

WORLD OZONE DAY IN TONGA

Country	Summary of WOD Events
TONGA	<p>The National Ozone Unit under the Department of Climate Change of MEIDECC marked the International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer with the theme “Keep Cool and Carry on,” on Friday, 14 September, 2018 at the Ministry of Customs and Revenue conference room. The opening program was attended by more than 50 Customs and Department of Climate Change Officers and started with a prayer lead by the president of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Welcoming speech was conducted by the acting CEO of Customs & Revenue. During his welcoming speech he emphasized the significance of security at the border, the point of entry of all Ozone depleting substances and other related refrigerants.</p> <p>The guest of honor of the day, Director of Climate Change Ms. Luisa Tuiafitu Malolo during the keynote address highlighted that the responsibility to protect the ozone layer and climate cannot be done by the Government alone, but through close collaboration with Customs, air-condition and refrigeration sectors in securing our Borders and safe handling/practices of refrigerants. The commemoration program proceeded with the cake ceremony lead by the Director of Climate change and the acting CEO of Customs and Revenue together with the president of the seventh day Adventist church. The first part of the program ended with the word of thanks from the Head of Ozone Depletion Division, Mr. Uikelotu Vunga, where he acknowledged the friendship and very close bond between ozone division and customs officer.</p> <p>The program finished off with a group photo and the singing of the happy birthday dear Ozone song. The event finished off with the usual annual refresher training for 20 newly recruited customs officers facilitated by designated customs and ozone officers.</p> <p>Annex:</p>



Photo: Director of the Department of Climate Change Ms. Lu'isa Tu'i'afitu Malolo, Acting Deputy CEO for Customs Mr. Sau Niulala, President of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church Rev. Saia Vea, Mr. Uikelotu Vunga from the Climate Change Department and participants from the Customs Department.