

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

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**Bureau of the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties
to the Montreal Protocol on Substances
that Deplete the Ozone Layer**
First meeting
Kigali, 31 October 2026
Items 3–5 of the provisional agenda*

**Work to date on the implementation of the decisions of the
Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal
Protocol**

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Parties to the Montreal Protocol, presentation of a road map
for the conduct of the meeting, and overview of the working
documents prepared for the meeting**

Other matters

**Issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the
Bureau of the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the
Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer**

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The Bureau of the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer will meet at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 31 October 2026 at the Kigali Convention Centre. The present note provides information on items 3–5 of the provisional agenda of the meeting. Section II summarizes the action taken by the Ozone Secretariat in response to the decisions adopted by the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties as well as related activities or outcomes. Section III contains information relating to the review of the agenda of the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties, a road map for the conduct of the meeting, and an overview of the documents prepared for the meeting. Section IV covers other matters.

**II. Work to date on the implementation of the decisions of the
Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol
(agenda item 3)**

2. The table in the annex to the present note provides a broad overview of the decisions adopted by the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties and the action required of and taken by the Secretariat in response to those decisions as well as related activities or outcomes. The Secretariat will give a presentation to the Bureau highlighting the status of implementation of a number of key decisions.

* UNEP/OzL.Pro.37/Bur.1/1.

III. Review of the agenda of the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, presentation of a road map for the conduct of the meeting, and overview of the working documents prepared for the meeting (agenda item 4)

3. The Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol will be held in Kigali from 2 to 6 November 2026. In accordance with established practice, the meeting will be divided into two segments: a three-day preparatory segment and a two-day high-level segment. The preparatory segment is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, 2 November, while the high-level segment is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 5 November.

4. An advance version of the provisional agenda for the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/1) was circulated to the parties in late August 2026, and the annotated provisional agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/1/Add.1) will be issued in October 2026. An advance version of the note by the Secretariat containing background information on the issues on the provisional agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/2) was posted on the meeting portal¹ in late August 2026. An addendum to that note will be made available in October 2026. Detailed information on issues on the agenda of the meeting is set out in several documents that will be made available on the portal, and in the reports of the Scientific Assessment Panel and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, which will be made available as background documents. The documents for the meeting will be listed in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/INF/6.

5. The agenda of the preparatory segment includes the issues expected to be considered during the high-level segment for decision by the parties, including, among other things, issues related to the budget of the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol and financial reports. In addition, as agreed by the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, a draft decision on destruction technologies for controlled substances (see draft decision XXXVIII/[A] set out in Section II of document UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/3) will be forwarded to the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties for possible adoption.

6. The Secretariat will give a presentation to the Bureau on some of the key issues on the provisional agenda and on the organizational aspects of the meeting.

7. With regard to budget-related matters, the Secretariat has prepared proposed budgets for 2027 and 2028 of the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/4 and UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/INF/1). Certified interim financial statements for the trust funds for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol for the fiscal year 2025 have also been made available (UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/5).

8. In accordance with established practice, the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol will oversee the preparatory segment of the meeting.

9. The opening of the high-level segment on 5 November 2026 will be chaired by the President of the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties, who will conduct the meeting until the parties elect the President of the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure and the established practice of rotating the posts of president and rapporteur among the regional groups in English alphabetical order, it is expected that the President of the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties will be elected from among the African States, the Rapporteur from among the Western European and other States and the three Vice-Presidents from among the Asia-Pacific States, the Eastern European States and the Latin American and Caribbean States. The newly elected President of the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties will then guide the parties through the agenda and endeavour to resolve any outstanding issues during the meeting.

IV. Other matters (agenda item 5)

10. At the time of the preparation of the present note, the Secretariat had not been notified of any issues that any party wished to raise under the agenda item. Members of the Bureau may wish to raise other matters during the adoption of the agenda of the meeting.

¹ <https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/thirty-eighth-meeting-parties/pre-session-documents>.

