

World Ozone Day – Timor Leste

The National Ozone Unit of the National Directorate for Climate Change (NDCC), Ministry of Coordination of Economic Affairs organized an event to celebrate the 2018 World Ozone Day in Dili, Timor Leste on 17 September 2018. This one-day event was attended by 80 participants from local stakeholders from different ministries, Customs Department, vocational schools, skill and competency institutions, importers of refrigerant and equipment, servicing workshops, universities and national media. It is noted that new stakeholders e.g. the National Directorate for Renewable Energy as a focal of energy efficiency aspects also attended the event.

The event was organized following the 2018 theme “**Keep Cool and Carry On - The Montreal Protocol**” and comprised of the following session.

- **Opening Session:** Following opening jointly delivered by the Director of the National Directorate for Climate Change and UN Environment, message from UN Secretary-General, video message from Executive Director of UN Environment and video: Be Cool and Save the Ozone Layer were presented to the audience.
- **Presentation and Plenary Discussion:** UN Environment made a presentation on the “Kigali Amendment: Challenges and Opportunities for Timor Leste”. The National Ozone Unit presented “Readiness for HFC Phase-down in Timor Leste: Lesson Learned from HCFC Phase-out” to provide country perspective. UN Environment also facilitated the plenary discussion in which audiences provided a number of useful feedbacks and comments related to implementation of the Kigali Amendment.
- **Display and Exhibition:** The National Ozone Unit displayed (i) servicing tools required for good practices and (ii) refrigerant identifier for customs inspection. The lower GWP air-conditioners were also displayed in the event to outreach licensing system, customs control and availability of energy efficient air-conditioners using lower GWP refrigerant in the country.
- **Student Quiz:** For the last session, the National Ozone Unit organized a students’ quiz to ask questions based on information provided in the presentations and the exhibition.

At the end of the event, the following were concluded

- Timor Leste commits to the ratification of the Kigali Amendment and called for UN Environment to support in the ratification of the Kigali Amendment. Stakeholders will support the National Ozone Unit in the ratification and implementation of the Kigali Amendment.
- As country is implementing HPMP and will have to control HFC in the future, there is need to coordinate HCFC phase out and HFC phase down to synchronize the activities.
- There is high potential to link HFC phase-down with energy efficiency. The adoption of low GWP alternative could foster the adoption of high energy efficient air-conditioning equipment.
- It is essential to regulate the servicing sector through the certification programme (through existing framework) and to include training of safety in the training curriculum to address flammability concern.
- There is need to explore other regulatory measures, in addition to the licensing system and certification system to support HFC phase-down.