



PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

UN Environment's United for Efficiency and District Energy in Cities initiatives are accelerating the global transition to energy-efficient and climate-friendly cooling. Getting the right solutions in place for refrigeration and space conditioning is essential for improving the quality of life and health of people without undue impacts on the planet.

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

GLOBAL 147 COUNTRIES

Caribbean (Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, Dominican Republic And St Lucia),
East African Community, Economic Community Of West African States, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco



STATUS **ACTIVE**

DONOR

STARTING DATE **2018**
CLOSING DATE **2021**

Kigali Cooling Efficiency Programme

PARTNERS

TOTAL PROJECT COST



Banks: African Development Bank; Rwanda Development Bank; EBRD.

National and International Organizations: BASE; ECREEE; EACREEE ; RCREEE; ASHRAE; CLASP; Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Rwanda; Environment and Climate Change Fund; DFID; Agence pour l'Economie et la Maitrise de l'énergie - Sénégal; Ministère de Pétrole des Energies - Sénégal; Energy Commission of Ghana; Rwanda Environment Management Authority; Ministry of Infrastructure - Rwanda; Ministry of Housing – Egypt; Egyptian housing & Building National Research Center (HBRC); China National Institute of Standardization ; International Energy Agency; Natural Resources Defense Council; LEED/USGBC ; Union for the Mediterranean.

Academic Institution: Danish Technical University; C2E2; Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Industry: B/S/H; Carbon Trust; Whirlpool; International Copper Association; Mabe; Arcelik; Electrolux; GREE; Sanhua; DEVCCO; Tabreed; Empower; King and Spalding.

TEAM LEADERS

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

1 Clean Cooling Campaign launched to raise awareness and showcase action

147 Countries receive technology and policy capacity building

147 Country Savings assessments developed to help prioritise market transformation activities

50+ Organisations partnering with UN Environment in developing and deploying solutions

6 National Cooling Strategies developed

PROJECTED IMPACTS

\$30 million investment planned to deploy efficient and clean refrigerators and air conditioners

\$56 million investment planned to build and demonstrate a district cooling system using not-in-kind technologies and non-HFC refrigerants

1860 kilotonnes of annual CO₂ emissions avoided by 2030 via better end-use equipment

\$460 million in annual energy bill savings by 2030 via better end-use equipment

3660 GWh of annual electricity savings by 2030 via better end-use equipment

16 tons of refrigerant gas to be saved through use of a district cooling system

2 model regulations developed to address residential refrigerators and room air conditioners

20 countries pilot national Product Registration Systems



THE CHALLENGE

By 2050, the world is projected to be 1.5°C warmer than now and the global population will grow by 2.2 billion. Far more refrigeration and space conditioning will be needed. For example, the number of air conditioners are expected to increase 250% to 5.6 billion by 2050. If this occurs with outdated technologies, the world's air conditioners will use as much electricity as China does today and produce 82% more greenhouse gases than at present.

Such unchecked growth in electricity use and harmful refrigerants will have a disastrous impact on the climate and the environment, and will increase the long-term cost of owning and operating these products.

Policies to encourage the use of better technologies are often lacking or under-enforced in many developing and emerging economies. Consequently, outdated technologies remain common, wasting significant amounts of electricity and excessively impacting the climate. Lowering demand and addressing the efficiency of cooling are often faster and cheaper solutions than increasing electricity supply, but many countries lack robust data, capital, technical support, or experience to take action.

WHAT WE DO

United for Efficiency and District Energy in Cities provide a range of support at regional, national and local levels. Tools and information resources are offered to build interest and inform decision making, technical analysis and recommendations help guide new policies and programs, financial mechanisms are launched to address cost barriers, training ensures that local stakeholders are equipped to carry on key interventions, and so on. Technologies may include end-use equipment, such as household refrigerators and room air conditioners, to whole-building, district and city-scale solutions such as district cooling that can yield significant energy, greenhouse gas emission, air quality, and cost savings.



UN ENVIRONMENT'S ROLE



UN Environment is a leading global authority in promoting sustainable development underpinned by energy-efficient and climate-friendly cooling. With a range of top experts and projects spanning the globe, United for Efficiency and District Energy in Cities specialise in aligning partners to jointly pursue opportunities that would be unfeasible if undertaken unilaterally. Together, we can best raise awareness, build capacity, implement technical and policy solutions, and unlock investment. Countries significantly benefit from expertise in leveraging district cooling systems to replace individual end-use equipment where aggregation is practicable, while improving the performance of end-use products that are utilised beyond concentrated urban areas.

