

# Countries commit to protect the ozone layer and climate under the Montreal Protocol

**What:** 31st Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

**Who:** Environment leaders and officials from the 198 parties to the Montreal Protocol

**When & Where:** 4 to 8 November 2019 in Rome, Italy

**4 November 2019** – From 4 to 8 November 2019, parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer will meet in Rome, Italy. At this meeting, the parties will commit to take action to ensure continued protection of the ozone layer and reduction of climate-warming gases under the Kigali Amendment to the Protocol.

The Kigali Amendment, which entered into force on 1 January 2019, requires countries to cut production and consumption of climate-change-inducing hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in refrigerators, air-conditioners and related products by more than 80 percent over the next 30 years. The Amendment, so far ratified by 88 parties, is expected to avoid up to 0.4°C of global warming by the end of the century, while continuing to protect the ozone layer.

At the Rome meeting, hosted by the Government of Italy, the parties will consider various aspects of the Montreal Protocol and the Kigali Amendment in the protection of the ozone layer. The parties will discuss the unexpected increase in global emissions of trichlorofluoromethane or CFC-11 and how to further address it.

They are also expected to agree on the remit and scope of the Quadrennial Assessment Studies for 2022 and the terms of reference for the next replenishment of the Multilateral Trust Fund to enable parties to achieve compliance during 2021–2023.

On 7 November 2019, a Roundtable will discuss the Montreal Protocol's contribution to sustainable cold chain to reduce food loss. The Kigali Amendment is expected to trigger a global effort of technological conversions in several industrial sectors, including the cooling sector.

Invited participants at the high-level round table discussion include Dr Mahmood Abubakar, Nigeria's Minister of Environment; Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP; Mr. David Appel is President, Refrigeration for Carrier (co-chair of the Global Food Cold Chain Council); Mr. Sergio Costa, Minister of Environment, Land and Sea for Italy; Dr Liz Goodwin, Senior Fellow and Director, Food Loss and Waste at the World Resources Institute; Mr. Fadi Jreissati, Minister for Environment of Lebanon; Ms. Krista Mikkonen, Finland Minister of the

Environment and Climate Change; Mr. Shri C.K. Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India; Ms. Khadeeja Naseem, Deputy Minister of Environment in the Maldives; Mr. Jose Raul Rios, Supply Chain and Project Manager at Agropecuaria Malichita; and Mr. Jim Walker, Director of Partnerships at Sustainable Energy for All.

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