

How to successfully implement Green Cooling:

Sound strategies, qualified RAC workforce,
best-available technology

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Objective

How to use the RAC sector's savings potential to achieve climate and development targets?



- **Overview of possible fields of action for ozone, climate and energy policy**
- **With your active participation you can shape the following online events!**

Agenda

Proklima – Naturally Cool!

Janna Breitfeld, GIZ Proklima

Benefits and components of RAC inventories & cooling strategies

Christopher Jäger & Birgit Mayer, GIZ Proklima

What is “Fit for Green Cooling”?

Benefits of a sound scheme to qualify, certify and register RAC technicians as part of a successful cooling strategy

Lara Teutsch, GIZ Proklima

R290 split AC as an example for best-available technology

Philipp Munzinger, GIZ Proklima

Questions and Answers

All

Closing

Bernhard Siegele, GIZ Proklima



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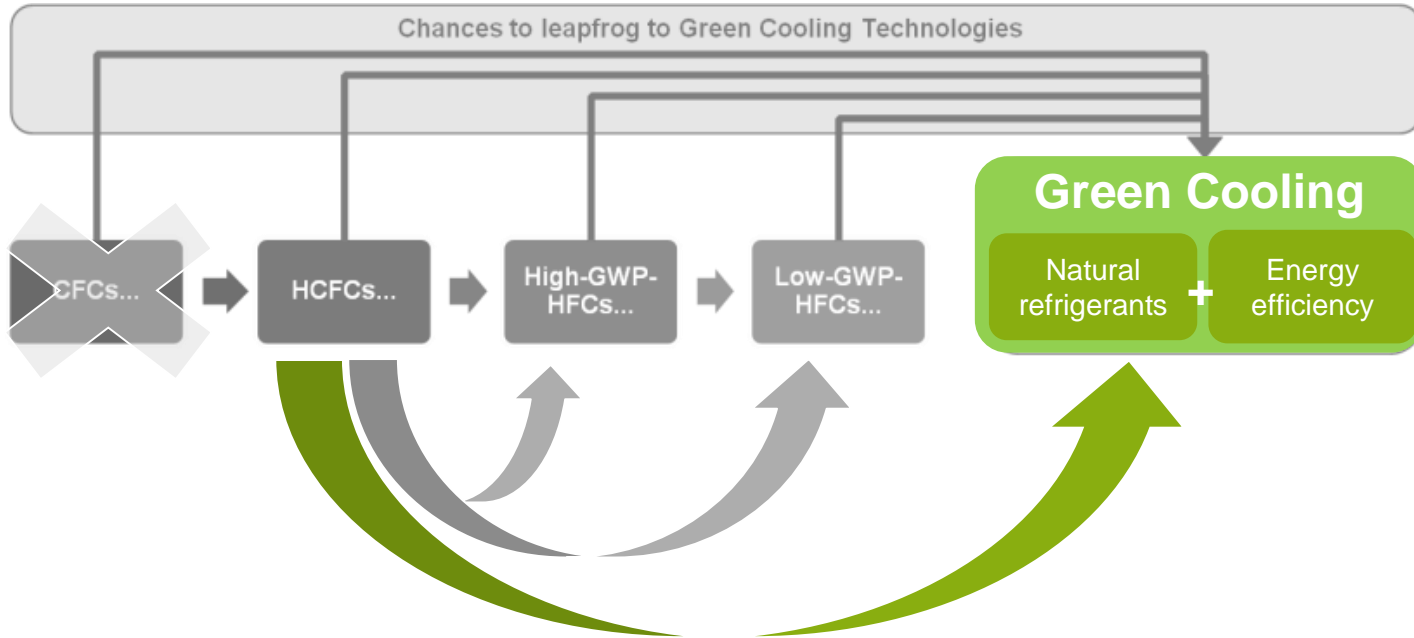
Proklima – Naturally Cool!

Janna Breitfeld, GIZ Proklima

A photograph of a white, rectangular air conditioning unit mounted on a wall. The wall is completely covered in a dense, vibrant green ivy. The unit has a large circular fan grille on its front. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid at the bottom of the image, containing text.

