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An association comes in response to the growing need for a representative body to be the voice of the HVACR industry in the region

The Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) were proud to announce the launch of an association for the manufacturers of the air conditioning, heating, and refrigeration products and components (HVACR) in the Middle East and North Africa. The association will be based in Dubai, UAE.

The HVACR industry, both globally and in the region, has been facing increasing challenges to meet the requirements of international protocols, as well as environmental regulations in an accelerated timeframe and energy efficient needs. The region is phasing out refrigerants, under the requirements of the Montreal Protocol, while simultaneously upgrading the minimum energy efficiency performance standards (MEPS) for HVACR products. These challenges are exacerbated by the exceptional temperature conditions in most of the region which require advanced technologies, some of which are still in the research phase. The concept of organizing the industry in an association emerged in forums held by AHRI and UNEP over the past two years. Industry leaders, both regional and multinational, support the initiative, as do the other public and private entities that have been consulted.

AHRI & UNEP co-chairing the ARAMENA session

The original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) answered the first call to organize will soon be joined by other equipment and component manufacturers as the association plans an expanding role in the region. Legal steps are under way for the registration procedure, and committees and working groups are being established to deal with the many technical and administrative aspects of forming a new association.

The announcement was followed by a reception on the 11th September 2013 called by AHRI at the Intercontinental Hotel (Festival City) - Dubai, UAE.

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