Trust Female Competence!
An example for empowerment of women in refrigeration by the ROCA project

“Trust the girls! Trust the ladies! Vocational training is not for men only. It’s for everyone”, says Astou Coulibaly, a cooling technician and trainer from Senegal who participated in a Cool Training by GIZ Proklima / ROCA.

This side event sheds light on the challenges women still face in the male-dominated refrigeration and air conditioning (RAC) sector. The project Refroidissement respectueux de l’Ozone et du Climat en Afrique de l’Ouest et Centrale (ROCA) presents an example from Senegal on how women can be supported to tackle these challenges. ROCA is co-funded by the European Union (EU) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Agenda

1:00 pm – get together, lunch

1:30 pm-2:30 pm – presentations

Femmes frigoristes – les médecins des climatiseurs
(Women in Refrigeration – the air conditioner doctors)

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Welcome Remarks
Dr. Claudia Hiepe, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of the Republic of Germany

The ROCA project and its efforts for female empowerment
Cornelius Rhein, European Commission

Challenges for Senegalese women in refrigeration – and how to tackle them
Sokhna Fall, president of Senegal’s association of women cooling technicians (RENAFF)

Questions & Answers to panel
All speakers

Conclusion and Closing Remarks
Nils Hansen, GIZ Proklima / ROCA

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