By 2030, the cooling sector will account for 13% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Switch to Green Cooling in one single step



- Appliances with natural refrigerants with same or better energy efficiency



Proklima

- Programme established in 1995 in the context of implementing technical projects under the Montreal Protocol
- Promoting and introducing **natural refrigerants and energy-efficient appliances** in the **refrigeration and air-conditioning and foam (RAC&F) sector**
- Supporting around 40 partner countries in the field of **integrated ozone and climate protection**



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Green Cooling in action – what are we doing?

Policy Advice

Supporting
evidence-based decision making for
sustainable sector strategies

Example: Advancing NDCs (= nationally
determined contributions)
through climate-friendly cooling



Capacity Building

Training of >35.000 technicians
within the HPMPs

Training of >150 cooling technicians,
lecturers and political decision-makers
within the Cool Training



Technology Transfer

Cooperation with the industry
(e.g. production and distribution of
climate-friendly ACs)

Example: JetWing Hotel Group in Sri Lanka



Benefits and components of RAC inventories & cooling strategies

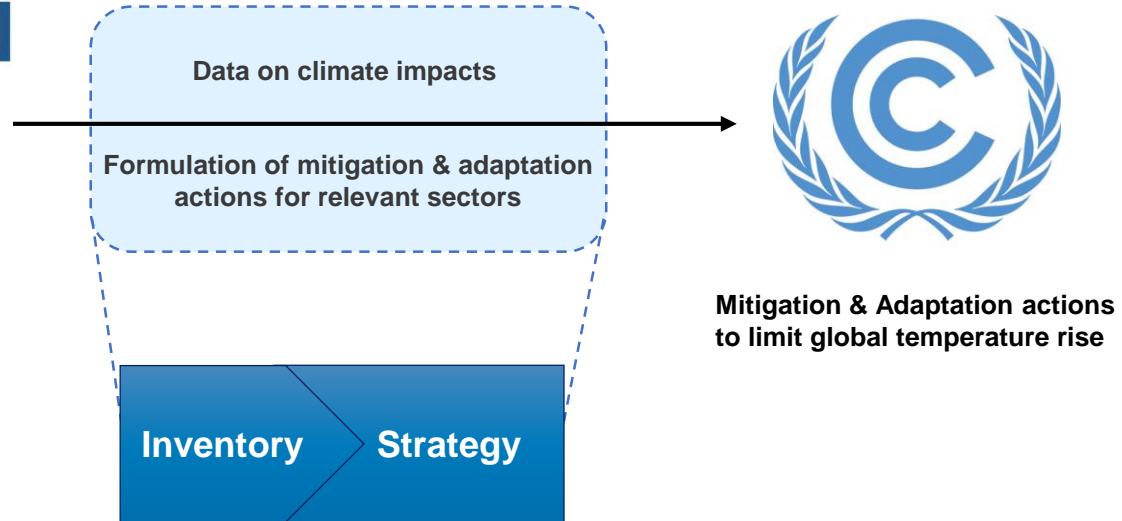
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Montreal Protocol & Climate Regime

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

- Control of ODS
- Kigali Amendment:
control of HFCs with GWP



RAC&F Sector Inventories

- **About**

provide context-specific overview of RAC sector equipment, emissions & ODS banks
(status-quo & projected development)

- **Components & Data**

Sales and stock per subsector as well as growth rates per subsector

Technical information on refrigerants used, energy efficiency, leakage rates, lifetime,...

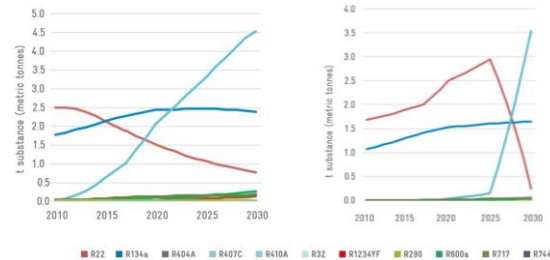
Core components:

ODS banks

on unit basis

Total sector banks

Projection of future banks for recovery & recycling



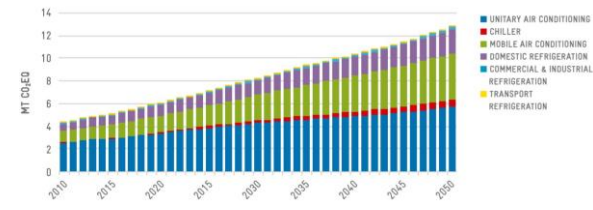
Source: GIZ 2020

GHG emissions

on unit basis

Total sector emissions (direct & indirect)

