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"The gap in the availability, quality, coherence, standardization and accessibility of data between the developed and developing world has been increasing, seriously impairing the capacities of countries to make informed decisions concerning environment and development." - Agenda 21, Chapter 40.2

To make such strategic decisions in a timely fashion, updated and neutral information should be available in a readily-accessible and "user-friendly" format. UNEP's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (UNEP DTIE) in Paris is helping to meet this need through the updated version of its electronic reference tool, the **OzonAction Strategic Information System (OASIS)**.

Developed by the UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme under the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, OASIS is an easy-to-use CD-ROM-based reference system that provides essential resource material related to the implementation of the Protocol. Although it is designed primarily for National Ozone Units (NOUs), industry associations and enterprises in developing countries, OASIS will be a useful information resource for anyone who is directly or indirectly involved in the phase out of ozone depleting substances (ODS).

This release includes updated and significantly expanded information from key members of the international Montreal Protocol community and includes many new features in a new CD-ROM format. OASIS helps users better understand how to meet the technical and policy challenges that their countries, businesses or organizations face under the Montreal Protocol. It helps you answer the following strategic questions:

- *Sources of Assistance:* Who has the expertise and information I need to establish, implement and manage my organization's ODS phase out programme and how can I reach them?
- *Alternative Technologies:* Have other companies and organizations successfully phased out ODS and what was their experience? Where can I obtain alternative technologies? What types of projects are being approved by the Multilateral Fund? Which ozone-friendly technologies can I deploy?
- *Policies, Procedures and Guidelines:* What are the Montreal Protocol requirements? What policy instruments are available to phase out ODS? What have other countries done? What policy options are available to help implement the Protocol?

Highlights of this version of OASIS include:

New/updated information

- Full text reports of the Technology & Economic Assessment Panel, Technical Options Committees, etc.
- Data reporting forms and instructions from the Ozone Secretariat and Multilateral Fund
- Meeting reports of the Parties and the Executive Committee
- Guidelines, handbooks, studies, technical brochures, contact lists and other information developed by UNEP
- Multilateral Fund information: Policies, Procedures, Guidelines and Criteria of the Executive Committee, Inventory of Approved Projects, Country Programme Cover Sheets

- Update of the Montreal Protocol Handbook
- Issues 15-30 of the OzonAction Newsletter

System enhancements

- Easy-to-use CD-ROM replaces cumbersome floppy diskettes and reduces installation time
- Greatly increased volume of data (10 times) compared to previous version
- Includes data in PDF ("portable document file") format that enables easy reading, searching and printing entire documents in their original layout.
- Built-in web browser enables Internet links to ozone protection web sites directly through the database
- Multilingual content, menu screens, navigation and help features (English, French, Spanish).
- Compatible by both Windows 95 and Macintosh operating systems.

This publication 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, E-mail: rmshende@unep.fr, Web: <http://www.uneptie.org/ozone/home.html>.

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The mission of the UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics is to help decision-makers in government, local authorities and industry develop and adopt policies and practices that:

- are cleaner and safer;
- make efficient use of natural resources;
- ensure adequate management of chemicals;
- incorporate environmental costs;
- reduce pollution and risks for humans and the environment.

The UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (UNEP DTIE), with its head office in Paris, is composed of one centre and four units:

- The International Environmental Technology Centre (Osaka), which promotes the adoption and use of environmentally sound technologies with a focus on the environmental management of cities and freshwater basins, in developing countries and countries in transition.
- **Production and Consumption (Paris)**, which fosters the development of cleaner and safer production and consumption patterns that lead to increased efficiency in the use of natural resources and reductions in pollution.
- **Chemicals (Geneva)**, which promotes sustainable development by catalyzing global actions and building national capacities for the sound management of chemicals and the improvement of chemical safety worldwide, with a priority on Persistent Organic

Pollutants (POPs) and Prior Informed Consent (PIC, jointly with FAO).

- **Energy and OzonAction (Paris)**, which supports the phase-out of ozone depleting substances in developing countries and countries with economies in transition and promotes good management practices and use of energy, with a focus on atmospheric impacts. The UNEP/RISØ Collaborating Centre on Energy and Environment supports the work of the Unit.
- **Economics and Trade (Geneva)**, which promotes the use and application of assessment and incentive tools for environmental policy and helps improve the understanding of linkages between trade and environment and the role of financial institutions in promoting sustainable development.

UNEP DTIE activities focus on raising awareness, improving the transfer of information, building capacity, fostering technology cooperation, partnerships and transfer, improving understanding of environmental impacts of trade issues, promoting integration of environmental considerations into economic policies and catalyzing global chemical safety.

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