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## Minutes of the Coordinating Committee Meeting for the Implementation of Montreal Protocol in Sri Lanka

Please find annexed hereto, the minutes of the above meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at the "Saptha Parisara Mandapaya" of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Battaramulla.

Forwarded for information and further action please.

  
G.M.J.K. Gunawardana

Senior Assistant Secretary/ Director (NOU)  
for Secretary

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**Minutes of the Coordinating Committee Meeting for the  
Implementation of Montreal Protocol in Sri Lanka**

**National Ozone Unit,  
Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment (M/MD & Env.,)**

**Date and Time : 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 11.00 am**

**Venue : "Saptha Parisara Mandapaya", Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment**

**Present:**

Mr. R. A. R. Rupasinghe, Additional Secretary, M/ Mahaweli Development & Environment  
Mr. Gamini Gamage, Additional Secretary (Environment), M/MD & Env.,  
Mr. Asitha K. Senevirathne, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Industry & Commerce  
Mr. G.M.J.K. Gunawardana, Senior Assistant Secretary/ Director (NOU), M/ MD & Env.,  
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Ms. Dhanushki Abeyratne, Program Analyst, UNDP  
Ms. Rupika Bakmeedeniya, EMO (NOU), M/MD & Env.,  
Ms. Ramya Wickramasinghe, Admin. & IT Officer (NOU), M/MD & Env.,  
Mr M.G.M. Prassana, Program Assistant (NOU), M/MD & Env.,  
Ms. Roshani Athukorala, Program Assistant (NOU), M/MD & Env.,

Mr. Dilan Kulandarachchi, Development Officer (NOU), M/MD & Env.,  
Ms. Prabhashi Samaraweera, Development Officer (NOU), M/MD & Env.,

**Excused:**

Mr. N.K.G.K. Nemmawatte, Additional Secretary (Natural Resources), M/ MD & Env  
Mr Ajith Silva, Director (Policy Planning), M/MD & Env.,  
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Mr. R. A. R. R. Rupasinghe, Additional Secretary (Administrative and Environment Promotion) of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment (M/MD & Env.,) informed the Committee that the Secretary to the M/ MD and Env., was unable to attend to the Committee meeting due to unavoidable circumstances. Mr. Rupasinghe chaired and welcomed the members of the Coordinating Committee who were present at the meeting. He further explained the importance of the conducting Coordinating Committee and main objectives of convening the meeting. According to the Agenda item, he invited Mr. G.M.J.K. Gunawardana, Senior Assistant Secretary/ Director, National Ozone Unit (NOU) to make presentation on NOU activities during 2014 and planned activities for 2015.

Mr. G.M.J.K. Gunawardana, Senior Assistant Secretary/ Director, National Ozone Unit (NOU) thanked members for accepting the invitation and for attending for this first CC meeting of 2015. He briefed the Committee on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer because new members from several institutions were present. Subsequently, he continued with presentation beginning with the physical & financial progress of activities that have been carried out in last year under the main projects. He specially mentioned that the celebrating of International Ozone Day (IOD) 2014 was a special, because NOU commemorated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Points discussed as follows;

- **Network Meeting for South Asia Ozone Managers**

This was held in Colombo last year, and that meeting was focused on progress and issues of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) Phase out program in the Region. In that situation, he specially thanked to Department of Customs because they arranged a grand welcome to the visitors and provided a rare opportunity for South Asia Ozone Managers to observe the warehouses and learn about ASCUDA database system. In addition to the above activities, awareness creation programs have been conducted and organized field visit to the industry and law enforcement institution etc., He further

stated that the UNEP regional offices gave technical and financial support for successful conduct of Network Meeting in Colombo. He thanked NOU staff for their commitment.

- **Approved budget and scheduled activities under IS Project, HPMP (UNDP) and HPMP (UNEP) for the year 2015**

Conducting awareness workshops for different target groups, ODS data reporting to the Ozone Secretariat and Multilateral Fund, conducting Coordinating Committee meetings for obtaining policy related decisions, producing awareness creation materials and celebration of International Ozone Day are some of activities that have been planned to be done under IS Phase X within this year.