Projection of future emissions



Source: GIZ 2018

RAC&F Sector Inventories

■ Data & Methodology

equipment based emissions & ODS data -> IPCC Tier 2 methodology

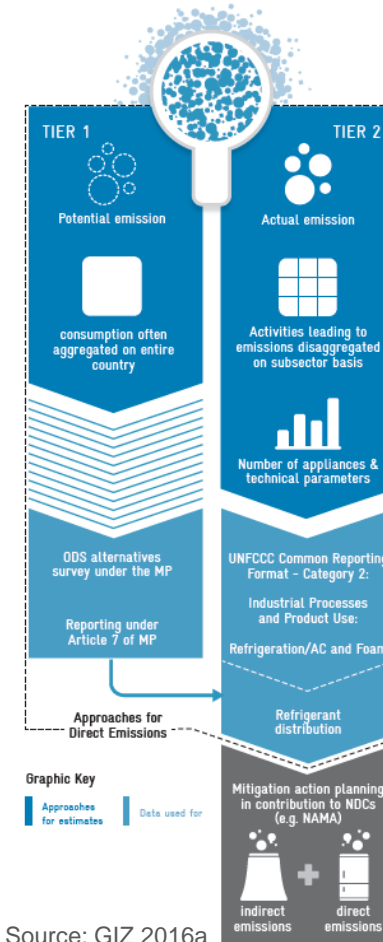
requires comprehensive data collection

- relevant authorities (NOU, energy, industry, tourism, infrastructure)
- customs (imports / exports)
- Manufacturers
- Distributors
- Servicing firms
- End users

■ Measurement, Reporting & Verification (MRV) System

institutionalised data collection and analysis

simplification of reporting of sector data



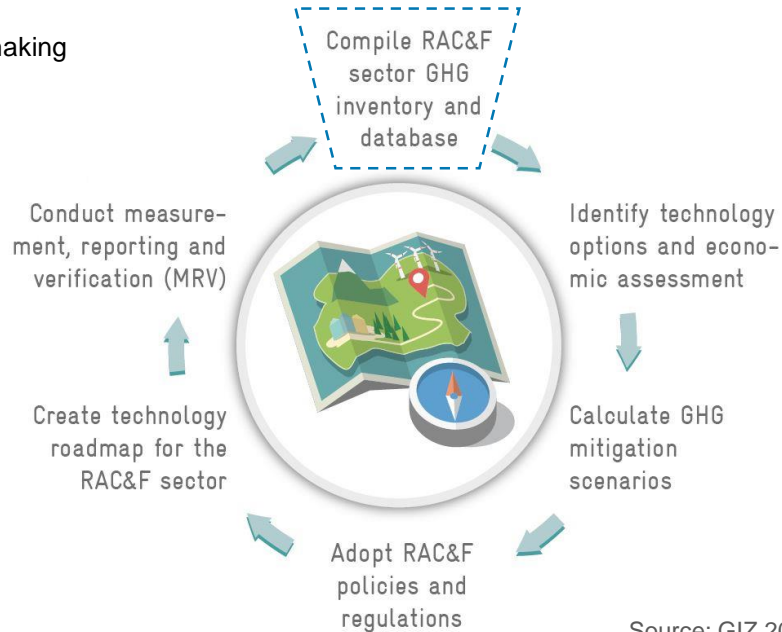
Source: GIZ 2016a

RAC&F Sector Inventories

■ Benefits

serve as a starting point for GHG & ODS emission reduction activities

- support identification of sector priorities
- support evidence-based decision-making



