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Illegal trade in Montreal Protocol controlled substances: trends over the last decade, national experiences and policy and enforcement response

Monday, 2 November 2026, 13:15 – 14:55 EAT

AD12-A, Kigali Convention Centre

Organized by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Law Division, OzonAction

Description

This side event will launch the report on Illegal Trade in Montreal Protocol Controlled Substances: Trends over the Last Decade and Policy and Enforcement Responses and provide a platform for countries and partner organizations to share experiences, emerging challenges and practical approaches to preventing and combating illegal trade. Through presentations by national authorities, international organizations and enforcement experts, the event will explore evolving illegal trade patterns, enforcement challenges and policy and enforcement responses.

Programme

Moderator: Ms Tatiana Terekhova, Senior Programme Management Officer, OzonAction Branch, Law Division, UNEP

Opening remarks (7 min.)

- **Ms. Patricia Mbote,** Director, Law Division, UNEP

Launch of the report (15 min)

- **Key findings, trends and recommendations**

  Ms Yiwei Zou, Associate Programme Officer, OzonAction Branch, Law Division, UNEP

Session I — Preventing and combating illegal trade on the ground: national experiences (40 mins)

- **China's achievements licensing and quota systems, enforcement, prevention and combatting illegal trade**

  Mr. Dong Wenfu, Division Director, Division of Ozone Protection, Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE)

  Ms. Wang Yiwen, Senior Programme Manager, Foreign Economic Cooperation Office (FECO)/MEE

- **Enforcement efforts of Türkiye, as the transit country, to prevent and intercept illegal shipments**

  Dr. Ali Oguzhan Narci, Environmental Engineer, Directorate of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, Türkiye

- **Illegal trade through online marketplaces and recent HFC investigations in the EU**

  Ms Clare Perry, Climate Programme Lead, EIA UK

Session II — Emerging trends in illegal trade: global perspectives (25 mins)

- **Latest developments on crimes that affect the environment**

  Ms Tanya Watts, Crimes that Affect the Environment and Fraud

  Research and Trend Analysis Branch, UNODC (recorded presentation)

- **Financial investigations as a tool for disrupting illegal refrigerant trade**

  Ms Lynn Schlingemann, Senior Associate Financial Crime and Corruption, World Resources Institute (recorded presentation)

Interactive discussion (10 mins)

Closing remarks and key takeaways (5 mins)

- **Mr. Mikheil Tushishvili,** Head of OzonAction Branch (OIC), Law Division, UNEP