

WORLD OZONE DAY 2018

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Country	Summary of WOD Events
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	<p>The Conservation and Environment Protection Authority of Papua New Guinea (CEPA) celebrated this year's Ozone Day with 2 major activities under national theme: <i>CONSERVATIVE COOLING FOR A SUSTAINABLE PNG!</i> The first was the Ozone Day Fact of the Day radio text in competition. It aimed at providing awareness to the general public. There were 2 giveaways of K50 Digicel phone credits (main mobile telecommunication company) each day. For each giveaway an Ozone fact (statement) was read on air and the general public was urged to listen carefully and take note of the statement which would be followed by a question. Whoever was the first to text in the correct answer would win the credits. This competition was done in partnership with the PNG's National Broadcasting Commission youth radio station, <i>Tribe FM</i>. The competition ran for 2 weeks from the 3rd of September to the 14th of September. For this year there was much more participation from the outer centers of PNG unlike previous years.</p> <p>The second activity tried to raise awareness within the RAC industry targeting technicians. It was an RAC Trade Technical Skills Challenge held on the 22nd of September 2018 (16th September is PNG Independence Day) in Port Moresby. In all our efforts RAC Technicians have a vital role, as they are the people that handle refrigerants on a day to day basis. Their awareness and involvement is very important. The challenge highlighted good/best practices when servicing RAC equipment. RAC companies and Technical Institutes were invited to participate in the 3-category challenge. 1) Installation of a split A/C unit., 2. Decommissioning of the split A/C and 3) Brazing Techniques. An expert technical judging panel was put together to verify competition details before and during the comp. This year's competition saw 6 participating teams, 4 RAC companies and 2 Technical Institutes.</p> <p>Also, for this year the competition was significant as the event saw the presentation of <i>10,000 USD</i> to the newly established <i>Papua New Guinea Refrigeration Association (PNG RACA)</i>. The PNG RACA, incorporated in November 2017, is comprised of local RAC industry members. It was established mainly to assist CEPA in implementation of the PNG Environment ODS Regulations through a working agreement. The 10,000 USD is tied to a contract with CEPA and implementing partner GIZ Proklima that should assist the Association in setting up its operation.</p> <p>Industry assisted with sponsoring of refreshments and the first prize award of PGK1,000. Winners of the competition are as follow: 1st prize (PGK1,000) -Brian Bell Home Centers, 2nd prize (K800)-South Pacific Air Conditioning Ltd and 3rd prize (K600)- Daikin Ltd. Other teams received consolation cinema movie passes. Participants included CEPA staff, RAC industry members, PNG RACA board members, Climate Change Development Authority Officers, Department of Works, Technical Institute Staff and students and, majority Media companies (EMTV, TVWAN, Post Courier, The National Newspaper, NBC TV). The day was very successful as well as the media stories the following days. We hope to make this an annual event to commemorate World Ozone day and make it bigger and better as we go.</p> <p>Appendix 1</p>

Pictures of the Technical Skills Challenge.



Figure 1: Guest Speakers Climate Change Development Authority representative, Larsen Dabayon (Left), PNGRACA Secretary/ Service manager PNG Cool Air Ltd, Alan Swan (right) addressing the audience during opening.



Figure 2: Presentation of dummy cheque, USD10,000 to PNGRACA President/Project Manager South Pacific Air Conditioning Ltd, Daniel Geoghegan by Director for Environment Protection of the Renewable Recourse sector, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority, Luke Tanikrey.



Figure 3: Members of the PNGRACA board having a casual chat before start of competition.



Figure 4: This picture shows the setup of the Challenge. On the Left participants and audience are seated, awaiting opening. On the left shows set up of participating teams prior to start.



Figure 5: Industry Teams South Pacific Air-conditioning (Left) and ABCO PNG Ltd (right) in action during the installation category of the competition.