Conducting Introductory Workshop and hope to retrofit 100 units Residential A/C and 10 units Commercial A/C have been planned to be completed under HPMP – UNDP and, preparation and printing of AC/ Ref. Technicians Training Curricular, printing of awareness materials, maintaining online monitoring system and conducting 4 workshops for Industry Associations to be done under HPMP- UNEP.

- **Issuance of Quota for HCFC import**

Mr. Gunawardana mentioned that the HCFC quota for 2014 and 2015 separately. He explained that the total allocated quota for 2014 was 13.9 ODP Mt. and amount of quota utilized was 13.84 ODP Mt. He further mentioned that the 2015, HCFC quota will be reduced for 10% than 2014. Accordingly, allocated quota for 2015 is 12.51 ODP Mt. and that was distributed to 16 eligible importers as per Montreal Protocol. The quota distribution ceremony was held at the “Saptha Parisiara Mandapaya”, Ministry of Environment on 12<sup>th</sup> December in 2014.

Mr. Asitha Seneviratne, Additional Secretary from Ministry of Industries inquired about “Are there any criteria for distribution of quota?” Mr. Gunawardana explained that the eligible importers were selected according to their import capacities of HCFCs from year 2009 to mid-2012. After that quota for each importer was calculated as per the Montreal Protocol.

- **Awareness creation**

He further mentioned that this year is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vienna Convention and hence the Ozone Secretariat have requested from all the Parties of the Montreal Protocol to organize awareness activities for celebrating this year IOD accordingly.

In this context, NOU of the M/ MD & Env't., has planned to conduct 9 awareness programs for AC Ref. Service Sector, Teaching Instructors, Government Officials, Students, Journalists and Ship Building and Ship Repair Sector under IS Project.

## **Special Matters discussed at the Meeting**

### **1. Proposed HFC Survey**

Mr. Gunawardana explained the Committee on proposed HFC Survey. Sri Lanka replaced CFC with HFC for most of the applications and in recent years, there has been a significant increase in HFC demand due to growth in emerging markets such as leisure industry and garments industry. HFC demand and consumption cannot be accurately calculated like HCFCs, because import of HFCs is not strictly monitored, not restricted and specific regulations to control have not yet been imposed in Sri Lanka. It doesn't act as an ozone depleting substance, but it seriously contributes to global warming.

In order to ascertain the exact situation, a survey on HFCs in appliances and in use in the country will be commenced in March with the financial assistance granted by the US government through UNDP. A report will be submitted at the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) meeting has scheduled to be held in April 2015 and the final report will be ready at the end of June 2015. NOU of this Ministry hopes to get actual HFCs usage amount by discussing with all relevant parties specially with Divisional Secretaries.

### **2. Status of Methyl Bromide (MeBr) Consumption**

Mr. Gunawardana mentioned that as per the Montreal Protocol, Sri Lanka can be used MeBr only for QPS applications, So office of the Registrar of Pesticide issue recommendations for importing MeBr only for eligible importers as per the Montreal Protocol. MeBr was earlier used as a fumigant in Sri Lanka for protecting grains from pests and highly usage in tea nurseries, but after 2008, MeBr was used only for quarantine and pre shipment purposes.

Mr. Gunawardana requested to the relevant institutions to provide information on the fumigants used by them for fumigation purposes specially by the National Plant Quarantine Services (NPQS) and Lanka Sathosa. Mr. Paskaran, Director of the Department of Customs suggested to conduct a meeting with respective stakeholders to discuss the issues regarding MeBr. Mr. Gunawardana agreed to his suggestion and he further informed that the investigations should be started for tea sector within this year. Representatives from relevant institutions were agreed to provide information regarding that to the NOU.

### **3. Import Control of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODSs)**

Department of Customs emphasized that Sri Lanka Customs will strictly adhere to the control measures and would extend their fullest cooperation to control the illegal imports of ODSs.

