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PROJECT PROPOSAL: TOGO

This document consists of the comments and recommendation of the Fund Secretariat on the following project proposal:

## Phase-out

• Terminal phase-out management plan: first tranche

**UNEP** and **UNDP** 

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# PROJECT EVALUATION SHEET – MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS TOGO

#### PROJECT TITLE

#### BILATERAL/IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Ter	Terminal phase-out management plan: first tranche  UNEP and UNDP			
SUB-	PROJECT TITLES			
(a)	Strengthening of technical capacities for refrigeration technicians		UNEP/UNDP	
(b)	UNEP			
(c)	UNDP			
(d)	Project implementation and monitoring		UNEP	

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# LATEST REPORTED CONSUMPTION DATA FOR ODS ADDRESSED IN PROJECT

# A: ARTICLE-7 DATA (ODP TONNES 2006, AS OF SEPTEMBER 2007)

Annex A, Group 1 (CFC)	10.1	

#### B: COUNTRY PROGRAMME SECTORAL DATA (ODP TONNES 2006, AS OF SEPTEMBER 2007)

	ODS	Aerosol	Foam	Ref. Mfg.	Ref.	Solvents	Process	Fumigant
					Servicing		agent	
CFC					10.1			

CFC consumption remaining eligible for funding (ODP tonnes)	n/a

# **CURRENT YEAR BUSINESS PLAN:** Total funding US \$97,719: total phase-out 1 ODP tonnes.

PROJECT DATA			2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Annex A	Montreal Protocol limit	19.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	
CFC	Annual consumption limit		5.9	5.9	5.9	0	
(ODP	Annual phase-out from ongoing projects			n/a			
tonnes)	Annual phase-out newly addressed		5.9	5.9	5.9	0	
	Annual unfunded phase-out						
TOTAL C	DDS CONSUMPTION TO BE PHASED OUT						
Final proj	ect costs (US \$):						
Fundi	Funding for Lead IA: UNEP		90,000	70,000			160,000
Fundi	Funding for Cooperating IA: UNDP		111,000	74,000			185,000
Total	Total project funding		201,000	144,000			345,000
Final supp	oort costs (US \$):						
Suppo	Support cost for Lead IA: UNEP			9,100			20,800
Support cost for Cooperating IA: UNDP			9,990	6,660			16,650
Total support costs			21,690	15,760			37,450
TOTAL C	TOTAL COST TO MULTILATERAL FUND (US \$)			159,760			382,450
Final proje	ct cost effectiveness (US \$/kg)						

FUNDING REQUEST: Pending.

SECRETARIAT'S RECOMMENDATION	For individual consideration
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#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. On behalf of the Government of Togo, UNEP, as the lead implementing agency, has submitted a terminal CFC phase-out management plan (TPMP) for consideration by the Executive Committee at its 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The project will also be implemented with assistance from UNDP. The total cost of the TPMP as submitted is US \$345,000 (US \$165,000 plus agency support costs of US \$21,450 for UNEP and US \$180,000 plus agency support cost of US \$16,200 for UNDP). The project proposes the complete phase of CFCs by the end of 2009. The CFC baseline for compliance is 39.8 ODP tonnes, and is being resubmitted after UNEP withdrew it from the 53<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting.

# **Background**

2. In regard to the phase-out of CFCs in the refrigeration servicing sector, at its 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting the Executive Committee allocated US \$382,500 to UNDP and UNEP for the development of ODS regulations, implementation of training programmes for refrigeration service technicians and customs officers, establishment of a recovery and recycling programme, and a programme for monitoring the activities included in the RMP. The implementation of the RMP in Togo resulted in the training of 347 refrigeration service technicians in good servicing practices including 71 trainers, 46 technicians in recovery and recycling operations and 281 customs officers. It also led to equipping 20 workshops with basic tools, as well as four recovery centres with recovery and recycling equipment. As a result, in 2006, the country was able to recover at least half a tonne each of CFC-12 and HCFC-22. The project also facilitated the distribution of four kits of refrigerant identifiers.

