Institutional Strengthening Project

Background

The main objective of the Institutional Strengthening (IS) project is to provide necessary resources to enable Article-5 Countries (developing countries) to strengthen a mechanism within the country to facilitate expeditious implementation of projects for speedy and effective phase-out of the controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol as well as to ensure the effective liaison between the country on the one hand, and the Executive Committee (Ex-Com), the Multilateral Fund (MLF) Secretariat, and the Implementing Agencies on the other. India, being an Article-5 country, is eligible and has been receiving support for the IS.

An Ozone Cell has been set up by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to coordinate activities relating to implementation of the Montreal Protocol in India. The Ozone Cell is also responsible for formulating the required rules and regulations for implementing the various Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) phase-out activities, coordinating with the Multilateral Fund (MLF) Secretariat, implementing agencies, industry associations, line ministries, other countries and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and monitoring implementation of ODS phase-out activities.
About the project

The major activities implemented through the Institutional Strengthening Project comprise the following:

• Formulation and enforcement of legislation and regulations for control and monitoring consumption and production of ODSs
• Coordinating collection, analysis and submission of data on ODS consumption and production under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol and submit progress reports on the implementation of Country Programmes
• Consultations and coordination with key stakeholders namely government institutions (including line ministries and customs authorities), ODS producers, importers and exporters and traders, industry and industry associations, and NGOs
• Awareness raising among stakeholders on implementation of Montreal Protocol and ODS free technology trends
• Supervision of timely implementation of ODS phase-out projects and activities and reduction in ODS consumption

Developments so far

The Ozone Cell has successfully managed and monitored ODS phase-out activities in India to ensure its compliance with the Montreal Protocol obligations as well as sustainability of ODS phase-out. The key outcomes are:

• ODS phase-out in India is successfully being implemented to meet all the phase-out as well as compliance targets as per the Montreal Protocol schedule, achieved through the development and implementation of a structured implementation framework, sound reporting systems, and synergy between the concerned stakeholders including UN Implementing Agencies and bilateral agencies. India has successfully achieved the phase-out of CFC, CTC, Halons, Methyl Bromide and Methyl Chloroform as per the Montreal Protocol schedule. Currently the HCFC phase-out Management Plan (HPMP) is being implemented as per the accelerated phase-out schedule of the Montreal Protocol. The Ozone Cell has formulated and implemented Ozone Depleting Substances (Regulation and Control) Rules 2000 including its Amendment Rules to align the policies and schedule of phase-out of ODS in the country with the Montreal Protocol schedule
• Competencies of all concerned stakeholders was enhanced, including custom officials and officials from the line ministries on ODSs and Montreal Protocol activities
• Awareness amongst all concerned stakeholders on Montreal Protocol implementation is increased through periodic general and targeted programmes

Looking to the future

Ongoing support will be provided to India, to achieve country phase out targets under Montreal Protocol

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