

KIGALI +10 DECLARATION TO ADVANCE GLOBAL ATMOSPHERIC PROTECTION

Celebrating the past decade of success. Committing to the next decade of success.

Cognizant that the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and its Kigali Amendment stand among the greatest achievements in planetary protection.

Deeply appreciating that the binding control measures of the Montreal Protocol have solved the first great threat to the Planet's atmosphere by reducing chemicals that were destroying stratospheric ozone, while also helping to solve the second great threat of climate change, delaying warming by decades, avoiding 2.5 degrees Celsius by the end of the century, including up to 0.5 degrees Celsius from the Kigali Amendment, while preventing passing irreversible tipping points that would have led to conflicts over resources, a critical contribution to peace and security.

Honoring the scientists, industries, technicians, and civil society who made success possible and who continue to transform this multilateral agreement into effective action and recognizing the Montreal Protocol institutions, as well the Friends of the Kigali Amendment for their leadership and support.

Emphasizing that successful multilateral protection of the global atmosphere is possible when science guides decisions, binding commitments create confidence, finance facilitates compliance, and cooperation carries every Party forward together.

Appreciating the African leadership relevant to Kigali amendment and *stressing* that universal ratification of the Kigali Amendment and full implementation remain essential, and that implementing the agreed decisions on energy efficiency alongside the HFC phasedown can strengthen energy security, reduce costs, and improve access to sustainable cooling, while doubling the Amendment's climate benefits.

Alarmed that extreme heat is now a reality for the Global South and North, for workers, students, farmers, and families, and that cooling is an essential part of the infrastructure for health, food security, and protection of medicines, as well as for education, labor productivity, climate adaptation, and economic resilience, including the digital infrastructure that increasingly powers modern economies.

Concerned that the rising cooling demand must be met with efficient, climate-compatible solutions that avoid locking in unnecessary refrigerant emissions, inefficient equipment, or unsustainable energy use.

Encouraged that as the world confronts other climate pollutants, including methane emissions, the lessons of the Montreal Protocol are informing multilateral governance grounded in science, equity, accountability, and practical implementation through mandatory control measures.

Emphasizing that this is a moment to celebrate and to motivate all Parties to deliver similar success for the future, while also encouraging others to emulate the Montreal Protocol's approach.

We therefore commit to a decade of delivery, guided by the Montreal Protocol's "start and strengthen" culture, to pursue the following goals:

1. We will help protect the integrity of the Protocol and deliver full implementation and will:

- Ensure universal ratification and full compliance.
- Prevent illegal trade in controlled substances and non-compliant equipment.
- Implement shared responsibility between exporting and importing countries through practical measures that prevent dumping of inefficient, obsolete, or non-compliant cooling equipment.
- Engage industry, technicians, civil society, financial institutions, and other stakeholders to support implementation, innovation, compliance, and accountability.
- Support Parties that choose to move faster than required, where faster action is feasible.

2. We will strive to ensure that all Parties have the finance, technology, skills, and institutions needed to implement the Kigali Amendment effectively and deliver its full benefits and will:

- Reinforce the Multilateral Fund as a proven mechanism for compliance and implementation.
- Mobilize complementary philanthropic finance that strengthens existing support.
- Expand access to safe, affordable, efficient, low-global-warming-potential cooling technologies.
- Strengthen national ozone units and other institutions responsible for implementation.
- Improve data, monitoring, reporting, and verification for controlled substances, refrigerant flows, equipment markets, energy performance, and lifecycle emissions
- Support technician training, certification, safety standards, and investment-ready project pipelines that combine HFC phasedown, energy efficiency, and sustainable cooling access.

3. We will make sustainable cooling a core pillar of Kigali implementation and will:

- Integrate sustainable cooling into compliance.
- Use public procurement to create demand for efficient, Kigali-compatible cooling.
- Promote the reduction of cooling demand through passive cooling, nature-based cooling, reflective materials, climate-responsive buildings, district cooling, efficient design, and urban planning.
- Support Parties to address feedstock and lifecycle refrigerant management, including recovery, recycling, reclamation, safe disposal, and end-of-life controls.
- Cooperate in advancing affordability measures and business models that expand access to cooling without locking in inefficient technologies or avoidable emissions.

We commit to carrying this work forward together, celebrating what has been achieved, delivering what has been promised, and strengthening confidence that multilateral cooperation can protect the atmosphere for present and future generations.