

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OZONE LAYER

"You don't know how to fix the holes in our ozone layer. If you don't know how to fix it, please stop breaking it!"
- Severn Cullis-Suzuki -

Why do we mark this day?



The International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer is celebrated on September 16 every year after its resolution was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, commemorating the date of signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in 1987.

Life on Earth would not thrive without sunlight but too much sunlight would also cause complications. Therefore, the ozone protects and regulates the amount of sunlight for the livings to thrive on Earth. There have been two conventions, namely Montreal and Vienna conventions, and now the Kigali Amendment, which aims to phase down the use of harmful substances to the ozone layer.

The day intends to spread awareness and find solutions to preserve the ozone layer.

Questions for Discussion

✓ What is the significance of the ozone for Earth?

✓ What can we do to preserve the Ozone Layer in our daily lives?

Meet Today's Global Citizen



Jon Shanklin

Jon Shanklin, a meteorologist, has discovered a hole in the ozone layer in the atmosphere in 1985 together with his colleagues Joe Farman and Brian Gardiner. The discovery has led the Montreal Protocol to be set up in 1987 that banned the use of chemicals responsible for depleting ozone. Jon Shanklin worried that though the treaty was made promptly to fix the problems regarding ozone hole but actual changes have not been made enough.