Cold Chain Temperature Standards, Refrigerants and Efficiency for Cutting Food Loss and Emissions for Kigali's Next Decade

Date: Monday 2 November 2026

Time: 18:30 to 20:00

Venue: Room AD12-A ,CAT Kigali, Kigali, Rwanda- Room (TBD)

Organizers: International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR) and Climate & Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)

Audience: National ozone officers, policy makers, scientists, industry and international organizations

About the event

Nearly a third of the world's food is lost between harvest and plate, often for lack of proper cooling. This side event marks the launch of the 5th edition of Recommendations for Chilled Storage of Perishable Produce, the International Institute of Refrigeration's flagship reference guide on chilled storage conditions,, revised in 2000, and now updated with contributions from specialists worldwide. Alongside the launch, the Climate and Clean Air Coalition will present ongoing cold chain projects supporting developing countries in building sustainable, energy-efficient refrigeration capacity.

As the Kigali Amendment reaches its 10th anniversary, the session speaks directly to Article 5 countries expanding cold chain infrastructure while phasing down HFCs, where the choices made today about equipment and technology will shape food security and climate outcomes for decades. The side event gives the floor to scientists, country representatives, industry and international organizations to discuss cold chain.

Programme

Moderator: Souhir Hammami (IIR)

Time	Session	Speaker
18:00	**Networking reception**	All participants (30 min)
18:30	**Welcome and opening**	Yosr Allouche (IIR)
18:35	**Seven Decades of the Blue Book: Recommendations for Chilled Storage of Perishable Produce, 1959–2026**	Judith Evans, IIR (15 min)
18:55	**CCAC Cold Chain Projects: Interventions and Impacts Since 2016**	Öznur Öztürk, CCAC (7 min)

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19:02	**National experiences with cold chain: Kenya, Armenia and Chile** • Gerphas Opondo, Executive Director, Environmental Compliance Institute Kenya • Armenia National Ozone Unit (NOU) • Chile National Ozone Unit (NOU)	15 min (5 min each)
19:20	**Cold Chain in Practice: Industry Needs for Kigali's Next Decade**	Kevin Faye, Global Food Cold Chain Council (10 min)
19:30	**Q&A with the audience**	Souhir Hammami (15 min)
19:53	**Closing remarks**	UNEP (5 min)
19:58	**Group photo**	All speakers (2 min)