Representative from Board of Investment (BOI) was informed that banned substances like HCFC 141 b are further used by some foam production companies yet and she agreed to search and inform to them via BOI also.

### **4. UV Monitoring**

Mr. Gunawardana stated that the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has gifted an UV Monitoring Station to Sri Lanka. It is being calibrated in Germany at the moment and will be delivered to Sri Lanka in August. He further explained that the importance of establishing that station here and hope to install that unit at the Department of Meteorology or one of State Universities facilitating to do research.

Mrs. Malarmathy Gangatharan, Additional Director General from National Planning Department inquired about why we can buy brand new equipment and why reconditioned one to Sri Lanka.

In addition to the above, NOU has decided to prepare training curricular for technicians within this year. Therefore, NOU hopes to conduct meetings with Technical Colleges and get their views and ideas to improve it. Technical support will be provided by UNEP.

There being no other business, Additional Secretary (Admin. & Environment Promotion) again thanked to the members who were present and the meeting was terminated.





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**Coordinating Committee Meeting for the Implementation of the  
Montreal Protocol in Sri Lanka**

**27 August 2015, 10.00 am  
"Saptha Parisara Mandapaya"  
State Ministry of Environment**

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Mr. Vajira Narampanawa, Secretary, State Ministry of Environment*

**2. Objectives of the Meeting & Presentation on Following Topics**

*Mr. G.M.J.K. Gunawardana, Senior Assistant Secretary / Director (NOU),  
State Ministry of Environment*

- **Montreal Protocol and Sri Lanka's Commitments**
- **Ongoing Main Projects Implemented by National Ozone Unit (NOU)**
- **Progress of Projects during January to July – 2015**
- **Planned activities for the rest of the period (August to December)**
- **Budget revisions and rephrasing of unutilized funds in all projects**

**3. Special matters to be discussed**

- **Planned activities and budget lines allocation for celebration of International Ozone Day (IOD) – 16 September 2015**
- **Commissioning of Reclamation Centers**  
*(Decide rate for 1kg of reclaim refrigerant, Rate for hiring of recovery equipment and accessories for 1 week, Report of progress to NOU and Payment for duty officers)*
- **Progress of development of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Curriculum for Technical and Vocational Training**
- **Establish UV Monitoring Station**
- **Distribution of Quota 2015**
- **Status of HFC Survey**
- **Online Monitoring System for the ODS import control**
- **Possibility of including Ozone Friendly Tea Logo to the sports wears of the Sri Lankan Cricket Team**
- **Status of Methyl Bromide (MeBr) Consumption in QPS**

**4. Any other matters**

**5. Summing up and Conclusion**



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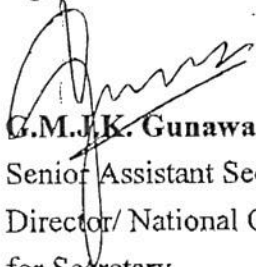
Coordinating Committee Meeting for the Implementation of  
the Montreal Protocol in Sri Lanka

As you are aware, the National Ozone Unit (NOU) of the State Ministry of Environment is responsible for the implementation of the Montreal Protocol in Sri Lanka.

The first Coordinating Committee meeting of the year 2015 was held on 12 February 2015 at the "Sapatha Parisara Mandapaya" Conference Room, of the State Ministry of Environment, Battaramulla to discuss and obtain concurrences on the matters related activities planned for 2015.

The next Coordinating Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 10.00 am at the same place to discuss the future programs and matters related to International Ozone Day (IOD) 2015 celebration.

We cordially invite you for this important meeting and appreciate your presence and valuable inputs in this regard.

  
G.M.J.K. Gunawardana  
Senior Assistant Secretary  
Director/ National Ozone Unit  
for Secretary

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விலங்குகளுக்கும். ஏனைய உயிரினத்து விலங்குகளுக்கும் சொந்தமானது."  
"This great earth and the flora on it equally belong to the man and the birds flying in the sky, the quadrupeds and all creatures living on earth"

