

MALDIVES PARTICIPATES IN THE TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE PARTIES (22 MOP) TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

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The Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties (MOP-22) to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone layer took place in Bangkok, Thailand from 8-12 November 2010. The meeting was attended by over 400 participants from member countries, UN agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, academia, industry and the agricultural sector.

Mop-22 opened with a preparatory segment from

Monday to Wednesday, 8-10 November, which addressed the MOP's substantive agenda items and related draft decisions. This was followed by a high-level segment on Thursday and Friday, 11-12 November 2010. The high-level segment adopted the decisions forwarded to it by the preparatory segment.

Mop-22 adopted 16 substantive and several procedural decisions, including on: the terms of reference (ToR) for the Technical and Economic Assessment Panel study on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund; the ToR for the evaluation of the financial mechanism; assessment of technologies for ozone-depleting substances (ODS) destruction; budget; and data and compliance issues. MOP-22 was not able to make progress on low-global warming potential alternatives, or ODS destruction, which many delegates said were issues key to the long-term future of the protocol. Although the draft decisions to amend the Montreal Protocol to include the hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) were not successful, their proponents remained committed to addressing HFCs through the Montreal Protocol in the future.

Maldives delegation includes Minister of State Mr. Akram Kamaludeen, Permanent Secretary Mr. Ahmed Saleem, Director General Mr. Mohamed Zuhair and Assistant Director, Miruzza Mohamed. Speaking at the high-level segment, Minister of State called for financial support for climate co-benefit activities from Multilateral Fund under the Montreal Protocol and Vienna Convention.



Maldives delegation also held meetings with UNEP and GTZ regarding the upcoming Technology fair in Maldives. The outcome of these meetings includes an Exchange of Letters between the Government of Maldives, GTZ and UNEP on providing non-ODS, low-GWP air-conditioning systems to the Maldives to support the pledge of the Government of Maldives to become carbon neutral by 2020. The assistance will be provided via implementation of a pilot Air Conditioning programme in Maldives. The technology will be implemented, with zero ozone depletion potential and extremely low-GWP, derived from a demonstration

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project funded by the German Ministry of Environment and policy and technical assistance provided by UNEP. GTZ and UNEP offer to enter a longer-term cooperation to establish a show and business case that can be replicated in other countries.



Meeting with Mr. Bernhard Siegele Deputy Program Manager/GTZ Proklima, Ms Stephanie, Overseas Sales Manager Zheng/Gree, Ms Linda Ederberg, Communications Manager/Proklima, Mr. Atul Bagai, Senior Regional Coordinator/UNEP, CAP



Meeting with Mr. Bernhard Siegele, Deputy Program Manager of GTZ and Mr. Atul Bagai, Senior Regional Coordinator/UNEP

Exchange of letters was signed by Dr. Young-Woo Park, Regional Director and Representative of UNEP ROAP, Mr. Bernhard Siegele, Deputy Program Manager of GTZ, and Mr. Akram Kamaludeen, Minister of State for Housing and Environment of the Maldives at the UNEP Regional Office for Asia Pacific in Bangkok on November 12, 2010.



During the Inauguration Minister of State stated that it was timely that this was happening at an important juncture, where Meeting of the Parties was taking place in Bangkok, where partnerships were being sought to realize national pledges and international commitments and he is looking forward for an early realization and implementation of this initiative and to showcasing this new technology in air-conditioning, so that other countries could also follow the example led by the Maldives.




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