Source: GIZ 2016b

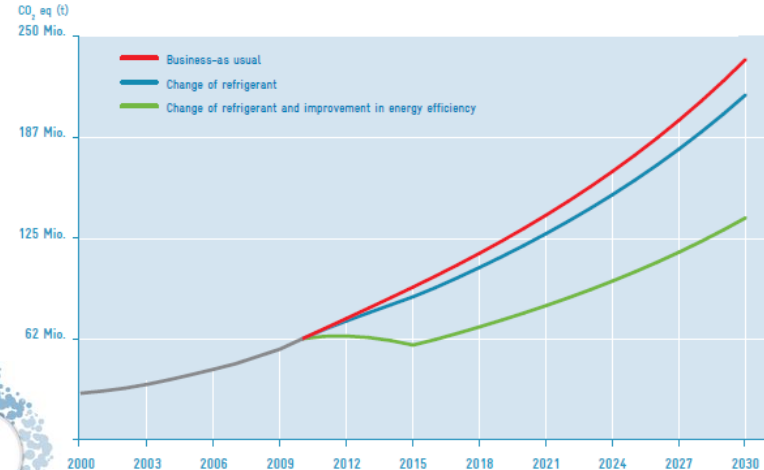
Cooling Strategies

■ About

- Roadmap for countries to show GHG mitigation potential of the RAC sector and how to achieve it
- Based on inventory with robust country data – data is interpreted and appropriate mitigation actions are identified in the cooling strategy
- Each cooling strategy is different: national specifics and opportunities are assessed
- Comparability between countries by overall structure

■ Components

- Policy Analysis as link to overall country policy framework
- Assessment mitigation potential & mitigation scenarios
- Barrier Analysis
- Analysis of options how to achieve mitigation potential
 - Strategies
- Analysis of financing options



Source: GIZ 2016a



Strategies

To increase Energy Efficiency

To facilitate the transition to natural refrigerants

To standardise the qualification & certification scheme for RAC technicians:
“Fit for Green Cooling”

To establish MRV systems

To manage ODS & HFC banks

Country specific strategy

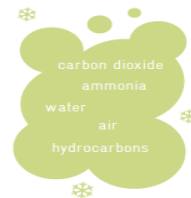
Country specific strategy

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The Natural 5
Green Cooling is based on
five natural refrigerants:



Cooling Strategies

■ Benefits

- ✓ Increased visibility for RAC sector and facilitated integration in national policy landscape
- ✓ Tool to understand RAC sector emissions relative to national GHG emissions
- ✓ Support for data comprehensiveness of national GHG inventories
- ✓ Support for evidence-based policy decision-making & priority setting:
 - Illustration of long-term pathways for policymakers
- ✓ Tool to support ambition enhancement in NDCs
 - RAC sector not considered in many NDCs yet
 - RAC sector GHG mitigation belongs to the most cost effective actions



What is “Fit for Green Cooling”?

**Benefits of a sound scheme
to qualify, certify and register
RAC products and services as part of
a successful cooling strategy**

Lara Teutsch, GIZ Proklima



Background

- **100** countries have ratified the Kigali Amendment and have committed themselves to phase-down HFCs
- Increasing number of countries mentioning a sustainable transition of the RAC Sector within their NDCs

The question is no longer **whether** countries will switch to climate-friendly refrigerants, but **how** they will.

- In order to maintain environmental protection and society/personal healthcare and safety, the trading and handling of refrigerants should be permitted only for qualified, certificated, registered companies and employees.






A quality infrastructure is needed



The need for a quality infrastructure

New Alternatives require extra training

The introduction of new alternative refrigerants such as NH_3 , CO_2 or HCs is associated with a number of challenges, because these require handling of:

- Flammability 
- Toxicity 
- High Pressure Systems 

Reduce Environmental Impact, Increase Energy Efficiency and Safety

Improper installation and maintenance of cooling units can lead to:

- Less energy-efficiency
 - Higher leakage rates of refrigerants
 - Breakdowns
 - Premature end of life of the systems
- Greater direct and indirect emissions and higher costs



Reasons to set up a QCR scheme



Proper **qualification** of RAC technicians minimises environmental and health-related risks, increases energy-efficiency and ensures the creation of a future-oriented workforce



Certification makes the level of knowledge of technicians measurable



Registration gives countries an overview of trained workers and certification status

Our services

(1) Qualification

- We provide a guideline with 14 theoretical and practical modules in accordance to international standards (EN 13313 and draft ISO/DIS 22712)
- We support national training institutes to integrate the modules into pre-existing curricula.
- We conduct “Trainings of the Trainers” and assist with the implementation.

(2) Certification

- We develop examination procedures.
- We build capacity of Certification Bodies.
- We develop materials, tools and instruments for certification processes.
- We assist with labelling, reporting and monitoring.

(3) Registration

- We identify registration needs of people, companies, products.
- We develop an R-scheme and investigate enforcement requirements.
- We assist with the development of materials, tools and instruments.
- We assist with reporting and monitoring.

