



**INTERNATIONAL OZONE DAY**  
September 16, 2017



**SEPTEMBER 14 - Visit to the State Museum of Nature, Yerevan**

The series of events dedicated to the International Ozone Day 2017 were held in various venues on 14-16 September, 2017. The first event was organized for 14 participants of the painting contest titled “The Role of the Ozone Layer in the Environment” which took place during the period of 25 March – 20 May 2017. UNIDO Country representative A. Simonyan and the National Ozone Unit team welcomed all the participants from Aregnazan school and Gasparyan Art Studio and their parents at the State Museum of Nature and presented the significance of the International Ozone Day, the importance of the ozone layer protection and other related issues. The Award ceremony of commemorative T-shirts with children’s paintings and informative notebooks was followed by the guided tour at the museum in conclusion of the event.





## **SEPTEMBER 15 – Round table and environmental training at Dendropark, Stepanavan**

The second event dedicated to the International Ozone Day 2017 was held at Dendropark, Stepanavan. The programme started with the traditional round table discussion on “Environmental Issues in Armenia” with participation of focal points of environmental conventions and other representatives from the Ministry of Nature Protection and Reserve Park Complex SNCO. Coordinator of the National Ozone Unit Ms. Liana Ghahramanyan welcomed the participants, shared the goals of the round-table discussion, highlighted the importance of this kind of meetings and wished all the participants productive discussions. Every Focal Point presented the implemented and ongoing activities in Armenia, as well as future plans trying to identify the cooperation opportunities between various environmental conventions.

The round table discussion was followed by the environmental training for around 120 children from neighboring communities. The training was delivered by the respective experts from the Ministry of Nature Protection of RA who covered such topics as the problem of ozone layer and

protection from the UV radiation, ozone and water resources, ozone and climate change, and ozone and flora, native plant life.

Along with the training there were also different platforms where students from Culture and Entertainment Center of Stepanavan were drawing plain air and performing national songs.

The event was covered by Public radio of Armenia and Erkir Media TV channel.

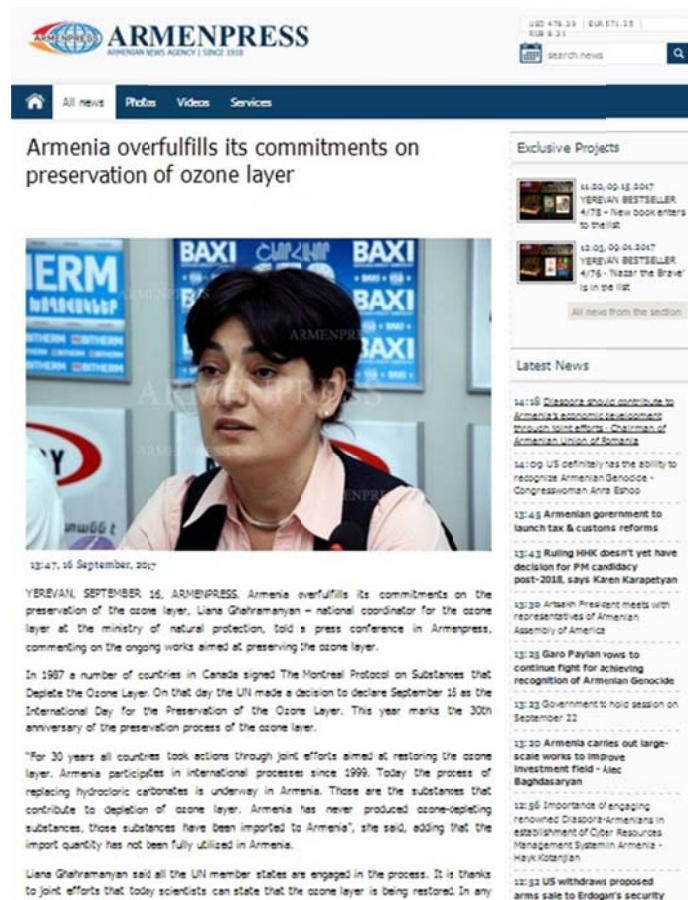




## **SEPTEMBER 16 – Graffiti drawing and Press conference, Yerevan**

The events dedicated to the celebrations of the International Ozone Day were concluded on September 16 by the press conference at the Armenpress Armenian News Agency (check the link: <https://armenpress.am/eng/news/905558/armenia-overfulfills-its-commitments-on-preservation-of-ozone-layer.html>), which was initiated by the Ministry of Nature Protection of RA, and attended by the representatives of the Ministry of Health of Armenia and Hydrometeorological Service under the Ministry of Emergency Situations. The press conference was opened by the representative of the Ministry of Nature Protection of RA Ms. Liana Ghahramanyan, who highlighted the importance of human efforts on the protection of the ozone layer as well as the effective steps taken by Armenia in that direction, and presented a short movie “Ozone Observations in Armenia” produced by the National Ozone Unit in 2017. Ms. Ghahramanyan has also announced about launching of the “RAC Videos” mobile application in Armenian which was a wonderful example of cooperation between the OzonAction, UN Environment and Armenia. She

was also very happy to announce about Armenia's photo by Lousine Torosyan to become the first prize winner in the nomination "Ozone Layer and I" in the International Photo Contest organized by UNDP Uzbekistan and other stakeholders. Further the representative of MES Hydrometeorological Service commented the screened movie and continued on the ozone measurements in Armenia. The press conference was concluded by the speech of the representative from the Ministry of Health of Armenia, who spoke about impact of the UV radiation on human health.



The press conference was covered by H2, Shant, Kentron and AR([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=il0FXitj\\_54](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=il0FXitj_54)) TV channels, as well as by Panorama.am (<https://www.panorama.am/am/news/2017/09/16/%D5%B4%D5%A5%D5%AC%D5%A1%D5%B6%D5%B8%D5%B4%D5%A1-%D5%B4%D5%A1%D5%BD%D5%B6%D5%A1%D5%A3%D5%A5%D5%BF/1835728>) 168.am (<https://168.am/2017/09/16/843739.html>) and Past.am (<https://past.agency/?p=173923&l=am>) media sites.

The second part of the day included thematic graffiti drawing with the students of State Academy of Fine Arts of Armenia on the territory of the Kindergarten N91 of Yerevan. Each student tried to reflect his/her own vision on main issues of the ozone layer depletion, its important function as the natural shield that protected from the harmful UV radiation and other aspects.