# Policy and legislation

3. Togo follows the sub-regional regulations of the Western African Economic and Monetary Union, and its ODS regulations are governed by the UEMOA decree promulgated in July 2005. Nationally, it has initiated several measures to control the import and export of ODS. There are inter-ministerial decrees that regulate the elimination of ODS substances, including import and re-export of substances and a ban on the import and export of methyl bromide.

# Refrigeration servicing sector

- 4. Togo reported a consumption of 9.9 ODP tonnes of CFCs in 2006. Out of this figure, 6.9 ODP tonnes are used for servicing domestic refrigerators, 2.3 ODP tonnes for commercial and industrial refrigeration systems, and 0.7 ODP tonnes for MAC units.
- 5. The TPMP suggests that as of 2007, the number of refrigeration technicians in Togo has risen to 1,200 from 900 when the RMP was approved in 2002. These technicians are divided between about 500 repair workshops, mostly in the informal sector. Around 50 percent (450 technicians and trainers) of these have received formal training under the RMP.
- 6. The current prices of refrigerants per kg are: US \$8.70 for CFC-12, US \$23.90 for CFC-11, US \$20.62 for HFC-134a, US \$5.07 for HCFC-22. R-502 is also available in Togo at US\$19.03 per kilogramme as well as R-600a and R-400a which cost US\$30.15 per kilogramme.

# Activities proposed in the TPMP

- 7. The following activities are proposed to be implemented through the TPMP project:
  - (a) Strengthening of technical capacities for refrigeration technicians;
  - (b) Capacity building for customs officers;
  - (c) Technical assistance and equipment programme; and
  - (d) Project implementation and monitoring.
- 8. The Government of Togo plans the complete phase-out of CFCs by 1 January 2010. A detailed work plan for 2008 has been submitted with the TPMP proposal.

#### SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

#### **COMMENTS**

- 9. The TPMP for Togo, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/53/55 at the amount of US \$345,000 was initially forwarded to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting and subsequently withdrawn by UNEP since there was no agreement on technical issues and the corresponding costs. The revised project document submitted by UNEP to this meeting has not changed substantially from the earlier one, except for additional information on the progress and status of implementation of the incentive programme for end-users being implemented under the RMP through UNDP.
- 10. The 2006 CFC consumption reported by the Government of Togo under Article 7 of the Protocol of 10.1 ODP tonnes is still higher than the consumption level allowed under the Montreal Protocol for 2007. Based on the data available, Togo has demonstrated a steadily declining consumption of CFCs from 2002 (35.3 ODP tonnes) to 2006 (10.1 ODP tonnes). While its 2006 consumption is still over the consumption limit for 2007, the reduction between 2005 and 2006 is around seventy percent.
- 11. The Secretariat discussed with the implementing agency the technical issues related to the current levels of CFC consumption in Togo, the level of implementation of the RMP particularly as it relates to similar activities proposed in the TPMP, and the current status of the disbursement of activities included in the approved RMP. It also discussed issues related to the technical viability of an incentive programme especially for the domestic refrigeration sector, and the overall sustainability of activities within the TPMP in order to ensure that the country achieves its zero phase-out of CFCs by 2010. In this submission, UNEP has indicated that disbursements have been incurred in the incentive programme for the end-users sub component of the RMP and implementation is progressing well.