Fit for Green Cooling - Module Overview

Module A	Safe application of hydrocarbon refrigerants
Module B	Refrigerant circuit joining technologies
Module C	Safe application of carbon dioxide refrigerant
Module D	Safe application of ammonia refrigerant
Module E	Basic refrigeration, refrigerants & lubricants
Module F	Energy efficiency
Module G	Environmental protection
Module H	Electrical basics for refrigeration installations and safety
Module I	Design and testing of appliances and extensive systems
Module J	Refrigerant recovery, recycling, reclaim
Module K	Installation and commissioning
Module L	Operations & maintenance
Module M	Placing and mounting of RAC circuit components
Module N	Hermetisation (sealed system design)



Hydrocarbon Training Manuals: Thailand and Iran

- ✓ Practical and theoretical training sessions
- ✓ Trainer manual
- ✓ Chapter Material incl. Handbook & Handouts
- ✓ PPT Presentations
- ✓ Skills to assess
- ✓ Assessment Questions

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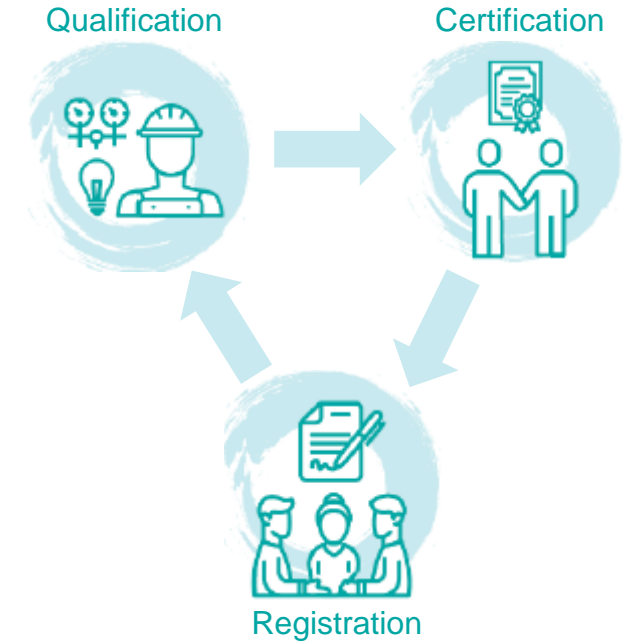
Category		I (BA)		II (WK)		III (FO)		IV (LE)	
Requirements		Semi-Skilled Worker No Formal VETC training		System Operator Formal VETC training		Craftsman Formal VETC training Refrigerant Handling		Engineers / Operations Manager Refrigerant Handling	
		1 year professional field practice		2 years of professional field practice		4 years of professional field practice		Mechanical Engineering Studies or FO plus min. 4 years field practice	
Sector		Domestic and Commercial RACHP		RACHP		RACHP		All Sectors	
		Theory	Practice	Theory	Practice	Theory	Practice	Theory	Practice
Modules	1. Placing and Mounting of RAC Circuit Components	X	X						
	2. Brazers Competences	X	X			X	X	X	X
	3. Professionals Module								
	3.1 Environmental Protection			X		X		X	
	3.2 Refrigerants and lubricants			(X)		X		X	
	3.3 Safety & Energy Efficiency Standards			X		X		X	
	3.4 Hermetisation (sealed system design)			(X)		X	X	X	X
	3.5 Design and Testing of Appliances and Extensive Systems							X	
	3.6 Installation and Commissioning			(X)		X	X	X	X
	3.7 Operations & Maintenance			X	X	X	X	X	X
	3.8 Refrigerant recovery, recycling, reclamation			(X)		X	X	X	X
	3.9 Safe application of NatRef – HC / CO ₂ / NH ₃			(X)		X	X	X	X
	3.10 Electrical parts, installations, safety			X	X	X	X	X	X
	4. Chiller								
	4.1 Planning and Installation			(X)		X	X	X	X
	4.2 Commissioning			(X)		X	X	X	X
	4.3 Operations & Maintenance			X	X	X	X	X	X
	5. Re-evaluation and Renewal of Training Certificate (after several years of certificate holding)			X		X	X	X	X
	6. Optional Module Extensions								
	6.1 Basic Knowledge in Thermodynamics → M3 (in case not already available with II, III, IV)			X		X		X	
	6.2 System/failure evaluation/trouble-shooting → M3			X	(X)	X	X	X	X
	6.3 Solar driven RAC / Application of solar cooling systems							X	
Assessment		A		B		C		D	
Certificate		Cat I		Cat II		Cat III		Cat IV	

**Fit for
Green
Cooling
Modules**

**Certification
Levels**
according to
EN 13313
Annex A

Characteristics and advantages of Fit for Green Cooling

- Holistic approach
- Modular structure of the training courses
- Compliance with international standards:
 - industry standards such as EN378, ISO 5149 and EN13313
 - makes the concept internationally viable and comparable
- High adaptability:
 - Can be integrated in existing, country-specific structures and curricula



Still curious?

