
**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

Annotated provisional agenda

Note by the Secretariat

The annotated provisional agenda of the forty-fourth meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, annexed to the present note, provides a reference guide to the documents that have been prepared to facilitate consideration by the parties of the items on the provisional agenda.¹

* UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/1.

¹ All documents are available under the pre-session tab of the conference portal for the forty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group: <https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/44th-meeting-open-ended-working-group-parties/pre-session-documents>.

Annex

Agenda item	Title of the agenda item and brief description	Related documents for reference
Item 1	Opening of the meeting	
	The forty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer is scheduled to be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 11 July 2022, at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok.	Invitation letter to all parties, dated 14 April 2022, and information note for participants, updated 19 May 2022, with information on pre-registration and on-site registration posted on the meeting portal: https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/44th-meeting-open-ended-working-group-parties
Item 2	Organizational matters	
(a)	<i>Adoption of the agenda</i> Parties will consider the provisional agenda, adding any items that they may deem necessary to discuss, and adopt the agenda, consistent with the rules of procedure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/1) • Rules of procedure (https://ozone.unep.org/treaties/montreal-protocol-substances-deplete-ozone-layer/rules-of-procedure)
(b)	<i>Organization of work</i> The meeting will be co-chaired by the Co-Chairs of the forty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG44), Mr. Martin Sirois (Canada) and Mr. Osvaldo Alvarez Perez (Chile), who will present a proposal to the parties on how the work may be organized. Some agenda items have a dedicated tab on the online forum to allow parties to review documents, post comments and questions and propose draft decisions for advance review by parties. This is indicated under each relevant agenda item. Interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/1)
Item 3	Replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the period 2021–2023	
	The meeting is expected to continue consideration of matters related to the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the triennium 2021–2023, including the potential extension of the fixed-exchange-rate mechanism for possible application on contributions, and to make appropriate recommendations for decisions to be taken by the Fifth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, to be held on 16 July 2022 in Bangkok.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 4–12) • Report of the combined twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (part II) and Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (UNEP/OzL.Conv.12(II)/9/Rev.1–UNEP/OzL.Pro.33/8/Rev.1) • Issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the fifth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (UNEP/OzL.Pro.ExMOP.5/2) • Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, September 2021, volume 6: assessment of the funding requirement for the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021–2023 (https://ozone.unep.org/system/files/documents/TEAP-Decision%20XXI-1-replenishment-TF-report-september-2021.pdf)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive summary of the 2021 report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, volume 6: assessment of the funding requirement for the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021–2023 (UNEP/OzL.Conv.12(II)/2/Add.1–UNEP/OzL.Pro.33/2/Add.1, annex I) • Information on the scale of assessments, rates of exchange and average inflation rates for contributions by parties to the 2021–2023 replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/INF/3)
Item 4	Identification of gaps in the global coverage of atmospheric monitoring of controlled substances and options for enhancing such monitoring (decision XXXIII/4)	
	<p>In decision XXXIII/4 of the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP33), parties requested the Ozone Secretariat, in consultation with relevant experts from the Scientific Assessment Panel, Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) and the Ozone Research Managers, to report on the progress made in relation to this agenda item.</p> <p>The parties may wish to consider the progress report on the matter and make any appropriate recommendations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 13–16) • Addendum to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2/Add.1, paras. 5–10) • Note by the Secretariat on identification of gaps in the global coverage of atmospheric monitoring of controlled substances and options to enhance such monitoring (UNEP/OzL/Conv.ResMgr/11(II)/4) • Summary of the European Union-funded pilot project on regional quantification of emissions controlled under the Montreal Protocol (https://ozone.unep.org/eu-funded-project-regional-quantification-emissions-substances-controlled-under-montreal-protocol)
Item 5	Institutional processes to strengthen the effective implementation and enforcement of the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 170)	
	<p>At its sixty-third meeting, the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol considered possible ways of dealing with illegal production of and illegal trade in controlled substances, based on information provided by the Secretariat. A note by the Secretariat on the matter is set out in annex II to the report of the sixty-third meeting of the Implementation Committee. Annex III to that report contains comparative information on implementation- and compliance-related mechanisms in selected multilateral legal regimes. The Implementation Committee recommended that the parties consider the note set out in annex II to the report at the forty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, but, owing to the reduced agenda of that meeting, it was not considered then.</p> <p>Parties are expected to consider the note as a basis for discussions on the institutional processes for the effective implementation of the Montreal Protocol and develop a way forward.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 17–19) • Report of the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol on the work of its sixty-third meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/63/6, paras. 44–49 and annexes II and III)

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Item 6	Energy-efficient and low-global-warming-potential technologies	
(a)	<p><i>Report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (decision XXXIII/5)</i></p> <p>In decision XXXIII/5, the parties requested TEAP to prepare a report on energy-efficient and lower-global-warming-potential technologies and on measures to enhance and maintain energy efficiency during hydrofluorocarbon transition in equipment, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-fourth meeting.</p> <p>Parties have the opportunity to provide comments on that report through the online forum in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>TEAP will present the report at the forty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and respond to the questions posed in the online forum prior to the meeting and from the floor during it. The parties are expected to consider the TEAP report and make relevant recommendations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 21–22) • Addendum to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2/Add.1, paras. 11–15) • Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, May 2022, volume 3: decision XXXIII/5 – continued provision of information on energy-efficient and low-global-warming-potential technologies (https://ozone.unep.org/system/files/documents/TEAP-EETF-report-may-2022.pdf) • Online forum (https://online.ozone.unep.org/)
(b)	<p><i>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)</i></p> <p>At MOP33, parties considered the proposal by the group of African States parties to the Montreal Protocol on stopping environmentally harmful dumping of inefficient refrigeration and air-conditioning appliances using obsolete refrigerants.</p> <p>The parties may wish to continue to discuss the issue and make any appropriate recommendations on the way forward.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 23–25 and annex II)
Item 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	
	<p>As is customary, in the year preceding the final year of each funding cycle, parties develop terms of reference for a study designed to estimate the funds necessary to enable parties to achieve compliance with the provisions of the Montreal Protocol during the forthcoming replenishment period. In 2022, the parties may wish to consider the terms of reference for a study on the funding requirements for the replenishment period 2024–2026.</p> <p>The parties may wish to consider matters related to the next replenishment study and to forward the outcome of their discussions to the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol for its consideration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras 26–29 and annex III)

