

GTZ assistance for methyl bromide projects

GTZ is a German agency that, among others, helps in phasing out methyl bromide. The agency favours a participatory approach – thereby involving methyl bromide users and other stakeholders, and supporting National Ozone Units (NOUs) – in implementing Protocol commitments. The agency's approach to methyl bromide can be summarized as follows:

- Participatory approach;
- Sustainable, green solutions;
- National policy commitments and action plans;
- Focus on farmers and farm-based activities;
- Focus on training and learning-by-doing;
- OOPP (= Objective-Oriented Project Planning) tools for project planning and implementation;
- Based on existing infrastructures (ODS networks, agricultural agencies); and
- Regional programmes, where feasible.

GTZ also offers specialist skills and infrastructure in technical assistance, regulatory assistance and ODS substitution, including:

- Experience of working with a wide range of project partners;
- Successful implementation of ODS and agricultural projects;
- Technical know-how in ozone and agricultural fields;
- Experience in diverse climatic regions;
- GTZ infrastructure in many countries; and
- Regional and international contacts.

GTZ provides assistance for partner countries to establish: National action plans; Information dissemination, information exchange and policy dialogue; Import controls and pesticide regulations relating to methyl bromide; Demonstrations of effective alternatives; Farmer-oriented extension (training and advice) programmes; and Implementation of lasting green solutions. *Contact: Dr. Peter Stormer/Mr. Kerstin Dietrich. Tel: +49 (6196) 791 380; Fax: +49 (6196) 796 318; E-mail: Proklima@gtz.de; Or Dr. Ulrich Rottger. Tel: +49 (6196) 791 416; Fax: +49 (6196) 797 173; E-mail: ulrich.roettger@gtz.de. (Website: <http://www.gtz.de/proklima/methyl1.htm>)*