozone Day

This year, the Ozone Center of Kyrgyzstan held a number of events dedicated to the International Ozone Day. Within the framework of these events, experts and lecturers gave lectures on energy efficiency, climate change mitigation and the ozone layer protection.

The main motto of the events was the slogan: "Montreal Protocol: Advancing climate actions". The main goal of all these events was to disseminate information on the preservation of the ozone layer, climate change, energy efficiency of refrigeration equipment and the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol among secondary school teachers, teachers and students of universities and vocational schools. The main focus was to inspire participants to take an active part in the activities against climate change, realizing the importance of using natural refrigerants instead of high global warming potential fluorinated gases.

## 1. Literature

These printed materials were distributed to participants in events organized by the Ozone Center and help to gain general knowledge about the Montreal Protocol, ozone-depleting substances and the objectives of the Kigali Amendment.

1. Posters "Safety is on the first place" in Russian and Kyrgyz languages, "World Ozone Day", a leaflet with the speech of the UN Secretary General in honor of September 16, World Ozone Day.





**2. Literature:** Brochures "The Current State of the Ozone Layer in 2024", "Protection from Harmful Ultraviolet Radiation", "The Montreal Protocol and Human Health" and "The Montreal Protocol and the SDGs" in Kyrgyz and Russian languages. These materials describe in detail how UV affects human health and protection measures during high UV levels, how the Montreal Protocol has reduced the consumption of ozone-depleting substances, the Kigali Amendment and an assessment of the state of the ozone layer over the past four years.













## 3. Events dedicated to World Ozone Day 2024

On September 16, 2024, the Kutman Tan TV channel hosted an interview with an expert on climate and the ozone layer preservation, dedicated to September 16, World Ozone Day. She talked about the Montreal Protocol, the role of stratospheric ozone in protecting against harmful ultraviolet radiation, as well as the global problem of climate change and the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol. An article about climate change mitigation was also published in the Erkin-Too newspaper.







On September 16, 2024, an event for schoolchildren was held at the secondary school in Budenovka village, Issyk-Ata district. Schoolchildren were told in detail about the protection of the ozone layer, the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer, relationship of the Montreal Protocol with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Techers explained why it was so important to preserve the ozone layer and how to protect themselves from harmful solar UV. A total of 40 schoolchildren took part in the event.





On September 16, 2024, an environmental action "Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Action" was held at Lyceum No. 76 in Bishkek. Participants were informed about the depletion of the ozone layer and measures to protect against increased solar UV radiation. They learned about the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol. Eighth-grade students discussed the protection of the ozone layer and the effects of increased solar UV. A question-and-answer competition was held to test the students' knowledge of the ozone layer and climate change issues. Additionally, a creative competition on the topic of "Climate Mitigation" was organized. A total of 28 students and 7 teachers participated in the event.











On September 24, 2024, a seminar for teachers was held in Bishkek at Secondary School No. 69. At the seminar, teachers were given an in-depth explanation of the challenges related to protecting the ozone layer and addressing climate change. They learned about the Montreal Protocol, which regulates ozone-depleting substances (ODS), as well as the Kigali Amendment and its role in mitigating climate change. The seminar also emphasized the connection between the Montreal Protocol and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Additionally, students presented a performance highlighting the importance of preservation the ozone layer and the climate. Through a play, they illustrated how solar UV radiation impacts the planet and what global actions are being taken to protect the Earth from these effects. A total of 110 schoolchildren and 20 teachers took part in the event.

















On September 25, 2024, the Ozone Center organized a seminar at the Vocational School No. 93 in Bishkek. Representatives from the Ozone Center provided an overview of the Montreal

Protocol, discussing its history and current achievements. They explained the ozone layer's vital role for human health and the environment, as well as the serious consequences of its depletion. The issue of climate change was also addressed, including the adoption of the Kigali Amendment and the regulation of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). The participants were informed about the significance of selecting refrigerants with consideration for their environmental impact, particularly their effect on the climate.









On September 26, 2024, a seminar dedicated to the World Ozone Day was held at the Kyrgyz State Technical University. The seminar was attended by teachers and students of the Food Engineering Department, where they discussed the Kigali Amendment and climate change mitigation. Following topics were covered: Kigali Amendment and energy efficiency of refrigeration equipment, knowledge requirements of refrigeration experts and technicians. Participants were recommended to choose energy-efficient refrigeration equipment working on natural refrigerants.









On September 27, 2024, the Ozone Center held a seminar at the Vocational School No. 94 in Bishkek. Participants in the seminar learned about ozone layer depletion, UV radiation's impact on human health, climate change, and the Kigali Amendment's role in mitigating it. Additionally, they were introduced to the concept of Global Warming Potential (GWP) and how to factor it

into their choice of refrigerants. This comprehensive information gave attendees a solid understanding of both environmental and technical aspects of refrigeration.







On July 15-24, 2024, an information campaign "Protect Yourself from the Sun" dedicated to the International Ozone Day was held in children's summer camps of the Issyk-Kul oblast. The main goal of the information campaign was to disseminate information about the harmful effects of solar ultraviolet radiation, as well as methods of protection from harmful UV radiation. Children and counselors were told about measures to protect against solar UV, choosing the right clothes and sunglasses. More than 2,500 children participated in this campaign.







No.	Place	Date	Number of	Number of
			participants	women
1	Lyceum No.76	16 <sup>th</sup> of September 2024	35	27
2	Secondary school	16 <sup>th</sup> of September 2024	40	20
	Budenovka village			
3	Secondary school	24 <sup>th</sup> of September 2024	130	80
	No.69			
4	Vocational school	25 <sup>th</sup> of September 2024	18	2
	No.93			
5	KSTU n.a.	26 <sup>th</sup> of September 2024	29	14
	I.Razzakov			
6	Vocational school	27 <sup>th</sup> of September 2024	15	2
	No.94			

## Conclusion

The events dedicated to the World Ozone Day were successful and left the participants with a lot of valuable information. During the events, key issues were addressed, such as the importance of protecting the Earth's climate and ozone layer. Participants gained a deeper understanding of the role of the Montreal Protocol and Kigali Amendment, which aims to reduce the use and emissions of ODSs and HFCs and contribute to climate change.

The handouts contained both basic and scientific information about the ozone layer and the principles of sustainable development. As a result, participants not only learned about the current state of global agreements and efforts to protect the climate and ozone layer, but they also received practical recommendations on using natural refrigerants and energy-efficient equipment, enabling them to personally contribute to the fight against global warming.

In total, 28 school teachers, 210 schoolchildren, 6 university teachers, and 23 students took part in these events.

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