Annex

Action taken and related activities and outcomes in response to the decisions adopted by the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, as at 27 August 2026

Decision no.	Title	Action required of the Secretariat	Action taken by the Secretariat and related activities and outcomes
XXXVII/1	Enhancing regional atmospheric monitoring of substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	In consultation with the Advisory Committee of the General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, continue the evaluation of the suitability of potential sites for monitoring emissions of controlled substances situated within the regions and locations identified in the information provided by the Advisory Committee to the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, with the voluntary participation of and in consultation with the concerned parties. Prepare, in consultation with the concerned parties that have expressed interest, for possible next steps towards establishing monitoring activities at those sites, taking into account the prioritization presented by the Advisory Committee at the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties and the phased approach presented in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.37/2/Add.1. Carry out the activities described above with a 2026 budget line item of \$100,000 from the cash balance of the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol, on an exceptional basis.	A brief account of progress in implementing the decision was set out in the addendum to the note by the Secretariat containing background information on the issues on the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/48/2/Add.1, paras. 84–87), which was made available prior to that meeting. The updates were supplemented at the meeting by a presentation by the Secretariat and a Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee. In consultation with the Secretariat, a Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee conducted informal consultations with country representatives and scientists in one country in each of the five priority regions identified by the Advisory Committee (see para. 93 of the report of the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties, document UNEP/OzL.Pro.37/9). As a result of the informal consultations, and by the time of the forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, the Secretariat had received expressions of interest from three parties in continuing discussions on the possibility of establishing a monitoring station in their countries. A report of the Secretariat on progress in possible next steps towards establishing monitoring activities at sites within the territory of parties that have expressed interest will be made available in the addendum to the note on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/2/Add.1). A report of the Secretariat on progress in the implementation of the present decision will be made available as an addendum to the note on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/2/Add.1). The report will be supplemented by a presentation to be made to the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties by a Co-Chair of the Advisory Group and a representative of the Ozone Secretariat.

<i>Decision no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Action required of the Secretariat</i>	<i>Action taken by the Secretariat and related activities and outcomes</i>
		Report to the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties at its forty-eighth meeting and to the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties on progress in and any outcomes of those activities, for consideration by the parties.	The representative of the Secretariat and member of the Advisory Committee gave a presentation to the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-eighth meeting on the progress made in implementing decision XXXVII/1, including the development of an online costing tool, the 10 regions and locations identified by the Advisory Committee to fill gaps in regional atmospheric monitoring of controlled substances, the continuation of the evaluation of the suitability of the five prioritized regions and locations, the establishment of a funding window under the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, and emerging considerations. A report of the Secretariat on progress in the implementation of the decision will be made available as an addendum to the note on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/2/Add.1). The report will be supplemented by a presentation to be made to the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties by a Co-Chair of the Advisory Group and a representative of the Ozone Secretariat.
XXXVII/2	Emissions of HFC-23	Notify the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the Scientific Assessment Panel of the decision, for action as required.	Letters sent to the panels on 1 December 2025. The reports of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the Scientific Assessment Panel will be presented to and discussed by the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties, in November 2026.
XXXVII/3	Study on quantities of and options for used and unwanted controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, including those at their end of life	Notify the parties of the decision and remind them of the invitations set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the decision. Notify the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the decision, for action as required. Notify the parties of the decision. Notify the Executive Committee and the secretariat of the Multilateral Fund of the decision, for action as required.	General letter sent to parties on 16 January 2026, and targeted letters sent to relevant parties on 29 January 2026. Letter sent to the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on 1 December 2025. Letter sent to parties on 16 January 2026. Letter sent to the Chief Officer of the secretariat of the Multilateral Fund on 25 November 2025.

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		Make available to the parties information reported by parties on a voluntary basis on existing reclamation and destruction facilities in their respective countries and, where available, the respective capacity of those facilities, including existing destruction and reclamation facilities that can accept used refrigerants from other countries and the conditions associated with exporting used refrigerants for disposal at such facilities, taking into account any legislative barriers to transboundary movements.	Information submitted by parties has been made available on the following page of the Ozone Secretariat website: https://ozone.unep.org/countries/additional-reported-information/decision-xxxvii3 .
XXXVII/4	Halon 1301 and its continuing use in the aviation industry, and management of other controlled substances used for fire suppression	Liaise with the secretariat of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on the matter of fire suppression agents controlled under the Montreal Protocol and facilitate the exchange of information between the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, through its Fire Suppression Technical Options Committee, and the relevant ICAO technical committees and working groups for the purposes set out in paragraph 1 of the decision. Notify the parties of the decision.	A letter was sent to ICAO, on 4 February 2026, informing it of the decision, welcoming close cooperation between the relevant bodies of ICAO and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and its Fire Suppression Technical Options Committee and requesting the designation of an ICAO focal point on matters related to halon management and alternatives in civil aviation. On 29 April 2026, ICAO informed the Ozone Secretariat of the designation of the ICAO focal point. Coordination between the Fire Suppression Technical Options Committee and relevant bodies of ICAO is ongoing. Letter sent to parties on 16 January 2026. Information received from parties regarding the development of alternatives suitable for use as substitutes in fire suppression forwarded to the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel for its consideration and for inclusion, at the latest, in its 2027 progress report.
XXXVII/5	National and regional initiatives to support the implementation of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Notify the parties of the decision and collate and summarize the information submitted by parties in relation to centres of excellence for sustainable cooling and testing centres for energy efficiency related to the implementation of the Kigali Amendment.	Letter sent to parties on 16 January 2026. On 30 April 2026, a reminder was sent to parties in relation to the information requested under the decision. Information received from parties has been made available on the Secretariat website (https://ozone.unep.org/decision-xxxvii5-ka-intiatives?q=countries/additional-reported-information/national-and-regional-initiatives-support-implementation-kigali-amendment-decision-xxxvii5). The compilation and summary of information provided by parties in relation to centres of excellence for sustainable cooling and testing centres for energy efficiency related to the implementation of the Kigali Amendment will be made available to the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties on the same website.

