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Cooling for All announces new Global Panel co-chairs and members

New Cooling for All panel to convene policy, academia, philanthropic and business leaders together to spur action and leadership in increasing access to integrated cooling solutions

Rwanda and Marshall Islands to co-chair Cooling for All Global Panel

NEW YORK, September 18, 2017: [Sustainable Energy for All](#) today announced two government co-chairs and members of the new **Cooling for All** initiative Global Panel that will work to identify the challenges and opportunities of providing access to affordable, sustainable cooling solutions for all.

Announced following the Panels inaugural meeting during the UN General Assembly, the **Cooling for All Global Panel** will work together to better understand the challenges and opportunities of providing access to cooling solutions that can reach everyone within a clean energy transition.

Cooling for All was launched earlier in the year as record-breaking temperatures of 129 degrees were recorded in Iran. Lack of cooling access risks health issues, work productivity and growing food loss - with current estimates showing that 30% of all food is either lost or wasted from lack of cold, refrigerated supply chains.

The panel, made up of leaders from business, philanthropic, policy and academia, will now work together to produce a comprehensive report that clearly addresses these challenges with evidence based recommendations. The report, due for release in 2018, will help create a pathway to ensure the poorest countries and their citizens, who are often disproportionality affected, can have sustainable access to cooling solutions.

The Global Panel will be led by two co-chairs; **President Hilda Heine of the Marshall Islands** and **Dr. Vincent Biruta, Minister of Natural Resources for the Republic of Rwanda**.

Rachel Kyte, Chief Executive Officer of Sustainable Energy for All and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), who will act as secretariat for the Global Panel, said: "As temperatures soar, cooling demands risk creating a significant increase in energy demand, that if not managed through super-efficient technologies or clean sources, will cause further climate change impacts and a rise in emissions. The work of the Global Panel will therefore be critical to develop the evidence we need to understand the challenges and opportunities of providing cooling access for all."

New Global Panel members include; **Achim Steiner**, Administrator, United Nations Development Program; **Rachel Kyte**, CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All; **Erik Solheim**, Executive Director, UN Environment; **Dan Hamza Goodacre**, Executive Director, Kigali Cooling Efficiency Program; **Juergen Fischer**, President, Danfoss Cooling; **Kate Hampton**, CEO, Children's Investment Fund Foundation; **Veerabhadran Ramanathan**, Distinguished Professor of Climate Sciences, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California at San Diego; **Maria Neira**, Director, Public Health and the Environment Department, World Health Organisation; **Tina Birmbili**, Executive Secretary to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and its Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer; **Iain Campbell**, Managing Director, Rocky Mountain Institute; **Kurt Shickman**, Executive Director, Global Cool Cities Alliance.

The work of the initiative and panel will create a direct intersect between three internationally agreed goals for the first time: the Paris Climate Agreement; the Sustainable Development Goals; and the Montreal Protocol's Kigali Amendment* – with one of the key goals of the amendment to limit consumption and production of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), a potent greenhouse gas used widely in air conditioners and refrigerators.

The Cooling for All work is being funded by the [Kigali Cooling Efficiency Program](#). For more information, please visit our website here or follow the conversation online using #CoolingForAll.

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About Sustainable Energy for All

Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) empowers leaders to broker partnerships and unlock finance to achieve universal access to sustainable energy, as a contribution to a cleaner, just and prosperous world for all. SEforALL exists to reduce the carbon intensity of energy while making it available to everyone on the planet.

For more information, visit SEforALL.org and follow [@SEforALLorg](https://twitter.com/SEforALLorg).

About Kigali Cooling Efficiency Program

The Kigali Cooling Efficiency Program (K-CEP) is a philanthropic program to support the Kigali Amendment of the Montreal Protocol. Under the amendment, 197 countries committed to cut the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) — potent greenhouse gases used in refrigeration and air conditioning — by more than 80 percent over the next 30 years. This effort has the potential to avoid up to 0.5° C of global warming by the end of the century. K-CEP focuses on the energy efficiency of cooling to increase and accelerate the climate and development benefits of the Kigali Amendment to phase down HFCs.

For more information, visit K-Cep.org and follow [@Kigali_Cooling](https://twitter.com/Kigali_Cooling).

*** Montreal Protocol Background**

The Montreal Protocol is a multilateral environmental agreement that is successfully preventing massive damage to human health and the environment from excessive ultraviolet radiation from the sun by phasing out the production and consumption of substances that deplete the ozone layer.

On 15 October 2016, in Kigali, the parties to the Montreal Protocol reached agreement at their 28th Meeting to phase down consumption and production of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), which are frequently used as substitutes for ozone-depleting substances (ODSs). Although HFCs are not ODSs, they are powerful greenhouse gases that have significant global warming potentials (GWPs). The Kigali Amendment is a binding international agreement, or treaty, which is intended to create rights and obligations in international law.