

Workshop Report



Dissemination Workshop on the Implementation of Montreal Protocol in Bangladesh

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1. Introduction

Department of Environment (DoE) is implementing HCFC Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP). Under the HPMP, government decided to disseminate information regarding Montreal Protocol implementation in the country. For the first time DoE organized dissemination workshop on the implementation of Montreal Protocol in Bangladesh at Khulna Division on 19 May 2016 at Christian Service Society (CSS) Ava Center at Khulna. Total 79 participants participated in the workshop. Distinguished participants are from different government offices at Khulna Division, Professors of different universities of Khulna, teachers of various training institutes, journalists, civil society representative, NGO representative, association representatives etc from Khulna division.

The programme was divided into two sessions - the inaugural session and the technical session. Mr. Md. Abdus Samad, Divisional Commissioner, Khulna Division graced the inaugural session as Chief Guest. Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional Director General & Project Director, HCFC Phase-out Management Plan – UNEP Component, Department of Environment and Mr. Md. Habibul Haque Khan, Deputy Secretary & Deputy Director, Khulna DC Office, Khulna graced the occasion as special guests. Mr. Md. Jafar Siddique, Joint Secretary & Director (Admin), Department of Environment was the Chair of the inaugural session. Dr. Mallick Anwar Hossain, Director, Department of Environment, Khulna was present among other guests.

There were three presentations in the Technical Session. Mr. Md. Jafar Siddique Director (Admin), Department of Environment; Dr. Satyendra Kumar Purkayastha, Senior Officer, Ozone Cell, DoE and Mr. Shaikh Obaidullah Al Mahmood, Research Officer, Ozone Cell, DoE were the discussants of the technical session. Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional Director General, DoE was the Chair of the technical session.

2. The Inaugural Session

The workshop began with the self introduction of the participants followed by recitation from the Holy Qur'an at 9.30 o'clock in the morning on 19 May 2016 at the training room (room # 2) of Christian Service Society (CSS) Ava Center at Khulna.



Distinguished Guests at the Inaugural Session of the Workshop



Dr. Mallick Anwar Hossain is delivering his Speech

Dr. Mallick Anwar Hossain welcomed the distinguished guests and participants of the workshop. In his speech, at the onset he stressed upon the importance of this workshop. He also spoke about the role of Department of Environment in Khulna Division. He urged that policy makers and stakeholders should work together to protect the environment in Bangladesh.



Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi is delivering his speech

Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional Director General, Department of Environment and Project Director, HCFC Phase-out Management Plan (Stage-I) UNEP Component project in his speech said that Department of Environment is implementing Montreal Protocol activities in Bangladesh. He shared with the participants about the success story of Montreal Protocol and the activities done by the government. He also figured the challenges to implement remaining activities in regards to implementing Montreal Protocol obligations.



Mr. Md. Habibul Haque Khan is delivering his speech

Mr. Md. Habibul Haque Khan, Deputy Secretary & Deputy Director, Khulna DC Office, Khulna in his speech said that ozone layer depletion and climate change are inter related. We are vulnerable to climate change. To take up the challenge we should work together at national and international level. We should negotiate in the international forum for the compensation to reduce the vulnerabilities of climate change.



Mr. Md. Abdus Samad is delivering his speech

Hon'ble Chief Guest, **Mr. Md. Abdus Samad** in his speech mentioned the importance of Montreal Protocol. He urged the people to work together to protect the ozone layer and the environment. He thanked Department of Environment to organize such an important workshop in Khulna.



Mr. Md. Jafar Siddique is delivering his speech

Mr. Md. Jafar Siddique, Director (Admin), Department of Environment in his speech thanked hon'ble guests of the workshop for their presence and encouraging words. While giving his speech as Chair, he also urged to the Divisional Commissioner to activate the district Environment Committee under his division.

3. Technical Session

The technical session was chaired by Mr. Quazi Sarwar Intiaz Hashmi, ADG, DoE. Mr. Md. Jafar Siddique, Director (Admin), Department of Environment gave the first presentation on



Participant is giving his comment at the technical session of the workshop

“Environmental Law and Ozone Depleting Substances (Control) Rules, 2004 (Amended in 2014)”. He highlighted the salient features of different environment related laws and rules. Mr. Md. Jafar Siddique also mentioned that environment is a cross cutting issue. So, no single law or ministry can implement environment related issue. He then elaborately discussed the Ozone Depleting Substance (Control) Rules, 2004 (Amended in 2014). The participants were interactive in this session.

The second presentation was made by Dr. Satyendra Kumar Purkayastha, Senior Officer, Ozone Cell, Department of Environment on “Implementation of Montreal Protocol in Bangladesh”. He discussed on the Montreal Protocol, its obligation, Bangladesh responsibilities, activities done so far by Bangladesh and remaining challenges.

The last presentation of the workshop was made by Mr. Shaikh Obaidullah Al Mahmood, Research Officer, Ozone Cell, Department of Environment on “Available Alternative Technology”. He discussed about the ODS technologies, the change of the technologies, contemporary applications and pros and cons of the alternatives.

4. Concluding Session



Remarks by Dr. Mallick Anwar Hossain

In the concluding session Dr. Mallick Anwar Hossain, Director, DoE, Khulna Divisional Office gave answer to the question raised by participants in different environmental issues regarding Khulna city during technical session. He informed that government is actively working with different agencies to mitigate environmental problems. He also explained the limitation of enforcement of environmental crime due to insufficient manpower of the Department of Environment. However, he assured the participants that DoE is trying its level best for the conservation of the environment.



Concluding remark by Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi

In the concluding remark, Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi informed the house about limitation of Environment Control Rules 1997. A question was raised from the participant about the odor problem of waste of the city corporation. In reply, he informed the participants that we have no Rules on odor. But, Odor Rules have been drafted and now it is with the Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Division, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. He then thanked all distinguished guests and participants for attending the workshop. Especially he thanked to the officers and staffs of Khulna Divisional Office,

Department of Environment for organizing such a successful workshop.