



# The Ozone Research Managers (ORM) recommendations and the interface with the Scientific Assessment of Ozone Depletion: 2018

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The Protection of the Ozone Layer

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# Our Questions

- What is the ORM & how was it established?
- What are the Assessment panels?
- How do they interact?



# Decision VCI/3: Relationship between the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol

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The Conference of the Parties, in Decision VCI/3 of its First Meeting (Helsinki, 1989), decided:

- that the **Vienna Convention is the most appropriate instrument for harmonizing the policies and strategies on research; and**
- that the **Montreal Protocol is the appropriate instrument for achieving the harmonization of policies, strategies and measures for minimizing the release of substances causing or likely to cause modifications of the ozone layer.**



# The Vienna Convention Conference of the Parties (Helsinki, 1989), in Decision VCI/6 of its 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, decided:

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- a. to establish the following co-ordination bodies as subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties under Article 6 para. 4(i) of the Vienna Convention:
  - ii. A Meeting composed of: **(a) Government Atmospheric Research Managers and (b) Government Research Managers of research related to health and environmental effects of ozone modifications.**

Such a Meeting shall **review ongoing national and international research and monitoring programmes to ensure proper co-ordination of these programmes and identify gaps that need to be addressed.**

**The Meeting shall be held every 3 years\* (6 months prior to the meeting of the Parties) jointly with a meeting of the Bureau. *The Meeting should produce a report* including recommendations for future research and expanded co-operation between researchers in developed and developing countries for presentation to the following meeting of the Parties to the Convention.**

\*The *Conference of the Parties*, in Decision VCIII/8 of its 3rd Meeting, decided to hold the ORM every 3 years, six months prior to the meeting of the Conference of the Parties and back-to-back with the meeting of the Bureau of the Conference.



# What are the Assessment Panels?

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The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer has three Assessment Panels: *Scientific, Environmental Effects, and Technology and Economic*

## Article 6: Assessment and review of control measures

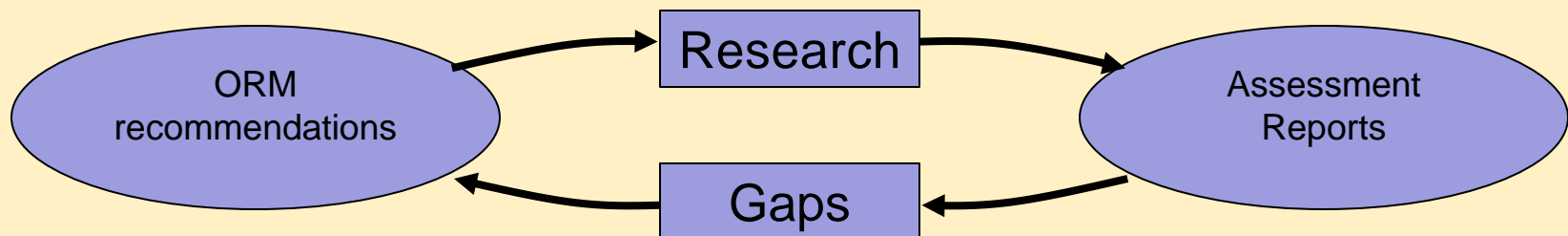
Beginning in 1990, and **at least every four years** thereafter, the Parties shall assess the control measures provided for in Article 2 and Articles 2A to 2I on the basis of available **Scientific, Environmental, Technical and Economic information**.

- UNEP initiated the assessment panel process in 1988 pursuant to Article 6 of the Montreal Protocol.
- The Panel Co-chairs are chosen and approved by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, and serve at the pleasure of the Parties. For the SAP, panel members (Lead Authors, Coauthors, Chapter Editors, Steering Committee) are selected by the Co-chairs and serve for the duration of the 4-year assessment process.
- Assessments are now performed every 4 years, but in the early years the frequency was much higher.



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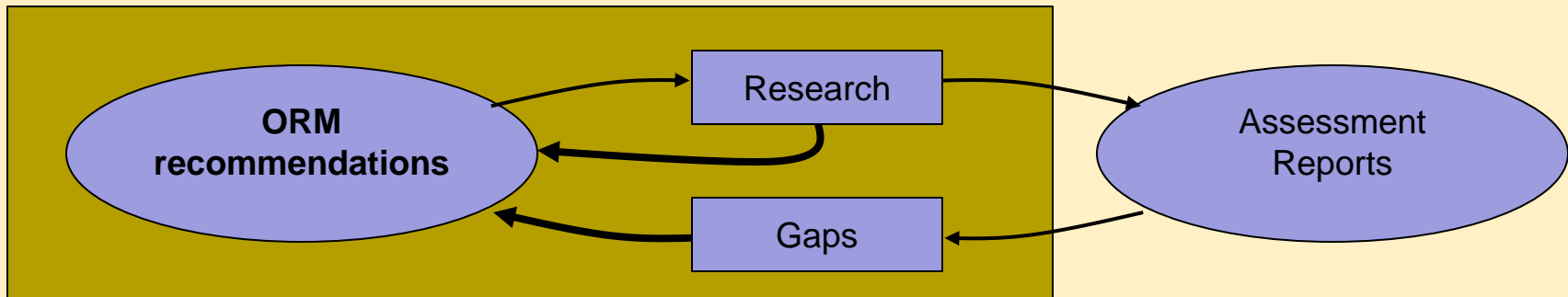
- The ORM is required under the Vienna Convention while the Assessments are required under the Montreal Protocol.
- The Assessments and ORM reports serve to enhance communications between the research community (striving for better understanding) and decision makers (for informed action).
- The Assessment Panel Summaries are presented to the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MoP)





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- The ORM Recommendations are presented to the Conference of the Parties (CoP) to the Vienna Convention (usually the CoP and MoP are coincident)
- The implementation by Parties of the ORM recommendations are key to delivering the information and data for the Assessment reports
- Assessments do NOT make research recommendations, the gaps identified in the Assessments are key to new ORM direction
- The separation of the Assessments from the ORM maintains the credibility of both. Scientists are not driving the research (self serving), and research managers are not driving the science issues (perceived political control)





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**For the next 3 days, we're here for this. Thanks for attending!**

