



In observance of International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, the National Ozone Action Unit (NOAU) of the Hydrometeorological Service, Ministry of Agriculture organized a series of public awareness activities from September 11 to 20, 2024. This year's theme was "Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Action."

The NOAU collaborated with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and participated in several television and radio appearances on September 11, 12, and 13. A highlight of these activities was a feature presentation including the Minister of Agriculture, which aimed to inform viewers about the importance of protecting the ozone layer and Guyana's role in advancing climate action.

On September 17, 2024, the NOAU hosted a sensitization session for the staff of the Hydrometeorological Service. This session emphasized the critical importance of the ozone layer and progress of the Unit under the Montreal Protocol. Staff members were provided with t-shirts branded with the World Ozone Day theme for 2024.

In collaboration with the EPA, the NOAU invited students from two secondary schools—Patentia Secondary and West Demerara Secondary—to a half-day session at West Demerara Secondary School on September 18, 2024. During this session, information was shared to educate students on the significance of the ozone layer and the need for its preservation. Students were rewarded with gifts, including water bottles, lunch bags, notepads, and pens, in recognition of their attention, participation in group activities, and correct answers to questions.

The culmination of the activities was an Ozone Layer Preservation Exhibition on September 20, 2024, targeting secondary schools within Georgetown. The exhibition featured booths dedicated to ozone layer preservation and included displays from the Hydrometeorological Service, the Women Agro-Processors Development Network, and the Environmental Protection Agency. The New Amsterdam Technical Institute contributed by sending a lecturer to assist with information sharing. This event provided an opportunity for students to engage with environmental issues through interactive displays and scavenger hunts, enhancing their understanding of their role in ozone layer protection.

Overall, the activities organized by the NOAU effectively raised awareness about the importance of the ozone layer and the actions necessary to safeguard it, fostering a sense of responsibility among participants.

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Photos of Ozone Day Activities

Activity 1: Television and Media Appearances



Guyana's National Ozone Officer, Ms. Akilah Noble at a radio interview raising awareness about the importance of the ozone layer



Mr. Zainool Rahaman, Hydrological Officer within the Ozone Unit during a television interview sharing information on the preservation of the ozone layer

