

Activities by Parties for the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 16th September 2003

Bulgaria

- **Round table discussion;** Organizer: Ministry of Environment and Water /moEW/ and Executive Environment Agency /ExEA/.

Topics: "MOEW policy and measures as regard the obligations to the Montreal Protocol", "The ozone in the terrestrial atmosphere", "Refrigerator equipment and protection of the ozone layer. Possible alternatives", "Measures for limiting of the methyl bromide use", "Impact of the ultraviolet radiation on the human health. Measures as regard the protection of the human health", Report film on ozone layer protection.

Participants from the Ministry of Environment and Water, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Institute for refrigerator and air-conditioning equipment, National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology, students and journalists will attend the roundtable discussion.

- **National competition for child's drawing** on topic "Save our sky" will be organized. The drawings will be evaluated by a hanging-committee constituted from experts of the Ministry of **Environment** and Water and the Ministry of Education and Science. The participants with the best achievements will be given encouraging awards.
- **Book "twenty questions and answers as regard the ozone layer"** will be translated into Bulgarian language and published in 1000 copies which will be given as an award to pupils, students and journalists attended the activities initiated on occasion the International Day for the preservation of the ozone layer.
- **Celebration of the International Day for the preservation of the ozone layer in Bulgarian schools.** Laboratory experiments showing the ozone layer depletion caused by the pollution of the environment will be carried out and a discussion with the students who made the tests will be held.

Kenya

- The event will take place at the Parklands Sports club, Nairobi.
- The attendants include school children, industrialists, relevant government sectors, UN Agencies' representatives, public universities and other teaching institutions.
- Children from the Aga Khan Pre-Primary will recite poems signifying the importance of protecting the Ozone Layer.
- Speeches by Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Wildlife, and representatives from the Ozone Secretariat, UNEP, UNIDO and UNDP.

Maldives

- A survey is being conducted in all the islands and all the hotels and resort to identify equipment using ODS. Local houses that do not use any equipment using ODS will be awarded a sticker indicating that the house is ODS free, same goes to resort and hotels. The survey started on the 11 September 2003.
- A pledge will be made by all the schools to make Maldives ODS free country. The pledge will be made in all the islands in Ari atoll on 16 September 2003.
- Inter-school quiz competition on ozone layer will be held at the capital of Ari atoll on the 17 September 2003

- A workshop to raise awareness of the people of Ari atoll and all the stake holders will be held on 18 September 2003.
- The official ceremony to mark the ozone day will be held on the night of 18 September 2003 at the Capital of Ari atoll. The chief guest of the ceremony will be a minister and number of high level representatives including deputy minister level officials. During the ceremony a booklet containing 50 frequently asked questions in Maldivian language and a leaflet on "tourism industry can help to protect the ozone layer" will be released. Also certificates and prizes will be awarded to the winners of quiz competition and certificates will be awarded for the participants of the Workshop. An official banquet and a stage show will be held to mark the occasion. The whole Capital island and the atoll people are at the moment engaged in the celebrations and preparations.
- All the school in Male and Maldives will be celebrating the Ozone Day with special assemblies, essay writing competition, quiz and poster drawing competition. The ozone office is fully engaged with them and giving all the necessary

Mali

- Statement by the Minister of the Environment on the National Television.
- Press conference by the Coordinator of the Ozone office at Bamako.
- Video cassette show on the Ozone Layer all over Mali.

Namibia

- A public address by the honorable Minister of Trade and Industry at on local school.
- Posters distribution to the public.
- A video broadcasting on our state radio TV.

Sri Lanka

- Organization of a main event involving about 1500 attendants including students, youths, refrigeration technicians and professionals. Hon Minister of Environment and Natural Resources is also expected to be present at the event.
- Televising programmes on ozone layer protection issues. Two videos are being prepared for the Ozone Day with involvement of UNEP's OzonAction Programme and are expected to be made available to the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. Ministry may organize to televise these on the Ozone Day. In addition, one programme may be produced by Sri Lanka in local language to be televised on the Ozone Day.
- Organization of radio discussions on the protection of the ozone layer.
- Newspaper supplements on the ozone layer protection and Sri Lanka's activities on the issue will be prepared and distributed.
- Posters and banners will be prepared and displayed at various sites, including at the venue of the main event, schools, government offices, etc.
- Making of T-shirts with ozone day messages printed on them and distributing them at the main event and other places as appropriate.
- Organization of activities with the youth council of the government. Activities to be decided and organized in cooperation with the youth council.

Turkey

- On this occasion the government of Turkey is planning to organize a panel on 16-17 September 2003 in Istanbul where themes such as the current state of the Ozone Layer and Ozone-depleting substances, protection of children from the adverse effects of UV radiation and full compliance with the Montreal Protocol will be highlighted and discussed in depth.

- The aim of this panel will be to focus attention and action, as well as raise awareness of the public opinion on the protection of the Ozone Layer and its outcome will be shared with the Secretariat.

Uruguay

11th Sept 2003

- Seminar to demonstrate the use of HCFCs.

13th Sept. 2003

- Video show for school children.
- Theatre performance
- Introduction to an educative booklet on the Ozone Layer history

16th Sept. 2003

- Trip for children to Salto city where video "The Ozone Layer, Adventure Full of Life" will be screened
- Press, Radio and TV transmission all over the country on Ozone friendly production