

Submission by Armenia

National and regional initiatives to support the implementation of the Kigali Amendment

In response to your letter dated on April 30, 2026, on behalf of the Ministry of Environment I would like to inform you, that the International Regional Centre of Excellence for Training and Certification was established under Shirakatsy Lyceum in Yerevan, Republic of Armenia in 2019 with the support of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. The Centre is adequately equipped to demonstrate existing and emerging technologies to provide and ensure development of certified academic programmes for the refrigeration servicing and manufacturing/assembling sectors with special emphasis on energy efficiency of proposed solutions.

The Centre is certified under the REAL Alternatives for LIFE programme which is a European training and certification initiative for technicians working in refrigeration, air conditioning, and heat pumps (RACHP), with a strong focus on low-GWP alternative refrigerants.

Based on the experience gained, several areas for improvement were identified, particularly with regard to further clarifying the legal status and strengthening the governance model. At the moment, the Center continues to develop its operational capacity.