

Green Cooling Summit 2026

Too green to scale? Why is R290 still struggling in room Air Conditioning and how to make it the standard?

19-20 May 2026 – Online worldwide!



Agenda*

Day 1 | 19 May (2 - 6 pm CEST)

Setting the Scene: Why is R290 still struggling in room Air Conditioning?	
2:00 pm	Opening <i>Julika Schmitz, facilitator</i>
2:10 pm	Welcome Remarks <i>Dirk Messner, UBA & Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven, GIZ</i>
2:20 pm	Keynote: R-290 as the Kigali Key for Efficient Room ACs <i>Dr. Yosr Allouche, IIR</i>
2:40 pm	Kick-off Session: Accelerating Transformation – Rising Demand for ACs and Chillers - incl. Q&A <i>Joseph Baffoe, EPA Ghana & Melau Ntakuka, NOU Kenya</i>
Break (3:10 – 3:20 pm)	
3:20 pm	Session 1: Financing Solutions for Sustainable Buildings - incl. Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentivizing Finance Flows towards Sustainable Cooling <i>Malin Emmerich, GIZ</i> Incentivizing Finance Flows towards Sustainable Cooling <i>Assad Nissar, International Finance Corporation/World Bank Group</i> Green & Sustainable Finance Taxonomies <i>Luiza Linton, agradblue</i> Cooling as a Service - CaaS Financing Model <i>Samuel Jacobs, Energy Partners Refrigeration</i>
Break (4:20 – 4:45 pm)	
4:45 pm	Session 2: Policies Enabling Transformation – Best Cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of EU F-Gas Regulation in Germany – incl. Q&A <i>Sebastian Schnatz, BMUKN</i> Energy Efficiency Standards (MEPS) – incl. Q&A <i>Readlay Makaliki, SACREEE</i>
5:45 pm	Wrap-up and Conclusion <i>Julika Schmitz, facilitator</i>
6:00 pm	End



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Kick-off Session

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Session 2

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10:45 AM Grenada /
9:45 AM Colombia /
2:45 PM Ghana

Day 2 | 20 May (9 am - 1 pm CEST)

Breaking ground	
9:00 m	Welcome and Recap of Day 1 <i>Julika Schmitz, facilitator</i>
9:15 am	Session 3: Making Buildings Green and Safe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Standards and Training – incl. Q&A <i>Dr. Daniel Colbourne, Re-Phridge</i> Building Codes (Best Practices and Status Globally) – incl. Q&A <i>Zhuolun Chen, UNEP</i>
Break (10:15 – 10:30 pm)	
10:30 am	Session 4: Roundtable ACs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manufacturer Presentations: Market Overview of R-290 Technology: What, Where, When, and How Many Available? Interactive Slot with Stakeholders <i>Li Xianyan (MEE/FECO), Dou Yanwei (CHEAA), Marco Fernandi (Mitsubishi Aircon), Manuel Seethaler (Midea), Wang Fei (Haier)</i> What can Manufacturers Contribute? (Q&A)
Break (12:00 – 12:15 pm)	
12:15 pm	Session 5: Chillers with Natural Refrigerants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manufacturer Presentations: Market Overview of Natural Refrigerant Technology: What, Where, When and How Many Available? – incl. Q&A <i>Ivo Eiermann (Johnson Controls), Samir Hamed (PETRA)</i>
1:00 pm	Wrap-up, Conclusion and Outlook <i>Guntram Glasbrenner, GIZ</i>
1:10 pm	Closure

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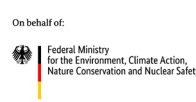
Session 5

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Wrap up

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