### Level of funding and implementation modalities

- 12. As the document submitted to this meeting has remained the same as the previous submission, the issues listed below are in line with similar to those raised by the Secretariat at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting, notably:
  - (a) Most of the CFC use in the refrigeration sector in the country, as indicated in paragraph 5 above, is in the domestic air conditioning sector. However, in looking at the overall use of the different refrigerants in the servicing sector, CFC use is only 11 percent of a total of 86.92 metric tonnes of refrigerant use which includes HFC-134a, HCFC-22, R-502, R-600a and R-404a. CFC use in domestic refrigeration servicing is only 11 percent, while the rest is attributed to HFC-134a.
  - (b) The recovery and recycling programme under the RMP recovered small quantities of CFC-12 and HCFC-22, at a rate of 500 kilogrammes annually. These are immediately reused the serviced equipment. It was observed that the recovery and recycling scheme failed to work well perhaps due to a lack of an incentive for the scheme to work;
  - (c) The training of technicians has resulted in good practices being followed by those trained, but the need for further training in new technology and alternatives such as hydrocarbons was expressed due to the recent influx of hydrocarbon compressors in the market;
  - (d) The price of CFCs is increasing while HFC-134a despite it being still more expensive than CFCs is showing a downward trend in the last three years. It was also noted that hydrocarbon refrigerants in the form of R-600a has entered the market in 2007 albeit at a very high price as compared to other refrigerants;
  - (e) Despite the presence of HC compressors in the market, hydrocarbon refrigerants are still very expensive in the country;
  - (f) The TPMP envisages the production of local recovery equipment, however the results of the recovery and recycling programme under the RMP have not been encouraging; and
  - (g) While the projects proposed in the TPMP are envisaged to draw upon the lessons in the RMP, it appears to still be considered on a project by project basis and does not provide an overall strategy of how compliance will be met and sustained through the interaction of the various components of the TPMP.
- 13. UNEP provided clarification on the status of the incentive programme, and explained that the programme has already identified six recipients for the subsidy, which is expected to phase out 5 ODP tonnes. In its new submission, it has provided additional information on the progress of the implementation of the incentive programme showing that as of December 2007, a total of 27 recipients of the programme has been identified, and the funds subsequently released. Additional disbursements are to be done in early 2008.

- 14. The Secretariat sought clarification on the equipment component described in the TPMP particularly the need for hydrocarbon (HC) demonstration equipment which is being requested at a high cost especially considering that the price of HC refrigerant in the market is very high. It also requested more information on the nature of the local recovery equipment to be produced and how this would contribute to phase out seeing that the recovery and recycling component of the RMP was not very successful. UNEP explained that the HC equipment is needed to enable the technicians to service refrigerators with HC compressors. While it is recognised that the price of HC refrigerants is quite high, the fact that it is currently available in the market and the possibility of HC training may encourage the use of HC refrigerants and increase demand. UNEP was also asked to provide details on the type of equipment to be manufactured, and how this would contribute to compliance. UNEP however has again not provided adequate justification on the overall equipment support programme, type and quantity of equipment needed, as well unit costs. It has also failed to explain the overall concept of manufacturing local recovery equipment when the recovery and recycling component of the RMP did not show positive results.
- 15. Based on the above and considering that most of the activities that are being proposed in the TPMP for Togo have already been fully implemented, the Secretariat pointed out that the request for US \$345,000 for the implementation of the TPMP for Togo cannot be justified and does not meet the Executive Committee's requirements. Further, in light of decision 45/54(c) (i.e., future TPMP proposals might include requests for funding up to US \$345,000 for countries with a CFC baseline between 30-60 ODP tonnes (such as Togo) on the understanding that individual proposals would still need to demonstrate that the funding level was necessary to achieve complete phase-out of CFCs), the maximum level of funding that could be considered for the TPMP for Togo to meet the requirements of decision 45/54 would be US \$298,000.
- 16. Noting that an agreement has not been reached between the Secretariat and UNEP (as the lead implementing agency) on costs, the Executive Committee could consider deferring the project proposal. Alternatively, due to the limited time left between now and complete phase out in 2010, the Committee could consider approving funding at US \$298,000 for the final phase-out of CFCs in Togo, subject to confirmation from UNEP at the Meeting that Togo wishes, to proceed on this basis, and with disbursement withheld pending agreement by the Secretariat to an implementation programme to be prepared and submitted by UNEP.

#### RECOMMENDATION

17. The Executive Committee may wish to consider the proposed TPMP for Togo in light of the above comments.

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