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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

Information Note

Doha, 16 November 2008 - At the opening of the 20th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, in Qatar, UNEP DTIE 's OzonAction unveiled "The Montreal Protocol Who's Who" a new web portal intended to honor the visionaries, innovators and implementers who are making the Montreal Protocol a global environmental success story.

The Montreal Protocol represents a great achievement at the global scale. This work started in the early 1970s, is now recognised as an outstanding example of successful cooperation between developed and developing countries and provides an excellent model for treating complex environmental issues of global importance. The success of the Montreal Protocol resulted from the dedication and commitment of a number of individuals from varied cultural and social origins from around the world. Combining their efforts they made ozone layer protection a reality and the Montreal Protocol a success.

The "Montreal Protocol Who's Who" pays tribute to those individuals who played a critical role in realising this global effort to protect the ozone layer. The "MP Who's Who" is intended to identify and chronicle the achievements of significant Montreal Protocol champions and serve as a reference tool for all those interested in how environment issues can be addressed on a global scale. The accomplishments of the individuals contained in the "Montreal Protocol Who's Who" should be inspiring and encourage you to find your own way to help make the world a safer and better place for future generations.

Achim Steiner, UN Undersecretary General and Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), said: The example of the Montreal Protocol gives us hope and inspiration about what can be achieved collectively to protect the global environment. Developing and developed countries have worked side by side for the common good to set, meet and sustain precise, time-based compliance targets for eliminating an entire class of harmful chemicals, thereby helping to restore Earth's precious ozone shield to health. Let us celebrate the ozone protection champions from those countries whose ideas, innovation and initiative are making this treaty one of history's most successful multilateral environmental agreements.

The "Montreal Protocol Who's Who" is the first collection of biographies from the Montreal Protocol Community. The work, achievements and background of each of the individuals is described in a short biography embellished with photographs, video and memorable quotes. Entries for the "Montreal Protocol Who's Who" are based on nominations. Each nominator supplies the original information for an entry. Eligibility for inclusion in the Who's Who is based on the position of responsibility held and the contribution made to protection of the ozone layer. The integrity and accuracy of entries is ensured by a "Steering Committee" of key experts from the Montreal Protocol Global community.

You have a unique early-bird opportunity to nominate ozone protection champions from your country or region. To access the online nomination form, please visit <http://www.unep.fr/ozonaction/montrealprotocolwhoswho/PageFlip.asp>

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