

Benin activities to celebrate the 2008 International Ozone Day

The Government of Benin hosted Ozone Day celebrations one week earlier (9 September 2008) at the Palais des Congrès, Cotonou during a week that saw the holding of the joint regional network meeting for English and French speaking African countries.

There was a Gala Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Environment & the Protection of Nature - Benin. The occasion was attended by the Minister herself, Her Excellency Madame Juliette Biaou Koudenoukpo, Mr. Theophile Worou, Directeur de Cabinet, Mr. Marco Gonzalez, the Executive Secretary of the Montreal Protocol, representatives of various Implementing Agencies and Bilateral Agencies (UNEP, UNIDO, UNDP, World Bank, GTZ, AFD), and by National Ozone Officers from over 40 African countries.

The occasion included Cultural performances including dances by the Kini-Kini group and Poetry delivered in eloquence and style.

Mr. Marco Gonzalez (pictured immediately below) gave the key-note speech and delivered the message of the Secretary-General, Dr. Ban Ki-moon, on the occasion of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.



Mr. Marco Gonzalez

The Minister (pictured below) also delivered a speech on the occasion.



Madame Juliette Biaou Koudenoukpo

