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GFCCC Delivers an Update on their International Data-Gathering Efforts at Global Session

ICCC Conference Participants Coalesce Around Knowledge-Sharing in Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, and Heat Pumps Sector

Nantes, France – AUGUST 27, 2020 – The ICCC 2020 Conference, held from the 26th through to the 28th of August, began earlier this week to highlight the topics of food quality and food safety in the cold chain, energy efficiency in the cold chain, refrigerants of tomorrow, innovative technologies in the cold chain and more. GFCCC is using a virtual presentation at the biennial event to connect attending stakeholders and governments to the coalition’s activity around these themes, mainly through the its data-gathering initiative it is pursuing with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Ozon Action.

“The ICCC Conference consistently brings the brightest minds in the cold chain space from around the globe to share the next generation of technology trends in these arenas. As a participant at the event, we are enthusiastic to present our food cold chain model, which we intend to develop as an international standard reference for the mapping and modelling food losses,” said Torben Funder Kristensen with GFCCC member company Danfoss, who is delivering the presentation.

The data gathering initiative is in the pilot phase and has been joined by six countries to lead in the development of the format. These six countries include Bahrain, Bosnia, Maldives, North Macedonia, Paraguay and Senegal. The GFCCC-UNEP OzonAction project is being developed for these nations as a platform analysis for country-specific carbon footprints, including food loss and wastage, energy use, refrigerant use, impact of HCFC phase-out and HFC phase-down activities. It aims to provide a comprehensive picture of industries involved with cold chain and food supply and bring attention to the burgeoning global problem of food loss and waste and the associated greenhouse gas emissions. In a report by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), FAO estimates that global food loss and waste contribute 4.4 billion metric tons of carbon equivalent greenhouse gas emissions annually.

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