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HALF-DAY SESSION FOR AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON  
STRATEGIC APPROACHES TO KIGALI AMENDMENT IMPLEMENTATION  
Montreal, 26 May 2024

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Objectives of the half-day session**

1. The half-day session aims at enabling members, co-opted members, implementing and bilateral agencies to have an in-depth, informal discussion on strategic approaches to Kigali Amendment implementation. Issues covered will include, among others, policies and regulations, cooling and phase-down strategies, energy efficiency, sector approaches and life-cycle refrigerant management.

**Organisation of the discussion**

2. The agenda consists of two sessions.

3. Session 1 relates to the strategic directions for the implementation of the Kigali Amendment and contains three parts with leading opening questions for each one. Session 2 relates to strengthening the capacity of Multilateral Fund institutions and stakeholders to implement the Kigali Amendment. Both sessions identify a few initial points for discussion based on the submissions by the members and co-opted members that are found in the compilation of issues broken down by topic (<http://www.multilateralfund.org/94/pages/Half-day%20Session.aspx>). The selection of a few initial points for discussion was done with the aim of narrowing down the discussion and keeping a bird-eye view on all issues raised by members and co-opted members in their submissions.

4. The discussion will be moderated by a professional facilitator. A brief biography for the professional facilitator is set out in the annex to the provisional agenda.

## AGENDA

- 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Opening of the workshop
- 11:15 a.m. – 2.45 p.m. **Session 1 Strategic directions for the implementation of the Kigali Amendment**
- 11:15 a.m. – 12.10 p.m. **1.1 Supporting action beyond Kigali Amendment compliance**
- Opening question
- What are potentially high-impact opportunities for the Multilateral Fund to support action beyond compliance with the Kigali Amendment, to achieve benefits beyond those achieved with compliance?*
- Initial points for discussion
- Incentivize early action to phase down HFCs in advance of the agreed Kigali schedule; front loaded funding for 2035 Kigali HFC implementation plan (KIP) targets.
  - Promote improved energy efficiency during HFC phase-down and promote energy efficiency investments in enterprises (manufacturing sector) during the refrigerant transition.
- 12:10 p.m. – 1.00 p.m. **1.2 Supporting national or/and sectoral approaches**
- Opening question
- How can the Multilateral Fund (MLF) support the integration of HFC phase-down into national or/and sectoral plans and strategies, in ways that achieve higher impact on HFCs and related climate goals?*
- Initial points for discussion
- Support sector investment plans to finance low-GWP, energy-efficient refrigerant-based technologies in priority sectors, e.g., fisheries, tourism.
  - Invest in refrigerant management activities that provide concrete and demonstrable additional benefits beyond existing funding models for the servicing sector.
  - Support product development and adoption in key sectors – potentially including low-GWP-based energy-efficient cooling equipment and components (compressors, variable speed control drives, etc), low-cost variable speed compressor technologies, low-cost leak detection sensors, low-cost innovative information technology-based solutions for smart cooling.
  - Use the policy framework of the National Cooling Action Plans to identify and finance high-impact investments in HFC phase-down with refrigerant transition, energy efficiency and life-cycle refrigerant management.
- 1:00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. Lunch

2.00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

### **1.3 Targeting investments to key Kigali Amendment implementation issues**

#### Opening question

*How can the Multilateral Fund maximize its impact on potentially challenging Kigali Amendment implementation issues?*

#### Initial points for discussion

- Support of KIP implementation.
- Strengthen technical capacity to handle new alternatives with focus on small- and medium-sized enterprises and installers / assemblers.
- Support approaches, measures, and practices to ensure the sustained elimination of HFCs including ideas from document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/87/45<sup>1</sup> of the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee.
- Consider integration of number of activities other than KIPs through project design, submission, implementation, and reporting to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness.
- Take a holistic approach to the HFC phase-down, cognizant of the triple planetary crisis, taking account of synergies and trade-offs with other environmental challenges with ultimate aim for the MLF to provide cost-effective support.

2:45 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.

### **Session 2: Strengthening the capacity of MLF institutions and stakeholders to implement the Kigali Amendment**

#### Opening questions

*What changes need to be made in the activities of the Executive Committee, the Secretariat, the implementing agencies, and the National Ozone Units (NOUs) to ensure that new approaches to address HFC phase-down are implemented in a timely and efficient manner?*

*What type of mechanisms should the Multilateral Fund support to allow better coordination between NOUs and stakeholders to allow the effective implementation of the Kigali Amendment?*

#### Initial options for discussion

- Build institutional capacity including training and awareness.
- Promote coordination between institutions at national/regional/international levels.
- Build capacity of the MLF institutions and review of existing processes.

3.45 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Closing remarks

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<sup>1</sup> Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/87/45: Potential strategies, policy measures and commitments, as well as projects and activities that could be integrated within stage I of HFC phase-down plans for Article 5 countries (decision 85/54(b))

**Annex**

**BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF THE PROFESSIONAL FACILITATOR  
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David Fairman is Senior Mediator at the Consensus Building Institute and Associate Director of the MIT-Harvard Public Disputes Program. For thirty-five years, he has facilitated consensus building on complex public and organizational issues internationally and in the United States of America.

His primary focus is building effective multi-stakeholder partnerships, strategies, programs and dispute resolution systems to meet challenges of sustainable development. He works extensively with the United Nations development system, international financial institutions, national governments, global and national NGOs and multinational corporations at the global level, and in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

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