

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### 2004 MAIN MEETING OF ODS OFFICERS FOR WEST ASIA NETWORK 2-5 JUNE 2004, BEIRUT - LEBANON

The participants of the annual Main Meeting of ODS Officers for West Asia Network extend their thanks and appreciation to the Republic of Lebanon, represented by the Ministry of Environment and especially the National Ozone Unit, for their hospitality and excellent organization, which reflects the high competency of the National Ozone Unit.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCLUDED BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THIS MEETING:

1. With regards to the requirements of the region, the ODS officers emphasized their need for assistance in the following areas:
  - Halon Management, alternatives & their uses and national capacity building, especially in regards to National & Regional Halon Banks.
  - Policy, legislations, strategies and application of compliance programmes.
  - Methyl Bromide, its alternatives and transfer of technology to the countries of the region.
  - Uses and technologies of HCFCs.

Based on this, the participants recommend the following:

- (a) Appoint a Halon Officer for a period of one year, after which, the needs of the region will be reassessed in the areas mentioned above during the next main network meeting.
  - (b) Request CAP to follow up on adding a new post of policy officer for Compliance Assistance to cover future needs of the countries in the region.
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2. Member countries recommend to raise the level of cooperation and coordination amongst them in exchanging information and expertise, as well as organizing field visits to study ongoing and completed projects in order to learn from success stories and familiarize themselves with challenges and difficulties of project implementation, including necessary steps to overcome difficulties.
  3. CAP is requested to actively involve the region's countries in preparing future business plans, the Logical Framework Analysis (LFA) and country-by-country reports. Accordingly, CAP is also requested to allocate dedicated discussion sessions during future Network Meetings to discuss these reports.
  4. West Asia Countries are requested to review proposed CAP's business plan for 2004-2005 that was presented during the meeting and submit their final comments and proposals no later than end of June 2004.
  5. CAP, in coordination with Implementing Agencies, is to provide the necessary assistance to countries that are in current or potential non-compliance upon their request in order to prepare compliance plan of action in line with the Implementation Committee recommendations.

6. Countries that need to revise their baseline data or those that need to select one of the options (option 1 or option 2) for their consumption of controlled substances, are requested to coordinate with the regional network, the implementing agencies and regional representatives in the concerned committee, to provide guidance in correcting their data in accordance with the methodology approved during the 15<sup>th</sup> MOP Decision XV/19 and 35<sup>th</sup> ExCom of MLF meeting Decision 35/37 (attached to these recommendations).
7. Countries are requested to consider the attached checklist, prepared by CAP (which describes ODS legislation components), when preparing or updating their national legislation regarding monitor and control of ODS.
8. CAP is requested to follow-up with countries that have free-trade zones in order to review and explore the possibility of incorporating ODS control and monitor measures in the management of these zones.
9. CAP is requested to coordinate with League of Arab States (LAS) in cooperation in the areas of regional legislation, intra-regional trade and awareness programmes.
10. CAP is requested to follow-up with countries producing regional awareness programmes, to take practical and effective steps in ensuring fast distribution of produced materials. Member countries are requested to submit their feedback regarding the effectiveness of these programmes to the regional network.
11. Countries are requested to submit their views and proposals regarding 2004 Regional Awareness Programme to CAP no later than end of June 2004.
12. CAP is requested to prepare a working paper on the recovery & recycling projects effectiveness, outlining guidelines for implementing these projects. This paper is to be presented during the next Network Follow-up Meeting at the end of 2004.