
An expert roundtable on the future of RAC industry in India

TERRE Policy Centre in collaboration with Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development organized a expert roundtable meeting titled “Selecting and Best Service Practices for Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Equipment Using Next-Generation Refrigerants for Energy Efficiency and Climate Protection” in Pune, India on the 5th of March 2014. Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) and American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Pune Chapter co-hosted the dynamic event.

The opening address for the event was delivered by Mr. Jayant Joshi (President, ASHRAE Pune Chapter) and Mr. Rajendra Shende (Chairman, TERRE). The one day event was attended by India’s business, government, air conditioning trade associations, and civil society leaders. Key points of the discussions included ozone-safe, low-GWP, energy-efficient Room Air Conditioning (RAC) and Mobile Air Conditioning (MAC). By the end of the day the participants were able to agree on a broad set of principles and recommendations for a well-charted transition of the Indian refrigerant, air-conditioning and service industry. The event bore fruit in the form of “Pune Declaration on Low Global Warming Potential Alternatives to Ozone Depleting Substances in India.” Professor (Dr.) S. N. Sapali (HoD, Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering Pune) summarized the proceedings of the day and the roundtable was adjourned.

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