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UNEP-USEPA organise first Workshop on Promoting Public Procurement of Climate Friendly Alternatives to HFCs in Asia Pacific



Goyang City, 13 March 2015 - In order to foster a dialogue between public procurers and ozone agencies in Asia Pacific, and to build their capacity to integrate alternatives to high-GWP HFCs into public procurement activities, USEPA and UNEP organised a one-day workshop in Goyang, Republic of Korea (13 March), back-to-back with the Ozone2Climate Technology Roadshow and Industry Roundtable and the Joint Thematic Meeting of the South Asia and South East Asia Ozone Officers networks.

The workshop, the first of its kind, was organised by UNEP OzonAction in partnership with USEPA under the UNEP-USEPA grant partnership project. The objective of the workshop was to enhance the understanding of National Ozone and Procurement Officers of the Asia Pacific region on the opportunities of using government/public sector's substantial purchasing power as an effective policy instrument to promote ozone and climate friendly alternative technologies.

National Ozone Officers from 25 countries and National Procurement Officers from 17 countries of Asia Pacific region attended the workshop. The workshop provided information to the Ozone and Procurement Officers on Montreal Protocol and Green Procurement programmes of the region and highlighted the best practices. The workshop had an interactive format with emphasis on group discussions of Ozone and Procurement Officers from the region. The workshop also facilitated institutional stakeholders' coordination between Ozone and Procurement Officers for working on a common objective to encourage public procurement of zero-ODP and low-GWP alternatives to HFCs.



The workshop was supported by the European Commission, GIZ, Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute, UNEP Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) branch, USEPA, UNDP, UNIDO, World Bank and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC).

The workshop resulted in a series of recommendations for promoting lower-GWP alternative technologies through public procurement. The participants agreed that such a workshop was critical to build and establish institutional networks for promoting public procurement of alternatives to high-GWP HFCs in Asia and the Pacific Region.

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