



**Strong Workforce Development for Lifecycle Refrigerant Management:  
Lessons and Recommendations**

*October 28th, 2024 | 6 - 8 PM  
Room CR-3*

***Description***

A well-trained, well-equipped, empowered workforce – which can often be a rate-limiting step when it comes to the successful reclaim of refrigerants – is critical to unlocking the significant ozone and climate benefits of Lifecycle Refrigerant Management (LRM). This side event, organized by NRDC and EIA, will bring together experts to discuss and highlight country-specific efforts on workforce development as it pertains to LRM.

The Technology and Assessment Panel (TEAP)'s report on LRM underscores the importance of comprehensive and continuous technician training and access to appropriate equipment as the backbone of effective refrigerant lifecycle management.

A primary goal of this side event is to elevate country efforts across varying geographies and to create a space to share lessons learned and offer recommendations. The event will feature a moderated panel discussion followed by a broader discussion and Q&A.

***Draft Agenda***

**6 - 6:25 PM** - Food and refreshments served; informal networking and conversations

**6:25 - 6:30 PM** – Welcome and introduction (*Richie Kaur, NRDC*)

**6:30 - 7:40 PM** – Background context and panel discussion (*moderated by Avipsa Mahapatra, EIA US*)

***Panelists:***

1. Yaqoub Al-Matouq, National Ozone and Climate Change Committee, Kuwait
2. Leslie Smith – National Ozone Unit, Grenada
3. Nancy Ackerman – Environmental Protection Agency, United States
4. Ellen Michel – Climate and Ozone Protection Alliance, GIZ, Germany
5. Ajit Panicker – Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Traders Association, India
6. Zhiming Pan – China Sustainable Cities, NRDC China

**7:40 - 7:55 PM** - Q&A (*Jeff Fralick, NRDC*)

**7:55 - 8 PM** - Closing remarks and adjournment (*Beth Porter, EIA US*)