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Strengthening Enforcement of the Montreal Protocol:

Addressing Illegal Trade and Crimes that Affect the Environment

6 November 2026, 16:00-17:30 EAT

Co-organizers:

- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Law Division
- UNEP Law Division, OzonAction Branch
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Moderator: Georgina Lloyd, Programme Management Officer, UNEP Law Division

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Provisional Programme

1. Opening Remarks (16:00 – 16:05)

- **Andrea Rizzo**, Programme Management Officer, UNEP Law Division

2. Session I — Emerging Trends in Illegal Trade: Global Perspectives (16:05 – 16:50)

- Illegal trade in substances controlled under the Montreal Protocol: trends over the past decade and policy and enforcement responses
  Yiwei Zou, Associate Programme Management Officer, UNEP OzonAction

- Illegal trade and crimes that affect the environment: strengthening criminal justice and international cooperation
  Ioana Cotutiu, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC

- Address crimes that affect the environment, with a particular focus on the pollution–corruption nexus
  Nancy Isarin, International Environmental Compliance Expert, Ambiendura

3. Session II — From Law to Practice: National and Regional Experiences

- National experience on crimes that affect the environment from China [tbc]
  Tao Zou, Judge Assistant, Environment and Resources Division, Supreme People's Court of China (SPC)

- National experience on illegal trade and crimes that affect the environment from Spain [tbc]
  Héctor Santed Liébana, UCOMA–SEPRONA, Spanish Civil Guard, Spain

- Illegal trade in ozone-depleting substances & HFCs - PERIVALLON Project
  Konstantinos Gkountakos, Information Technologies Institute (ITI), Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH)

4. Interactive Discussion — Strengthening Enforcement through Cooperation

- All participants

5. Closing Remarks and Key Takeaways

- **Georgina Lloyd**, Programme Management Officer, UNEP Law Division

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