

Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Ozone2Climate meeting with Montreal Protocol officers and RAC associations / experts and participation in the 50th International HVAC&R Congress and Exhibition in Belgrade, Serbia, 4-6 December 2019

This meeting is organised by the Regional Montreal Protocol Network for Europe and Central Asia (ECA network) of UNEP Law Division's OzonAction Programme in cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia, the national HVAC&R Association SMEITS / KGH and UNDP Serbia.

It is part of the Regional Network service that OzonAction's Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) provides to Article 5 (developing) countries as part of its role as an Implementing Agency of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol.

Background

The ECA network has longstanding cooperation with Serbia's national refrigeration and air-conditioning (RAC) association SMEITS / KGH and has organized technology roundtables and exhibition booths as part of Serbia's HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) for many years. In 2019, it is the 50th annual International HVAC&R Congress and Exhibition organized by SMEITS / KGH and UNEP has been selected to be awarded for the longstanding support and cooperation provided. The link to the congress website is: <http://kgh-kongres.rs/index.php/en/> .

This event is therefore a welcome opportunity to allow Montreal Protocol officers and representatives of RAC associations / experts from the ECA region to participate in the International HVAC&R Congress and Exhibition organized by SMEITS / KGH and the technology roundtable organized by ECA OzonAction.

Objectives

Participants will be acquainted with latest ozone- and climate-friendly technologies and attend the Ozone2Climate technology roundtable which is organized by UNEP as part of Serbia's HCFC phase-out management plan (awareness component). They will have the opportunity to discuss recent technology developments and the relevance of energy-efficiency of RAC equipment for climate protection and the Kigali Amendment implementation. The objective of the ECA meeting and the technology roundtable is to help the Montreal Protocol officers to take informed decisions when setting policies and developing HCFC phase-out and HFC phase-down strategies. The participants will have opportunities to strengthen their networks with international RAC experts and among Montreal Protocol officers and representatives of RAC associations.

Expected outputs and impact

- Enhanced awareness of latest technology developments in the RAC sector and in particular climate-friendly and energy-efficient technologies

- Exchange of lessons learned from HPMP implementation and views on Kigali Amendment implementation
- Taking informed decisions when setting policies and developing HCFC phase-out and HFC phase-down strategies
- Strengthened networking with international RAC experts and among Montreal Protocol offers and representatives of RAC associations.

Venue

50th International HVAC&R Congress and Exhibition, SAVA Centar, Belgrade, Serbia, 4-6 December 2019