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Item 8	Technology and Economic Assessment Panel 2022 report	
	TEAP will make a presentation on volumes 1 and 2 of its 2022 report.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, para. 33)
(a)	<p><i>Nominations for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2023 and 2024</i></p> <p>The parties will consider one nomination for a critical-use exemption by a party operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 (South Africa), and one nomination each for critical-use exemptions by two parties not operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 (Australia and Canada).</p> <p>Parties have the opportunity to provide comments on the TEAP interim report through the online forum in advance of the meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 34–35) Addendum to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2/Add.1, paras. 18–27) Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, May 2022, volume 2: evaluation of 2022 critical-use nominations for methyl bromide and related issues – interim report (https://ozone.unep.org/system/files/documents/TEAP-CUN-interim-report-may-2022.pdf) Online forum (https://online.ozone.unep.org/)
(b)	<p><i>Future availability of halons and their alternatives (decision XXX/7)</i></p> <p>In decision XXX/7, the parties requested TEAP, through its Halons Technical Options Committee (HTOC), to submit a report on halon availability to support civil aviation and to identify relevant alternatives, including in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization.</p> <p>The parties are expected to consider the report of HTOC on the issue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 36–38) Addendum to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2/Add.2, paras. 6–12, and annex I) Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, May 2022, volume 1: progress report – advance (section 3) (https://ozone.unep.org/system/files/documents/TEAP-Progress-report-may2022.pdf)
(c)	<p><i>Panel membership changes</i></p> <p>As requested in decision XXXI/8, TEAP provided in its 2022 report a summary outlining the procedures that the Panel and its technical options committees have undertaken to ensure adherence to the Panel's terms of reference through clear and transparent procedures.</p> <p>Under this agenda item, the parties will consider the information on this issue and suggest a way forward.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 39–40) Addendum to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2/Add.2, paras. 13–17, and annex II) Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, May 2022, volume 1: progress report – advance (section 8 and annex 1) (https://ozone.unep.org/system/files/documents/TEAP-Progress-report-may2022.pdf)

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(c)	<p><i>Any other issues</i></p> <p>The TEAP progress report contains information on various other issues. Parties have the opportunity to provide comments on the progress report through the online forum in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>The parties are expected to consider these issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 29–30) • Addendum to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2/Add.2, paras. 18–24) • Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, May 2022, volume1: progress report – advance (https://ozone.unep.org/system/files/documents/TEAP-Progress-report-may2022.pdf) • Online forum (https://online.ozone.unep.org/)
Item 9	<p><i>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)</i></p>	
	<p>At the combined twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention (part II) and MOP33, Morocco introduced a draft decision on 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.</p> <p>The parties are expected to consider the proposal and develop a way forward.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 43–45 and annex IV) • Addendum to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2/Add.2, paras. 25–31) • Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, May 2022, volume1: progress report – advance (section 8) (https://ozone.unep.org/system/files/documents/TEAP-Progress-report-may2022.pdf)
Item 10	<p><i>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)</i></p>	
	<p>At the forty-first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group in 2019, the European Union introduced a draft decision on the reporting of stocks of methyl bromide, on a voluntary basis, to facilitate the work of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel. Owing to insufficient time at that meeting, the item was to be included on the agenda of the forty-second meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group but could not be discussed there due to the reduced agenda of the online meeting.</p> <p>At MOP33, a request was made to include the issue in the agenda of OEWG44.</p> <p>The parties may wish to discuss the issue and develop a way forward.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 46–48) • Report of the forty-first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/41/5, paras. 104–114) • Report of the Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 100) • Report of the combined twelfth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (part II) and Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (UNEP/OzL.Conv.12(II)/9–UNEP/OzL.Pro.33/8, para. 56)

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Item 11	Ongoing emissions of carbon tetrachloride (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 81)	
	MOP31 discussed a draft decision on actions to address the emissions of carbon tetrachloride and its linkages with trichlorofluoromethane emissions. The parties are expected to continue that discussion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 49–52) • Report of the Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 81)
Item 12	Membership of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 147)	
	MOP31 discussed a proposal to give Eastern Europe and Central Asia a permanent seat among the membership from Article 5 parties on the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol. The parties may wish to continue that discussion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 53–56) • Report of the Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 147)
Item 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)	
	At the combined twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention (part I) and Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, Mexico made a proposal for a “Mario Molina declaration to support and strengthen the Montreal Protocol” for consideration and possible adoption by the parties. The parties agreed to defer consideration of the proposed declaration. Any proposal on this agenda item will be posted on the online forum to allow parties to review it and provide comments and feedback before the meeting. The parties may wish to continue discussing the matter and develop a way forward.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-fourth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/2, paras. 57–59) • Online forum (https://online.ozone.unep.org/)
Item 14	Other matters	
	Participants are expected to consider any other issues that are raised at the time of the adoption of the agenda.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/44/1)