

**AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON OZONE DEPLETION AND MANAGEMENT OF
ODS-PHASE OUT IN SMEs, PRETORIA (SOUTH AFRICA),
OCTOBER 7-10, 1997**

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES : 13 (INCLUDING 6 MEMBER COUNTRIES OF NAMS & T CENTRE)

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS : 36

The workshop on Ozone Depletion and Management of ODS-phase out in SMEs for the African Region was organised by the Centre at the Foundation of Research Development (FRD) of South Africa in Pretoria during October 7-10, 1997. This was the second workshop in the series of the regional workshops being organised by the Centre as part of its programme on Environment, which the Centre is implementing with the support of UNEP. Please see the write-up on the workshop for the Asian region held in New Delhi during February 7-10, 1995 in Item III.8 above. The African regional workshop was co-sponsored by the Commonwealth Science Council (CSC).

Apart from the representatives of CSC, UNEP Nairobi, UNEP-IE Paris and UNIDO, a representative each from Egypt (Eng. Ahmed Amin Ibrahim of the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology), India (Dr. Sukumar Devotta of the National Chemical Laboratory, Pune), Lesotho (Mr. C. Matso Akeltsa of Sun Technology Refrigeration and Air-conditioning in Maseru), Swaziland (Mr. R. Singh of Fridgemaster from Matsapha), Tanzania (Dr. A. P. Nanyaro of Tanzania Industrial and Development Organisation, Dar-es-Salaam), Zambia (Dr. G. Kasali of the National Council for Scientific Research, Lusaka) and Zimbabwe (Mr. D. A. Marongwe of the Ministry of Mines, Environment and Tourism) as well as several participants from South Africa attended the workshop. The total number of participants was 36, including the resource persons from UNIDO in Austria, UNEP in France, UNEP Regional Office and Ozone Secretariat in Kenya, Commonwealth Science Council in UK, GTZ-Proklima in Germany and the NAM S&T Centre.

Dr. K.M. Mokhele, President of FRD and Prof. M. Y. Saada, President of the Governing Council of NAM S&T Centre addressed the inaugural session. Dr. M. Graber, Executive Secretary of UNEP and Dr. F. Hanekom, Deputy Director General, Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism of the Republic of South Africa also spoke at the inaugural session. There were 21 presentations by eminent scientists and technologists from South Africa and other African countries, India and UN organisations at various technical sessions, which dealt with the problems and phasing out of ODS. These were followed by a panel discussion on recommendations and concluding session.

While Dr. P. Aucamp of PTERSA, South Africa covered the scientific aspects of ozone depletion, Dr. P. Terblanche of the CSIR of South Africa spoke on the biological aspects and effect. Mr. S. Gorman of UNEP Ozone Action Programme presented an over-view of alternative technologies in relation to their use by small and medium enterprises.