



The Importance of Military Organizations in Protecting the Climate: 2008

***Paris France
3 to 5 November 2008***

Please join us in Paris this November to learn how militaries worldwide are responding to threats of climate change and acting now reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This workshop is scheduled to complement the EU Member States DEFence Environmental Network (DEFNET) meeting, which will be held on the 6 and 7 November. This workshop will:

- Provide a forum for leadership announcements and updates.
- Apply lessons from ozone layer protection to climate protection.
- Highlight challenges and progress made by developed and developing countries.
- Summarize emerging and available climate protection technologies suitable for military and civilian applications.
- Focus on military-unique problems not solved by technology developed for civilian applications.
- Present case studies of military and commercial leadership to protect the climate.

Conference Outcomes

A conference report will be published with consensus findings, including proven strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while improving military effectiveness. The outcomes of this conference will:

- Document the importance of military leadership in technology, operations, and knowledge sharing.
- Build networks of military and civilian experts who share common goals and challenges.
- Provide a meeting consensus summary that becomes the basis for military briefings to national and regional policy makers worldwide.

Who Should Attend?

This workshop is likely to attract a large and influential audience and capable presentations. Those who should attend include:

- High-ranking military officials
- Environmental policy makers
- Energy security officials and experts
- Military contractors
- Military personnel responsible for managing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions
- Suppliers of technology that satisfies all performance criteria with significantly reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Owners, operators and regulators of electric utility systems that support military operations

Location and Registration Information

The meeting will be held at the Paris Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel and Conference Center, located at 17, Boulevard Saint Jacques. To register for the event: <http://www.igsd.org//conferences/Paris2008.php>

For hotel reservations online, please go to:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/parst?groupCode=qpiqpia&app=resvlink&fromDate=11/3/08&toDate=11/5/08>

For hotel reservations by phone, please call +33 (0)1 40 99 88 00 or fax +33 (0)1 40 99 88 01 and reference our conference title or the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development.

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Additional Information

What is the DEFence Environmental NETWORK (DEFNET)?

DEFNET is an informal, expert-level, group comprising mainly of environmental focal-points and specialists from the Ministries of Defence (MODs) of EU Member States. DEFNET helps MODs to improve their environmental performance and analyse and share solutions to problems, developing benchmarks, common standards and consensus positions where beneficial. DEFNET also helps MODs ensure that defence interests are appreciated during the development of European environmental legislation, through provision and exchange of technical information, thereby contributing to better legislation. In addition, DEFNET helps MODs to meet the requirements of environmental legislation that is in place. For more information on DEFNET, email secretariat@eundefnet.com or visit <http://www.eundefnet.com>.

Past Ozone Layer and Climate Protection Conferences

This conference is the fifth in an international series that began in 1991.

The First International Conference on the Role of the Military in Protecting the Ozone Layer, sponsored by NATO, the US Air Force, and the US EPA, was held from the 11th to the 13th of September 1991 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Second International Conference on the Role of the Military in Protecting the Ozone Layer, sponsored by NATO, the US Department of Defense, the US EPA, ICOLP, the Aerospace Industries Association, the American Electronics Association, the Electronic Industries Association and the University of Maryland Center for Global Change, was held on the 24th and 25th of January 1994 in Brussels.

The Third International Workshop on the Role of the Military in Implementing the Montreal Protocol and the First International Workshop on the Military Role in Climate Protection – sponsored by NATO, The Netherlands Ministry of Defence, the Norway Ministry of Defence, the US Department of Defense, the US EPA, ICOLP and the University of Maryland Center for Global Change—was held on the 6th and 7th of November 1997 in Herndon, Virginia.

The Fourth International Workshop on the Importance of Military Organizations in Stratospheric Ozone and Climate Protection was held from the 6th to the 8th of February 2001 in Brussels. It was sponsored by the Australia Department of Defence, the Center for International Environmental Law, the Climate Institute, the Department of National Defence Canada, Environment Australia, Environment Canada, the Institute for Defense Analyses, the International Cooperative for Environmental Leadership, the UK Ministry of Defence, the UK Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions, UNEP, the UNEP Multilateral Fund of the Montreal Protocol, the US EPA and the US Department of Defense.