



ASHRAE-UNE Ozone Action Side Event of the MOP30

Opening Remarks

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On behalf of the more than 56,000 ASHRAE members worldwide, I welcome you to the ASHRAE-UN Environment side event and I thank you for being here this evening. I am excited to have this opportunity to share the newest activities resulting from the ASHRAE-UN Environment Ozone Action partnership for developing capacity in A5 nations related to safe handling of alternative refrigerants.

ASHRAE, founded in 1894, is a global society advancing human well-being through sustainable technology for the built environment. The Society and its members focus on building systems, energy efficiency, indoor air quality, refrigeration and sustainability and is committed to advancing technology for the benefit of the public.

ASHRAE is a member-based organization, which means ASHRAE members are conducting, facilitating, and implementing the non-proprietary research, consensus-based standards, and continuing education programs that are available to all professionals in the buildings industry and to others who can learn and benefit from these activities. In particular, ASHRAE, with its partners, has recently released standards related to A2L refrigerants, sponsored refrigeration-system-focused specialty conferences, and created educational programs on refrigerants and refrigeration systems.

ASHRAE is truly unique in that its members are responsible for both knowledge development AND dissemination of this knowledge. ASHRAE volunteers, who represent a wide spectrum of RAC technology expertise, belong to nearly 200 ASHRAE chapters located around the world. Because ASHRAE is organizationally established at the local level, our members are key to transferring technology and knowledge to local practitioners, providing guidance to national and subnational government decision makers, and assisting educational institutions teach and train our industry's next generation.

ASHRAE is also dedicated to preparing all professionals in our industry for the challenges we face now and anticipate facing in the future. This year's ASHRAE Society theme, "Building our New Energy Future," aligns with this objective and focuses on the role buildings and industrial processes will play in the evolving paradigm of how energy is generated, distributed and stored. RAC technologies will be key in this evolution and ASHRAE is committed to working with Ozone Action to ensure new knowledge is widely shared for global impact.

The partnership between ASHRAE and the UN Environment Ozone Action Branch is how ASHRAE is able to directly support the Kigali amendments to the Montreal Protocol and help all nations move towards full implementation of these amendments. ASHRAE very much values its partnership with UN Environment Ozone Action and the opportunity this partnership has provided to engage ASHRAE in this critical global initiative.

Thank you.