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XXXVII/6	Terms of reference for the study on the 2027–2029 replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Notify the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the decision, for action as required.	Letter sent to the Panel on 1 December 2025. The report of the task force established by the Panel was issued as volume 2 of the Panel's 2026 report, which was presented to and discussed by the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-eighth meeting, in July 2026. The task force is expected to issue a supplementary report for consideration by the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties based on a list of suggestions for additional analysis agreed on by the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-eighth meeting (see section A of annex II to the report of the forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, document UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/48/5).
XXXVII/7	Ensuring the viability of Montreal Protocol operations	Prepare a report, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-eighth meeting, on the options for making effective and efficient changes, with associated cost estimates, to the timing of, Ozone Secretariat support for and length of the Meetings of the Parties and meetings of the Open-ended Working Group, the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol and the assessment panels, and the timing of replenishment decisions.	A note on ensuring the viability of Montreal Protocol operations: scenarios, options and cost estimates and an addendum to the note were made available to the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-eighth meeting, held in July 2026. A supplementary report will be issued by the Secretariat for consideration by the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties based on a list of questions formulated by parties during the forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and any additional questions received by the end of August 2026.
XXXVII/8	Data and information provided by the parties in accordance with Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Notify the relevant parties of the decision, for action as required.	Letters sent to relevant parties on 1 December 2025. Three parties out of the four listed in the decision have submitted the outstanding information.
XXXVII/9	Requests for the revision of baseline data by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Guinea, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Morocco, Nauru, Nigeria, Niue, Tuvalu and Vanuatu	Notify relevant parties of the decision.	Baseline data updated in the system in November 2025. Letters sent to relevant parties on 28 November 2025.
XXXVII/10	Status of the establishment of licensing systems under Article 4B, paragraph 2 <i>bis</i> , of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Notify relevant parties of the decision.	Letters sent to relevant parties on 28 November 2025.
XXXVII/11	Adherence by Libya to its commitments under its plan of action to return to compliance	Notify Libya of the decision.	Letter sent on 28 November 2025.

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XXXVII/12	Non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Notify the Democratic People's Republic of Korea of the decision.	Letter sent on 28 November 2025.
XXXVII/13	Non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer by Mali	Notify Mali of the decision.	Letter sent on 28 November 2025.
XXXVII/14	Non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Notify Saint Vincent and the Grenadines of the decision.	Letter sent on 28 November 2025.
XXXVII/15	Non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer by Tajikistan	Notify Tajikistan of the decision.	Letters sent on 28 November 2025.
XXXVII/16	Non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer by Zambia	Notify Zambia of the decision.	Letter sent on 28 November 2025.
XXXVII/17	Status of ratification of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Notify parties that have not yet ratified the Kigali Amendment.	A notification was sent on 27 November 2025 to parties to the Montreal Protocol that had not yet ratified the Kigali Amendment and regular follow-up with parties has been ongoing since that time. Since the adoption of decision XXXVII/17, an additional five parties to the Montreal Protocol have ratified the Kigali Amendment.
XXXVII/18	Changes in the membership of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel	Notify the co-chair of the Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee, the co-chair of the Medical and Chemicals Technical Options Committee and the co-chair of the Flexible and Rigid Foams Technical Options Committee of the decision and update the website of the Secretariat to reflect changes in the membership of the panels.	Notifications were sent on 1 December 2025 and relevant pages of the Secretariat website were updated accordingly.
XXXVII/19	Membership of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Update the website of the Secretariat to list the members selected to serve on the Executive Committee (Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Cuba, France, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lesotho, Mexico and the United States of America).	The Secretariat website was updated on 25 November 2025. Notifications were sent to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee on 26 November 2025. The Executive Committee met from 22 to 26 June 2026 and will meet again from 7 to 11 December 2026.