Fit for Green Cooling Online Event

23 July 2020, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

R290 split AC as an example for best-available technology

Philipp Munzinger, GIZ Proklima



Why do we need Green ACs?

- Split-type ACs are currently the most commonly used appliances for space cooling worldwide
- Most split ACs operate with average to low energy efficiency levels and use highly climate damaging refrigerants (HCFC-22, HFC-410A, HFC-32) and account for around 10% of total electricity demand worldwide in 2016 (IEA, 2018)
- Demand for split ACs is growing rapidly due to climate change, economic growth and demographic factors, especially in developing countries
- Future scenarios propose an increase to 3.7 billion split ACs by 2050 in comparison to around 850 Mio. split ACs today (IEA, 2018)



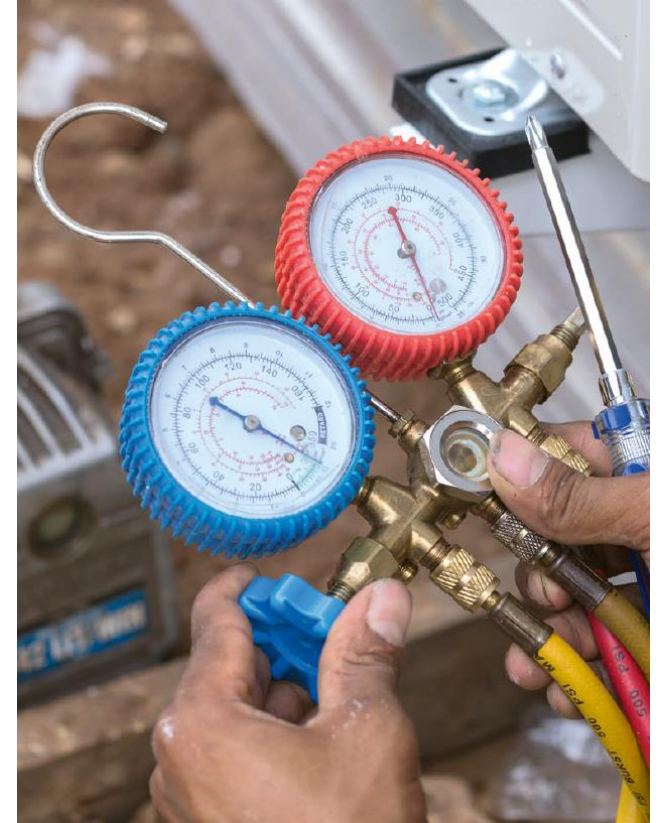
Energy-efficient R290 split ACs as sustainable solution for space cooling

- Conventional split ACs
 - Use highly ozone depleting HCFC (R22) or high-GWP HFCs (R410A and R32)
 - Wide use of average to low energy-efficient appliances
- R290 split ACs
 - Use climate-friendly refrigerant with negligible GWP of 3
 - Optimized system design and favourable thermodynamic properties of propane allow for high energy efficiency levels
 - lower operational costs and lower amount of indirect emissions and negligible direct emissions
- **Energy-efficient split ACs using climate-friendly HC refrigerant (R290) present a cost-efficient and sustainable solution for climate protection in the RAC sector**



Barriers

- General awareness and technical know-how
 - Insufficient qualification and certification of AC technicians
 - Profit-making and greenwashing of HFC-410A and HFC-32 refrigerants
 - Risk perceptions associated with the flammability of R290 refrigerant
 - International safety standards
 - Availability of R290-specific appliances and components
- Time frame from to date until first reduction steps in 2028 leaves enough room for massive lock-in of HFC-based inefficient split AC technologies!



