

Reference: OzL/MP-OEWG44 & ExMOP5

14 April 2022

Invitation to (i) the forty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (to be held in Bangkok from 11 to 16 July 2022) and (ii) the Fifth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (to be held in Bangkok on 16 July 2022)

Sir/Madam,

I hope that you and your family are well and staying safe from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

I have the honour to invite your Government to participate in the following upcoming meetings of the Montreal Protocol:

- The forty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (OEWG44), to be held from 11 to 16 July 2022; and
- The Fifth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (ExMOP5) (decision XXXIII/3), to be held in the afternoon of 16 July 2022 for the purpose of taking a decision on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021–2023.

The meetings will be held in person in Bangkok at the following venue:

United Nations Conference Centre
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
Rajadamnern Nok Avenue
Bangkok 10200
Thailand
<https://www.unescap.org/uncc>

The provisional agendas for the meetings are attached. Other documents will be made available in due course on the Secretariat's meeting portal: ([OEWG44](#)), ([ExMOP5](#)). Pre-registration¹ for the two meetings is now open. Your Government is requested to nominate one or more representatives using the exclusive link in the email accompanying this letter **as soon as possible and no later than Friday, 20 May 2022**. Owing to the pandemic, conference rooms can currently accommodate only a third of their usual capacity, and therefore 3 to 4 delegates per delegation will be admitted to the plenary halls. Delegations with more than 3 to 4 members may be assigned extra seats that may be available.

In line with the successful practice adopted during the pandemic, an online forum will be established for the submission of comments and questions on specific meeting documents. Pre-registered participants will receive the login information for the forum within 48 hours after pre-registration. The online forum will be opened when documents and reports, such as the reports of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, become available, and parties will be notified accordingly.

Detailed information on health protocols applicable to Bangkok and to the meeting venue is included in the [information note](#). Participants are encouraged to refer to the [latest information](#) provided by ESCAP. Participants wishing to attend the meeting must register online for the [Thailand Pass](#) and obtain a QR code to present to airlines. Further details on the Thailand Pass can be found in the [information note](#). Delegations will be required to submit credentials for ExMOP5. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the parties to the Montreal Protocol provides that the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers are to be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the meeting, if possible not

¹ If COVID-19-related travel restrictions in your country prevent you from travelling to the meetings, please inform the Secretariat as soon as possible.

later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of a delegation must also be submitted to the Executive Secretary. Accordingly, credentials are required for participation in ExMOP5 and should be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the minister for foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

Limited funds are available to assist the participation of representatives from parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5. Should your Government require such assistance, please email the details of the participant to be assisted to the Secretariat (mea-ozoneinfo@un.org) by **Friday, 20 May 2022**. The travel of only one participant, using the most appropriate and economical fare, including a daily subsistence allowance in accordance with United Nations travel policies and procedures, will be covered for each country selected for assistance. Decisions on the provision of financial support will be communicated to participants by 31 May 2022. Participants for whom such funding is provided should also register online.

The Secretariat will be happy to assist any regional groups or other constituencies wishing to organize online consultations before the meetings. If you require assistance in this regard, please contact Ms. Stephanie Hay Smith (stephanie.haysmith@un.org).

I would like to remind parties wishing to submit proposals for any adjustments or amendments to the Protocol that, pursuant to paragraph 9 (b) of Article 2 of the Montreal Protocol and paragraph 2 of Article 9 of the Vienna Convention, such proposals must be received by the Secretariat at least six months prior to the Meeting of the Parties at which they are expected to be considered, and in this case preferably by **15 May 2022**, for consideration at the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties later this year.

On behalf of the Secretariat, I look forward to welcoming you in Bangkok and working with you to achieve a successful outcome to the meeting.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Meg Seki', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Meg Seki
Executive Secretary

**Montreal Protocol
on Substances that
Deplete the Ozone Layer**

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**Open-ended Working Group of the Parties
to the Montreal Protocol on Substances
that Deplete the Ozone Layer
Forty-fourth meeting**

Bangkok, 11–16 July 2022

Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work.
3. Replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the period 2021–2023.
4. Identification of gaps in the global coverage of atmospheric monitoring of controlled substances and options for enhancing such monitoring (decision XXXIII/4).
5. Institutional processes to strengthen the effective implementation and enforcement of the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 170).
6. Energy-efficient and low-global-warming-potential technologies:
 - (a) Report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (decision XXXIII/5);
 - (b) Dumping of new and old inefficient refrigeration and air conditioning appliances (proposal by the African Group) (UNEP/OzL.Conv.12(II)/9–UNEP/OzL.Pro.33/8, para. 82).
7. Terms of reference for a study on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the period 2024–2026.
8. Technology and Economic Assessment Panel 2022 report, including issues relating to:
 - (a) Nominations for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2023 and 2024;
 - (b) Future availability of halons and their alternatives (decision XXX/7);
 - (c) Panel membership changes;
 - (d) Any other issues.

9. Strengthening the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and its technical options committees for the phase-down of hydrofluorocarbons and other future challenges related to the Montreal Protocol and the climate (proposal by Morocco) (UNEP/OzL.Conv.12(I)/6–UNEP/OzL.Pro.32/8, para. 15).
 10. Stocks of methyl bromide (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 100) and quarantine and pre-shipment uses (UNEP/OzL.Conv.12(II)/9–UNEP/OzL.Pro.33/8, para. 56).
 11. Ongoing emissions of carbon tetrachloride (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 81).
 12. Membership of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 147).
 13. Mario Molina declaration on supporting and strengthening the Montreal Protocol (proposal by Mexico) (UNEP/OzL.Conv.12(I)/6–UNEP/OzL.Pro.32/8, para. 16).
 14. Other matters.
 15. Adoption of the report of the meeting.
 16. Closure of the meeting.
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on Substances that
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**Fifth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties
to the Montreal Protocol on Substances
that Deplete the Ozone Layer**

Bangkok, 16 July 2022

Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
 2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work;
 - (c) Credentials of representatives.
 3. Replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the period 2021–2023.
 4. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting.
 5. Closure of the meeting.
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