



## UNEP Releases Updated CD-ROM that Support Developing Country Compliance with Montreal Protocol



Paris/Nairobi, March 2001 - UNEP's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (UNEP DTIE) in Paris has released an updated version of the OzonAction Strategic Information System (OASIS) 2000, an electronic reference tool that supports compliance with the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. This CD-ROM provides developing countries with the strategic information they need to make good decisions about technical and policy issues.

OASIS 2000, was officially launched by Klaus Toepfer, UNEP's Executive Director, on 14 December 2000 during the 12th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

Developed by the UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme under the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, OASIS is an easy-to-use 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 2000 will be a useful information resources for anyone who is directly or indirectly involved in the phase out of ozone depleting substances (ODS).

This release includes updated and expanded information content and features improved search options that enable users to find what they are seeking more quickly and efficiently. OASIS 2000 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 OASIS 2000 include: New/updated information

- Full text reports of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and Technical Options Committees.
- Data reporting forms and instructions from the Ozone Secretariat and Multilateral Fund
- Reports of the Meetings of the Parties, Open-Ended Working Group, 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, and Country Programme Cover Sheets
- The latest version of the Montreal Protocol Handbook
- The OzonAction Newsletter System enhancements
- New search features, including keyword search and question- driven searches.
- 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 with Windows 95/NT and Macintosh operating systems

The CD-ROM can be ordered for US\$ 100 from [Earthprint](#)

This CD-ROM 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: Mr. Rajendra Shende, Chief UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE) Energy and OzonAction Unit, 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](mailto:ozonaction@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 world-wide, 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 co-operation, 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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