

# DENR-EMB, UNDP, and key stakeholders initiate inception workshop for the Philippines' hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) phasedown plan



The Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) spearheaded the National Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Inception Workshop for Kigali Implementation Plan (KIP) Project Preparation held at Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA, Quezon City on July 5, 2024.

The inception workshop is part of the Philippines' proactive measures to implement the Kigali Amendment, an international treaty ratified by the country to phase down HFCs, combat climate change, and support the country's net zero emissions ambition. The Philippines' Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol was ratified and entered into force on Feb-

-ruary 2, 2023. Director Al Orolfo of the DENR-Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS) said, "This initiative is an effort and fulfillment of our commitment to ensure a structured and effective approach to HFC reduction and will serve as the foundation for Stage I of our KIP."

Orolfo acknowledged the participation of various government agencies, private industries, organizations, HFC importers, dealers, and service providers,

stressing their essential role in developing a robust HFC Phase Down Management Project Plan.

During the workshop, Geri-Geronimo R. Sañez, Chief of the EMB-Environmental Quality Management Division, outlined the Kigali Amendment Commitment and the HFC Phase Down Program's implementation in the Philippines. Engineer Edwin Romel N. Navaluna, Chief of the EMB Chemical Management Section, presented the KIP Project Preparation and Stakeholder Roles.





UNDP Programme Analyst Mark Anthony M. Ramirez discussed the HFCs Data Gathering and Consultation Design.

Participants raised concerns and provided recommendations to enhance the KIP implementation. Results from the sectoral breakout sessions were presented, with TESDA representing the regulatory and government sector and Delsa Inc. representing the industry and private organizations group.

The input of each participant was highly regarded and will be utilized in the final crafting of the survey questions that will be disseminated to the concerned sectors. Through comprehensive data collection, analysis, and sectoral consultations, the implementing project agency and executing agencies hope to establish KIP in the Philippines efficiently and successfully.

EMB Assistant Director Sajul emphasized the inception workshop is one step toward achieving a climate-friendly Philippines. “We will continue to advance our causes through effective information dissemination, comprehensive consultations, and productive dialogues. We will build a stronger link between the government and private organizations and industries with constant communication and coordination,” she concluded.



Looking ahead, the UNDP and DENR-EMB will conduct the National Capital Region Data Gathering & Focus Group Discussion on July 30-31, 2024, before finalizing the HFC Phase-down Management Project Plan, which will be submitted to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat this year.

