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Making Good Decisions: How to Use UNEP DTIE's OzonAction Clearinghouse

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Since 1991, the UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme under the Multilateral Fund has been strengthening the capacity of National Ozone Units (NOUs) and industry in developing countries to make informed decisions on technology and policy options to help them meet their obligations under the Montreal Protocol to phase out ozone depleting substances (ODS). The Programme has continuously delivered a range of need-based services, including information exchange, to enable decision makers in those countries take informed decisions on policies and investments. Now a guide entitled Making Good Decisions is available to help users maximize the effectiveness of the information provided by the programme.

NOUs, industry associations and others have received a wide array of information and management tools from the OzonAction Programme, including the OzonAction Information Clearinghouse (OAIC) diskette database, a quarterly newsletter, sector-specific technical publications for identifying and selecting alternative technologies, policy guidelines, sector-specific handbooks, training materials, awareness and technical videos, posters and a World Wide Web site.

Each developing country is at a different stage in the ODS phase out process. Since each country has a unique ODS use pattern and level of industrial development, their technical, policy and management needs will accordingly be different from other countries. The utility of the information and training tools provided by UNEP DTIE is therefore time-and country-dependent.

The OzonAction Programme has therefore produced a short guide to help the clearinghouse users understand how and when each of these "enabling tools" will be useful in implementing a developing country's national programme to eliminate ODS. The guide explains why information is important, describes the stage-wise phase out process and explains how different types of information is needed at different stages in that process. The guide also distinguishes between the roles and information requirements of users from governments, industry and NGOs.

While targeted at users in developing countries, the guide will be useful to anyone interested in using the information provided by UNEP DTIE's OzonAction Programme. It will also be of interest to other environmental clearinghouses that are interested in communicating similar guidance to their own user groups.

This guide is part of the information exchange services provided by UNEP to developing countries to help them meet their obligations under the Montreal Protocol. The OzonAction Programme also provides other clearinghouse services (Training & Networking of ODS Officers) as well as assistance with the development of national ODS phase out strategies (Country Programmes) and Institutional Strengthening support. For more information, contact: UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme, Tour Mirabeau, 39-43 quai Andre Citroen, Paris 75739 cedex 15, France or Tel: (33.1) 44.37.14.50, Fax: (33.1)44.37.14.74, email: ozonaction@unep.fr, <http://www.uneptie.org/ozone/home.html>

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protection through cleaner production and other pro-active approaches; 4) to stimulate the exchange of information and experience throughout the world. DTIE provides access to practical information and develops co-operative activities backed by regular follow-up and assessment. To promote the transfer of information and the sharing of knowledge and experience, DTIE has developed three complementary tools: technical reports; the quarterly "Industry and Environment" review and a technical query-response service. UNEP DTIE is conducting the following main programme elements: Accident Prevention (APELL), Cleaner Production, Energy, OzonAction, Pollution Management, Tourism.

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