

United Nations Development Programme



GEORGIA  
Initiation Plan

**Project Title:** Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II)  
**Reference Number:** GEO/PHA/84/PRP/41 **Implementation Modality:** NIM

**Expected UNSDCF 2021-2025/CPD 2021-2025 Outcome:**  
**UNSDCF Outcome 5/CPD Outcome 2:** By 2025, all people, without discrimination, enjoy enhanced resilience through improved environmental governance, climate action and sustainable management and use of natural resources in Georgia

**Expected CPD 2021-2025 Output:**  
**Output 2.1:** Environmental governance and institutional capacity enhanced to enable rational, equitable and sustainable use of natural/land resources, to ensure conservation of ecosystems, use of innovative and climate-friendly technologies for inclusive green economy, energy efficiency and clean energy production, and make communities more resilient to environmental shocks.

**Initiation Plan Start Date:** 01-Jan-2021  
**Initiation Plan End Date:** 30-Jun-2021  
**Implementing Partner:** Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia

**Brief Description**

As a party to the Montreal Protocol <sup>1</sup>Georgia has an obligation to phase out ozone depleting substances (ODS controlled under the Protocol) set-out in an agreed schedule. Year 2013 was assumed to be the time to freeze the baseline (2009-2010) amount of 5.21 ozone depletion potential tones (ODP tones). The subsequent reductions to 4.7 and 4.11 ODP tones had to be followed in 2015 and 2016. The next target of 2.97 ODP tones is to be reached by 2020. The ultimate 100% reduction is to be achieved in 2030.

Georgia's HCFC Phase out Management Plan (HPMP) stage I was approved by ExCom 63 in April 2011 to reduce the HCFC consumption to a sustained level of 2.97 ODP tonnes by 1 January 2020, with UNDP. Georgia follows the Montreal Protocol provisions and the Agreement with the Executive Committee. Georgia has an enforceable import/export licensing and quota system for HCFCs in place, which is operational, effective and capable of ensuring compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out provisions for HCFCs.

As part of implementation of HPMP stage 1, the following progress have been achieved: Demonstration projects for the solvents and RAC sectors by providing the modern equipment, operating on ozone-safe solvents, and refrigerants to two dry cleaning facilities/companies and one hospital (to be completed by the end of 2020) selected as a result of the sector assessment. Awareness raising activities conducted; To improve quality of provided service in refrigeration and air conditioning (RAC) sector sets of tools and devices for servicing RAC systems were purchased and provided to the local servicing companies/individuals; In order to enable the customs officers and environmental inspectors to reveal incompliances with the national legislation related to ODS, the project procured refrigerant identifiers/analyzers and handed over to the Customs Department of the Revenue Service and Environmental Supervision Department of MEPA.

There are still some levels of ODS (HCFC 22) consumption especially in RAC sector that requires monitoring. The preparatory survey for the HPMP Stage 2 is therefore designed to conduct further analysis on the consumption and trends in the servicing sector and main actors involved. The PRP shall further review the initial HPMP strategy and amend it based on the outcome of stage I. It will analyse the necessary support to be given to the RAC sector of Georgia. The expected output from this project will be the HPMP Stage 2 Strategy.

Programme Period:	2021-2025
Atlas Project number:	00104411
Atlas output ID:	00105993
Gender marker:	GEN1

Total resources required:	USD 30,000
Total allocated resources:	USD 30,000
Montreal Protocol:	USD 30,000
Unfunded budget:	_____
In-kind Contributions	_____

**Agreed by MEPA:**  
 Levan Davitashvili  
 Minister of Environment Protection and Agriculture

**Agreed by UNDP:**  
 Louisa Vinton  
 Resident Representative

**Date:**

**Date:** 09-Oct-2020



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## I. PURPOSE AND EXPECTED OUTPUT

The purpose of this project is to conduct surveys and assessment for the collection of relevant data needed for strategizing of HPMP Stage 2. Georgia only has HCFC-22 (R-22) consumption in its servicing sector. In the Stage 2, R-22 consumption and trends in the servicing sector and the main actors involved will be assessed and analyzed. Regulatory and institutional framework will be reviewed and amended to further improve the ground for complying with the set reduction target for 2030. The initial HPMP strategy will be revisited and revised based on the outcome of Stage 1. An analysis of the specific phase-out targets by substance will be conducted, in order to meet upcoming obligations.

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## II. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The initiation plan will be implemented using the National Implementation Modality and in-line with the UNDP Programme and Operating policies and procedures. The Country Office will however work in close cooperation with the National Ozone Unit (NOU) of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (MEPA), which will play an active role in the project implementation and identifying and reaching out to stakeholders. The NOU in collaboration with other national stakeholders will ensure that adequate data is collected and assessed through wide engagement of stakeholders to inform for decision-making on Georgia's HPMP 2.

Human resources of each counterpart involved in the project will be efficiently utilized. This will not only result in reduced implementation costs but will also enhance the national capacity to manage Georgia's HPMP.

UNDP through its Country Office will provide technical and administrative support to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of implementation of the project to ensure compliance with the Montreal Protocol requirements.

The outputs of this project will be reviewed by the wide range of stakeholders including the MEPA, and other key Government institutions as well as NGO's, sector professional, etc.

Consultants will be recruited to conduct surveys, interviews and consultations with key stakeholders (importers, wholesalers, service workshops, end-users, technology providers, training institutes, RAC and professional associations, NGOs, relevant governmental bodies) and to draft the HPMP stage II Strategy.

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## III. MONITORING

Project monitoring and evaluation will be conducted in accordance with established UNDP procedures and will be provided by the project team and the UNDP CO with the support from the MEPA NOU. This will allow parties to take stock and to troubleshoot any problems pertaining to the project timely to ensure smooth implementation of project activities.

### End of Project

During the last three months, the project team will prepare the Initiation Phase Report. This report will summarize the results achieved (objectives, outcomes, outputs), lessons learned, constraints met and areas where results may not have been achieved. It will also lay out recommendations for any further steps that may need to be conducted to ensure sustainability and replicability of the HPMP Stage 2 project's results.

## IV. WORKPLAN: January 2021 – June 2021

Project Target: Development a strategy for the HPMP Stage 2

Project Baseline: HPMP Stage 1 strategy results

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
Activity 1 - preparation of HPMP Stage II	Undertake survey works for data gathering	\$5,000	\$5,000			UNDP	MLF	National consultants 71300 -	\$10,000
	Provision of technical support and updating of overall strategy for Stage 2 as well as specific strategy for the Servicing sector		\$10,000			UNDP	MLF	International consultant 71200 -	\$10,000
	Stakeholders' meetings	\$2,500	\$2,500			UNDP	MLF	Trainings and workshops 75700 -	\$5,000
	Reporting and monitoring	\$2,500	\$2,500			UNDP	MLF	Service Contracts Individuals 71400 -	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>									<b>\$30,000</b>