

# North American Proposal to phase down HFCs under the Montreal Protocol

Opportunities and challenges in moving forward in 2015

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#### Scope of presentation

 Key aspects of North American Proposal to phase down HFCs

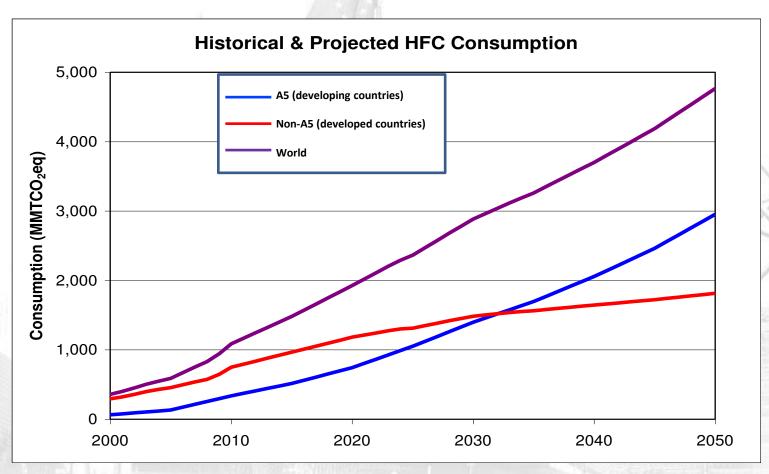


- Positive developments, opportunities and challenges with respect to a phase-down of HFCs in 2015
- Role of Climate and Clean Air Coalition in promoting international action on HFCs
- Canada's proposed HFC domestic regulations



## Projected growth in HFC consumption

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Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency



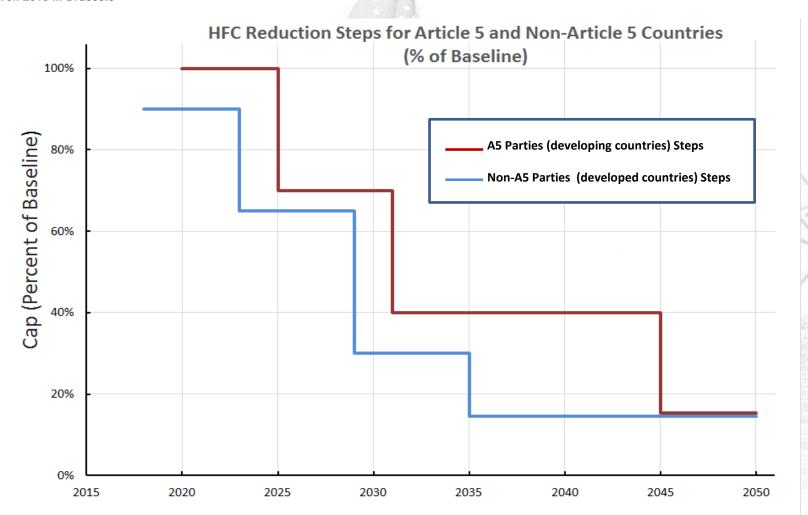
## **Key aspects of 2014 North American Proposal**

- Proposal would amend the Montreal Protocol to incorporate a legally-binding phase-down of HFCs in all Parties — to 15% of Baseline, GWP-weighted
- HFC baselines (reduction steps on next slide):
  - Non-Article 5 (developed) Parties: average of 2008-2010 HFC consumption plus 85% of HCFC consumption (same for production)
  - Article 5 (developing) Parties: average of 2011-2012 HFC consumption plus 40% of HCFC consumption (same for production)
- Requires Parties to implement a licensing systems for HFC imports and exports
- Limits by-product emissions of HFC-23 (from HCFC-22 production)
- Agreed incremental costs of phase-down and HFC-23 emission measure in Article 5 countries would be eligible under the Multilateral Fund, as with ozone-depleting substances



## **#4** HFC Phase-down steps (2014 North American Proposal)

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#### Relationship with United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

- The North American Proposal is intended to support overall global efforts aimed at climate system protection
  - Global benefits of proposed phase-down estimated at 100-125 Gigatonnes
    CO<sub>2</sub> eq (in consumption terms) over 40 years
- The amendment could be complemented by a related decision under the UNFCCC confirming the phase-down under the Montreal Protocol
- The amendment includes a provision stating that the amendment leaves unchanged the provisions of the UNFCCC/Kyoto Protocol that govern HFC emissions



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## Positive developments and opportunities for 2015

Increased action on HFCs being undertaken or considered in industrialized countries

(EU, US, Japan, Canada)

Dedicated Montreal Protocol meeting on HFC management, April 20-24, Bangkok Multilateral Fund to consider funding for HFC surveys and demonstration projects on low-GWP alternatives

Agreement on HFC phase-down would make a significant contribution to environmental benefit of any new climate change treaty resulting from the 2015 climate change conference in Paris



## Some challenges and issues to consider

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Differing opinions on the availability and technical feasibility of alternatives

Particular challenges in highambient temperatures Reaching agreement on appropriate baselines and reduction schedules for both Article 5 and non-Article 5 countries

HFC consumption increasing rapidly in Article 5 countries

Some countries may increase transition to HFCs as they phase out HCFCs in air conditioning to meet 2020 35% target

Questions by Article 5 countries on whether adequate financial support will be provided and role of Multilateral Fund



## Role of Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)

- CCAC is a voluntary partnership among governments, private sector and organizations aimed at promoting international action on short-lived climate pollutants, including black carbon, methane and HFCs
- The CCAC's HFC Initiative is working to:
  - Build high-level awareness and support for addressing HFCs, including for a phase-down under the Montreal Protocol;
  - Promote climate-friendly HFC alternative technologies through workshops, conferences (Cold food chain conference planned July 18 in Paris), case studies and demonstration projects;
  - Strengthen understanding of HFC consumption (HFC surveys in developing countries) and potential policy approaches to limit or reduce such use



## Canada's proposed domestic HFC regulations



- Domestically, Canada announced in September 2014 its intent to regulate the import and uses of certain HFCs
  - These measures would complement our existing regulations that minimize emissions of HFCs that are already in use in equipment
- Approaches being considered include a phase-down of HFC consumption or sector-specific prohibitions, or a hybrid approach that combines elements of both approaches
- Stakeholder consultations are currently underway



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Thank you very much!