

REPORT ON WORKSHOP ON
PHASE-OUT OF ODS FROM MILITARY APPLICATION
13-14 OCT 08

- TWO DAYS WORKSHOP ON THE SUBJECT AT CENTRE FOR AIR POWER STUDIES, NEW DELHI.
- ATTENDED BY UNEP DTIE, SPECIALIST FROM TECHNICAL OPTIONS COMMITTEE, OZONE CELL AND MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST OFFICIALS, SPECIALISTS OF OZONE SECRETARIAT, SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF MILITARY TRI-SERVICES OF INDIA AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS FROM DEFENSE R&D LABS.
- WIDE RANGING LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS ON ODS PHASE-OUT FROM MILITARY APPLICATIONS, HALON BANKING AND RECYCLING, DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES TO CFCs/HCFCs AND INTERLINKING BETWEEN OZONE DEPLETION AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

LESSONS LEARNT AND ROAD AHEAD

- FORMALISATION OF COMMUNICATION CHANNELS WITH DESIGNATED NODAL POINTS BETWEEN VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS VIZ UNEP, MoEF, GTZ AND THE THREE MILITARY SERVICES OF INDIA SO THAT LACK OF EASY FLOW OF INFORMATION NOT BECOME A STUMBLING BLOCK.
- A TWO YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAM ON “IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND CONTRIBUTION OF MILITARY LEADERSHIP TOWARDS A SAFE ENVIRONMENT” IS BEING STARTED BY INDIAN AIR FORCE.
- A DRAFT CODE OF ‘GOOD PRACTICES TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE MILITARY (DURING PEACE) FOR A SAFE ENVIRONMENT’ WOULD BE DEVELOPED.
- TECHNICAL EXPERTISE BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE THREE MILITARY SERVICES FOR FURTHERING THE EFFORTS TO PHASE OUT ODS.

ROAD AHEAD

- THE BENEFITS ACCRUING OUT OF SUCH USEFUL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY ALL PRESENT.
- UNEP REGIONAL OFFICE OF ASIA AND PACIFIC'S COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME TEAM WOULD ORGANIZE A SUB REGIONAL WORKSHOP EARLY NEXT YEAR TO STRENGTHEN SUB REGIONAL COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG THE DEFENSE FORCES OF THESE COUNTRIES.