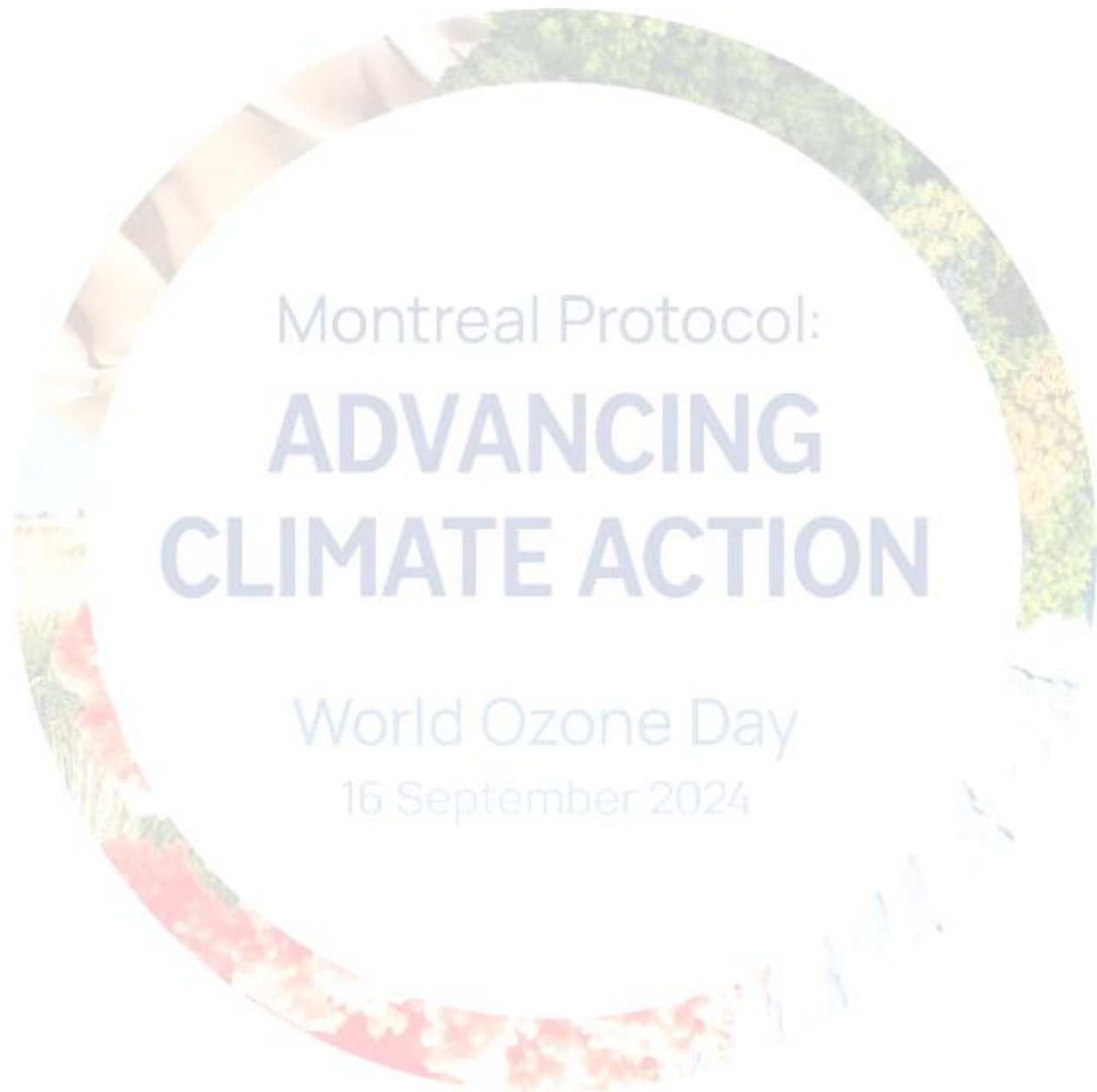
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Activity 2: The National Ozone Action Unit's Staff Sensitization Session about the importance of the ozone layer



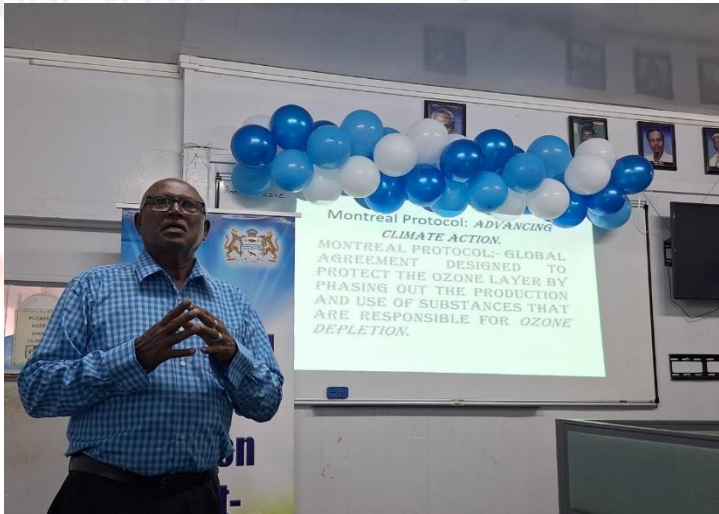
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Activity 3: Outreach at the West Demerara Secondary School



The National Ozone Action Unit in Collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency interacting with the students



The Students playing a game of Ozone Speed Search

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The students were rewarded with tokens for answering questions and active participation during the session



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Group Photo with students from the West Demerara Secondary and Patentia Secondary School

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Activity 4: Ozone Layer Preservation Exhibition



The National Ozone Officer interacting with the students during the exhibition



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Question and Answer Segment with the NOAU

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Representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency interacting with the students of St. Roses High School.



The students were given a tour of the weather instruments of the Hydrometeorological Service

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Group photo with the students of Charlestown Secondary School

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Displays from the Water Quality Lab of the Hydrometeorological Service



Displays from the Agro meteorology Section of the Hydrometeorological Service

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