Proklima supports R290 split AC market development

- **Production line conversion** of R22 split ACs to R290 split ACs for Godrej in India and GREE in China
- Global **demonstration** of safe and energy-efficient use of R290 split ACs
 - Pilot projects in 7 countries around the world
 - Energy performance monitoring
 - Trainings with manufacturer, suppliers and local technicians
- Technician **trainings** on safe handling of flammable refrigerant
 - QCR Development
 - Training of Trainers and technicians
 - Cooperation with training institutions and certification bodies
 - State of the art equipment for training centres
- **Studies**, policy publications and technical documents
 - National RAC GHG Inventories
 - Standard papers
 - Technical manuals
- Extension of **Project Pipeline** to upscale business cases through market incentives and global supply chain support

Selected country cases

Costa Rica - Implementation through demonstration and training

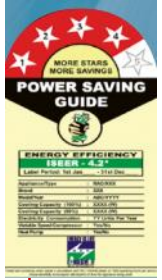
- Frontrunner in transitioning to climate-friendly technologies
- RAC sector responsible for 12% of countries GHG emissions
- Installation of R290 split ACs for demonstration and trainings

Ghana - Market introduction of green ACs

- Including RAC sector in its NDCs
- Leapfrogging from R22 and R410A to R290 in the AC market
- Introduction of 380 R290 split ACs to the market
- Midea and GIZ jointly conducted trainings
→ Mitigation potential of 7.86 Mt CO₂

India - Holistic approach

- Godrej: Production line conversion of R22 to R290 split ACs in 2012
- Godrej followed charge limits of European standards and has established QCR System for R290 split ACs
- Introduction of Indian SEER in 2015 taking into account local climate conditions
- Mandatory energy labelling for room ACs (5 Stars: ISEER of 5.8 and use of R290)



Philippines – Train-the-trainer

- train-the-trainer sessions for 32 RAC training professionals on the use of R290 split ACs
- RAC trainers will cascade knowledge to students of TESDA training center throughout the archipelago



Green Cooling Project

Objective: Accelerating the transition to climate-friendly and energy-efficient split-type air conditioners (Green AC) in front-running countries

Outputs:

Support on Green AC
policy instruments
(MEPS, eco-labels and
GWP limits)

Green AC rebate
programme

AC technicians
qualification and
certification

End-of-Life
Management
of replaced ACs

Project countries: Costa Rica, Ghana in first phase, additional countries in second phase

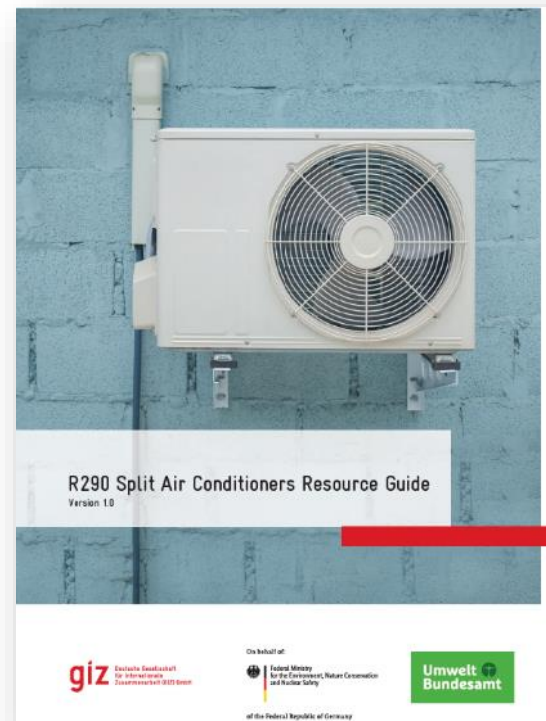
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R290 Split AC Resource Guide

- Builds on **practical experience** gained in GIZ Proklima and partner projects
- **Inform relevant stakeholders** about the relevant factors influencing a successful market transition to energy efficient R290 split ACs
- **Address knowledge gaps** and concerns that hinder the transformation towards R290 split ACs
- Provide an overall understanding of R290 split ACs, exhibiting their **advantages in comparison to conventional split ACs**
- Inform about the required **specific setup of ACs** and the **specific set of skills of technicians**
- **Encourage policy makers** to facilitate the market uptake of split ACs using R290

The guide addresses:

- **Political decision makers**
- **National standardisation, custom and certification bodies**
- **Split AC industry**



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