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REBOOTING THE VIENNA CONVENTION FOR STRATOSPHERIC AEROSOL INJECTION GOVERNANCE

**Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal
Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer**

Date: Tuesday, 24th October 2023

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Location: Room CR-14, United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON)



Refreshments will be provided

With the pressing threat of escalating global temperatures, the discourse around Solar Radiation Modification (SRM) as a countermeasure is intensifying. Among the various SRM methods, Stratospheric Aerosol Injection (SAI) is emerging as a frontrunner, due to its cost-effectiveness and relative ease of deployment. However, it brings with it a host of potential risks and uncertainties to both human populations and ecosystems, including potential damage to the ozone layer.

Given the rapid developments and the high stakes involved, this side-event will delve into the critical issue of international governance of SAI research and deployment. The focus will be on presenting new analysis and insights from iFOREST on how the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer can be leveraged and revitalized to fortify global governance structures around SAI. This discussion is essential to ensure that any advancements in SAI are conducted responsibly, ethically, and with a thorough understanding of the potential impacts on our planet and its inhabitants.

Agenda

18.15 – 18.20	Welcome & Introduction
18.20 – 18.35	Impact of SAI on Ozone David Fahey, Co-Chair - Scientific Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol
18.35 – 18.55	Vienna Convention and Governance of SAI Chandra Bhushan, President & CEO, iFOREST
18.55 – 19.30	Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lambert Kuijpers, Member, Scientific Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol• Shikha Bhasin, Adviser, Council on Energy, Environment and Water• Tapio Reinikainen, Senior Adviser, Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production, Finnish Environment Institute• Representatives from countries*
19.30 – 20.00	Q&A

* Confirmation awaited.