<i>Decision no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Action required of the Secretariat</i>	<i>Action taken by the Secretariat and related activities and outcomes</i>
XXXVII/20	Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Notify the selected Co-Chairs, Annie Gabriel (Australia) and Leila Akello Gonasa (Uganda), of the decision.	Letters were sent to the Co-Chairs on 26 November 2025. On 7 June 2026, the Ozone Secretariat informed parties that Ms. Akello would be unable to attend the forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group owing to travel restrictions. Consequently, the Open-ended Working Group, at its forty-eighth meeting, elected Igobe Mbulawa of Botswana to the position of Co-Chair. The forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group was convened in person in July 2025 and led by Ms. Gabriel and Ms. Mbulawa.
XXXVII/21	Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties in 2026 on the membership of the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Organize an extraordinary Meeting of the Parties during the forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group to enable parties to take a decision on the outstanding membership of the Implementation Committee for 2026, prior to the seventy-sixth meeting of the Implementation Committee.	The Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties was held at the United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, on 14 July 2026. The Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties adopted decision Ex.VI/1 on the membership of the Implementation Committee, noting with appreciation the work carried out by the Implementation Committee in 2025, confirming the positions of Benin, the Dominican Republic, Montenegro, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Saudi Arabia as members of the Committee to serve until 31 December 2026 and selecting Azerbaijan, Ecuador, Kenya, Lebanon and Norway as members of the Committee to serve until 31 December 2027; and noting the selection of Linda Kosgei (Kenya) to serve as President and Sandrine Benard (Norway) to serve as Vice-President and Rapporteur of the Committee until 31 December 2026. The seventy-sixth meeting of the Implementation Committee took place on 18 and 19 July 2026 in Bangkok.
XXXVII/22	Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Notify all the parties of the decision and work on logistics for holding the meeting.	The Secretariat is organizing the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties, to be held from 2 to 6 November 2026 in Kigali. Invitations were circulated to all parties on 20 July 2026.

<i>Decision no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Action required of the Secretariat</i>	<i>Action taken by the Secretariat and related activities and outcomes</i>
XXXVII/23	Financial reports and budgets for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Notify all the parties of the decision and enter into discussions with any party whose contributions have been outstanding for two or more years with a view to finding a way forward, and report on the outcome of those discussions to the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties. Provide regular information on earmarked contributions and include that information, where relevant, in the budget proposals of the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol to enhance transparency with regard to the actual income and expenses of the Trust Fund. Prepare fact sheets for the presentation of future budgets. Ensure the full utilization of the programme support resources available to the Secretariat in 2026 and in later years and, where possible, offset programme support resources against the administrative components of the approved budget. Indicate in future financial reports of the Trust Fund the amounts of cash on hand and the status of contributions to the Trust Fund. Prepare budgets and work programmes for the years 2027 and 2028, based on the projected needs, for two budget scenarios: (a) a zero-nominal-growth scenario based on the 2026 approved budget; (b) a scenario based on recommended adjustments to the zero-nominal-growth scenario, indicating the related additional costs or savings.	Letter to be sent in September 2026 to the parties whose contributions have been outstanding for two or more years. The outcome of the discussions with those parties is to be presented to the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties. The certified interim financial statements and budget performance for 2025 for the Trust Fund (UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/5) include information on the earmarked contributions. Fact sheets for the activities to be implemented in 2027 are presented in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/INF/1. Before the end of the year, the programme support resources are expected to be fully utilized. The certified interim financial statement for 2025 (UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/5) includes information on the amounts of cash on hand and the status of contributions to the two trust funds as at 31 December 2025. An update on the status of contributions and the cash balance as at 30 April 2026 was provided by the Secretariat in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/48/INF/1. A further update, as at 30 September 2026, will be provided for the parties' review in the note by the Secretariat on the matter (UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/INF/2). Two budget scenarios for 2027 and 2028 are presented in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.38/4, as requested in the decision.