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**UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE EVALUATION OF
REGIONAL NETWORKS OF NATIONAL OZONE OFFICERS**

Introduction

1. At its 86th meeting, the Executive Committee approved the terms of reference (TORs)² for the second phase of the evaluation of regional networks of national ozone officers (NOOs) (decision 86/10). However, this evaluation was included in the monitoring and evaluation work programme for the year 2022 and approved at the 88th meeting (decision 88/10). The Executive Committee took into consideration the challenges and uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic and agreed to be provided with interim updates by the Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (SMEO) at the 90th and 91st meetings.³ This document presents progress made since the last update presented at the 90th meeting.

Evaluation timeline and field visits

2. Since July 2022, the SMEO has undertaken a series of in-person visits to different regions, attending the meetings of the regional networks organized in Bangkok, in July; in Dubai and Prague, in September; and Nairobi, in October 2022. The annex to the present document informs about the status of implementation of the ongoing evaluation and related activities.

3. In attending the meetings of the Regional Networks, the SMEO counted on the invaluable support by and collaboration with the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) OzonAction teams, both from its headquarters in Paris and from the regional offices which also assisted in the organization of bilateral or group meetings when possible.

¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/91/1

² UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/11/Corr.1

³ Table 1 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/88/11/Rev.1

4. A final field visit will complete the coverage of all regions, in spring 2023 with the joint meeting of the Latin America and Caribbean networks.

Data collection and analysis

5. Following the completion of the evaluation matrix and the stakeholders' mapping exercise, prepared during the first stage of this evaluation during the first semester of 2022, an in-depth data collection process has been launched. Relevant stakeholders are being involved in turns, each survey building upon the results collected from the previous group. In July 2022, a first targeted survey was sent to the group of regional coordinators, to benefit from their informed inputs on the issue at stake.

6. Building on the analysis of the responses from the regional coordinators and in line with the scope of the evaluation, the team prepared a multilingual global online survey, addressed to the 147 NOOs. The rate of response is highly satisfactory, close to 70 per cent of the targeted population.

7. In stage 3 of the current evaluation, it is planned to involve implementing and bilateral agencies, representatives of the Multilateral Fund Secretariat, of the Ozone Secretariat, of the CAP OzonAction team, and members of the Executive Committee, through either interviews and/or questionnaires to provide their views and complete the data collection process.

Use of resources and expertise

8. The evaluation process is led by the SMEO, with contributions from two consultants, for different stages, and supported by the newly appointed programme management assistant for monitoring and evaluation. The use of unspent balance is addressed in the draft monitoring and evaluation work programme for 2023,⁴ with the proposal of rephasing US \$15,000 for the completion of the evaluation, from 2022 to 2023. The remaining balance will be returned to the Multilateral Fund.⁵

Conclusion

9. As originally planned, the SMEO intends to submit the final report of the evaluation of the regional networks of NOOs at the 92nd meeting, as indicated in draft monitoring and evaluation work programme for the year 2023.⁶

Recommendation

10. The Executive Committee may wish to take note of the update on the status of the second phase of the evaluation of regional networks of national ozone officers contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/91/10.

⁴ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/91/11

⁵ Current unspent balance is US \$53,459. Final financial figures available at the closure of the financial year 2022.

⁶ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/91/11

Annex

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EVALUATION OF REGIONAL NETWORKS

Stage and activities	Evaluation task and Output calendar	Status of implementation/ Plan
First stage	Mapping of stakeholders Design, evaluation matrix and planning phase	Completed (1 st semester 2022, reported to 90 th meeting)
Second stage	Missions, surveys, data collection and analysis	
Surveys (1)	Questionnaires to Regional Coordinators	Completed (to all regional coordinators)
Surveys (2)	Survey to National Ozone and Montreal Protocol Officers	Sent 8 September 2022 Closed – End October 2022 – Data collection completed
Surveys (3)	Survey to other stakeholders (i.e., Implementing and bilateral agencies, Multilateral Fund Secretariat and Ozone Secretariat, development partners and observers, Executive Committee members)	Ongoing – Planned between last quarter 2022 – first quarter 2023
Interviews with stakeholders	On the margins of ExCom & MOP meetings in 2022 During participation in Regional Networks meetings (Asia, South-East Asia and the Pacific, West-Asia, ECA, Africa completed); Latin America and the Caribbean in 2023	Covered Asia, South-East Asia & Pacific, West-Asia, Europe and Central Asia and Africa, anglophone and francophone networks. To be continued between October 2022 and March 2023
Field visits / SMEO attendance to meetings of the Regional Networks	Regional Network Meeting of SA, SEA and PICS, Thailand, Bangkok (back-to-back with 44 th OEWG in Bangkok) ----- West-Asia – UAE, Dubai - 11 – 16 September ----- Europe and Central Asia - Czechia, Prague & Cheb, 20-22 September 2022 ----- African Networks – EN & FR, 3-5 October, Kenya, Nairobi ----- LAC – Joint EN&SP networks –Panama	Completed Completed Completed Completed Planned end of March 2023
Survey and Questionnaires / Data analysis & Missions findings	Rolling process - until the end of the evaluation	Fall 2022 until early 2023
Third stage (final) drafting phase/comments/ final report	Drafting of the report/consultation & comments with stakeholders/quality assurance process / First quarter 2023	To be done
Presentations to Executive Committee	Progress report – 91 st meeting, 5-9 December 2022 Final Report – First Executive Committee meeting in 2023 (92 nd)	To be done