



## Ministry of Environment

### **Rwanda marks Ozone Day with a call to all Rwandans to phase down the use of HFCs gases.**

#### **Press Release - For Immediate Release**

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Rwanda is a Party to the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer since 2003; Every 16<sup>th</sup> September Rwanda joins the World to celebrate the International Day for the preservation of Ozone Layer.

This year's theme is: is "**Keep Cool and Carry On**" which is a motivational rallying call urging all of us to carry on with the exemplary work of protecting the ozone layer and the climate under the Montreal Protocol on substances depleting Ozone Layer. The theme has two connotations – that our work of protecting the ozone layer also protects climate and that the Montreal Protocol on substances depleting Ozone Layer is a "cool" treaty, as exemplified by its outstanding success.

On this occasion, the Ministry of Environment urges importers, suppliers and users of all equipment contains the Ozone depleting substances (ODS) to take action on the global warming and protect the ozone layer to keep the planet cool through the implementation of the Kigali Amendment to Montreal Protocol on substances depleting Ozone Layer by phasing out Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) and phasing down Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in all related equipment.

To mark the day, the Ministry of Environment and Rwanda Environment Management Authority organised activities aiming to raise awareness of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal protocol -an instrument against the global warming by phasing down HFCs.

These activities are among others, media campaign for public awareness on ODS the same as the non-ODS, the equipment that contained such kind of substances, and an exhibition of products containing alternatives of Ozone depleting substances to be exhibited by importers & suppliers, and the local technologies that promote energy efficiency, especially those developed by youth and women.

The Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol was adopted in Kigali 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016 during the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties to the Montreal Protocol on substances depleting Ozone

Layer (MOP28) which took place in Kigali from 8 to 15 October 2016 and will enter into force on 1 January 2019.

“As we celebrate 2 years of Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on substances depleting Ozone Layer, we call all Rwandans to support the Kigali Amendment and start to phase down the use of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in aerosols, refrigeration systems and many other items, We can be proud of how we have protected the ozone layer and the climate, but we must also focus on what more we can do to reduce global warming under the Kigali Amendment by keeping cool our environment and carrying on.” Said Vincent Biruta, Minister of Environment.

### **Event information**

- **Event:** Opening of the exhibition
- **Date:** 12 September 2018
- **Venue:** Kigali Car Free Zone
- **Time:** 3:00 am
  
- **Event:** Closing of exhibition
- **Date:** 14 September 2018
- **Venue:** Kigali Car Free Zone
- **Time:** 10:00 pm

The exhibition opening will be followed by a media briefing on global measures and Rwanda’s effort to phase down the production and consumption of HFCs.

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