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RECOMMENDATIONS

International Conference on the Popularization of Refrigeration in Africa (CIVUFA) November 12, 2025 Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso



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CIVUFA RECOMMENDATIONS

The refrigeration industry, which is present in a very large number of economic sectors and at the heart of international trade, should be better understood and considered by decision-makers. In the agricultural sector, for example, an efficient cold chain makes it possible to increase the lifespan of agricultural products between their harvest and consumption, but also to bring the distances between the places of production and consumption closer together, to make production chains economically viable. Refrigeration also has a direct impact on health thanks to the good preservation of foodstuffs and pharmaceuticals, but also thanks to new therapeutic techniques using low temperatures. Air conditioning ensures the conditions of thermal comfort and/or conditions necessary for the performance of certain processes. The innovations introduced by the Kigali Amendment deserve to be known and applied in countries as well. Refrigeration is also closely linked to energy issues, with a share representing about 20% of the total electricity used in the world (source IIR).

In Africa, the mastery of the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) sector is an important asset for sustainable development through its transversal and inclusive nature with a capacity to generate thousands of jobs and an important contribution to food sovereignty. It is in this context that the Union of Associations of African Actors in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (U-3ARC), bringing together all the professional associations of refrigeration and air conditioning actors in Africa, organized the 1st International Conference for the Popularization of Refrigeration in Africa (CIVUFA) in concert with these Partners on November 12th, 2025 at the Ouaga 2000 International Conference Center. The 1st edition of CIVUFA on the theme **"The refrigeration sector: a new factor with economic, environmental and peoples' freedom challenges "** aimed to propose a continental action plan for a real management of refrigeration in sustainable development policies and initiatives in Africa. This first edition brought together about 300 participants from 23 countries in Africa and around the world as well as the participation of several international organizations (FAO, UNEP, UNIDO, International Institute of Refrigeration-IIR, Centro Studi Galileo-Italy) and the Public Administration of Burkina Faso (Ministry in charge of Agriculture and other ministerial departments, National Ozone Office, ANEREE, Special Delegation of the municipality of Ouagadougou).

The official opening ceremony took place under the chairmanship of the Minister of State, Minister of Agriculture and Animal and Fisheries Resources represented by his Technical Advisor and in the presence **of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Cooperation and Burkinabe Abroad.**

The conference program was structured around the following panels:

- High-Level Dialogue on Institutional and Regulatory Frameworks for Refrigeration
- Thematic Session on Cold Chain Challenges and Issues
- Thematic Session on the Development Prospects of Air Conditioning

As part of the activities related to CIVUFA, a film screening on "Post-harvest" Losses was organized on November 11th, 2025 and the 5th Ordinary General Assembly of U-3ARC was held on November 13th and 14th, 2025 with a day of visits on November 15th, 2025.



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The main recommendations from the discussions are as follows.

To the attention of Governments and the Public Sector

1. Ensuring a real promotion of Refrigeration through its institutionalization
2. Establish National Agencies in charge of the promotion of Refrigeration and National Refrigeration Focal Points
3. Monitor the design and operationalization of national and/or cooling action plans in an inclusive approach
4. Initiate the reflection for the reduction or elimination of taxes and customs duties on the import of refrigeration equipment
5. Promoting Public-Private Partnerships in the field of refrigeration
6. Encourage appropriate and endogenous technologies in the refrigeration sector
7. Promoting the transfer of technologies and skills in the refrigeration sector
8. Promoting Energy Efficiency including financial incentives and the adoption of Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS)
9. Promoting the use of renewable energies in the refrigeration sector
10. Strengthening the opening of public procurement to refrigeration professionals
11. Strengthen the involvement of national associations of refrigeration professionals and stakeholders in national initiatives and programmes in the refrigeration sector or related fields
12. Promote training schemes including certification and support for young people for professional integration and the creation of companies in the field of refrigeration
13. Implement demonstration projects and encourage the scale-up of refrigeration platforms
14. Encourage refrigeration projects to support food sovereignty and food security initiatives
15. Ensure the establishment of a system for monitoring and evaluating and measuring the impact of projects financed by technical and financial partners in countries

To the attention of Technical and Financial Partners

1. Support public and private initiatives to promote refrigeration
2. Support the financing of refrigeration platforms
3. Promote the sharing of experiences between different countries

To the attention of U-3ARC and National Associations

1. Continue the lobbying for the institutionalization of Refrigeration
2. Continue to raise awareness among the various stakeholders on the importance of refrigeration
3. Continue the development and distribution of national directories of refrigeration service providers
4. Strengthen the continuous training of refrigeration technicians in conjunction with the various stakeholders
5. Develop a white paper on successful and failed refrigeration initiatives in Africa in conjunction with all stakeholders



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APPENDIX - COMPLETED AGENDA

GMT time	Themes / Activities
Cinematographic Projection on Refrigeration and Post-Harvest Losses in Africa "DAMAGED GOODS" November 11th, 2025 – 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. CINE BURKINA, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	
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8:00 – 8:30 a.m	Welcoming guests and participants
8:30 – 10:00 a.m	Official Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcome by the Representative of the President of the Special Delegation of the Commune of Ouagadougou ➤ Message from the President of the CIVUFA Organizing Committee ➤ Remarks by the President of U-3ARC ➤ Official Opening Speech by the Representative of the Minister of State, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Resources and Fisheries
10:00 – 10:30 a.m	Group Photo and Break
10:30 – 12:00 p.m	High-Level Dialogue on Institutional and Regulatory Frameworks for Refrigeration in Africa Moderator: Mr. Lassane OUEDRAOGO , Journalist, Burkina Faso Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Dazanmanegda Innocent Arsène DIPAMA, Director of Energy Compliance Control and Testing, National Agency for Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency (ANEREE), Burkina Faso ➤ Ms. Nafissa ELSOURI, UNIDO, Austria ➤ Mr. Craig GIRDLESTONE, World Refrigeration Day Representative, United Kingdom ➤ Mr. Rajendra SHENDE, Former Director of UNEP Ozone, India Exchange
12:00 – 1:30 p.m	Lunch
1:30 – 3:00 p.m	Challenges and Issues of the Cold Chain in Africa Moderator: Mr. Basile SEBURIKOKO , Head of Communication and External Relations of U-3ARC, Rwanda Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Séni NIKIEMA, Economist, Director of Market Development for Agro-Pastoral and Fisheries Products, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal and Fisheries Resources, Burkina Faso ➤ Ms. Halima THRAYA, Chairperson of the Hot Countries Cold Chain Working Group of the International Institute of Refrigeration, Tunisia ➤ Dr. Mamadou NDIAYE, Food Security Expert, FAO, Italy ➤ Mr. Said EL HARCH, Vice-President of U-3ARC, Morocco Exchange
3:00 – 3:30 p.m	Break
3:30 – 5:00 p.m	Prospects for the development of Air Conditioning in Africa Moderator: Ms. Raoudha MASSAOUDI , U-3ARC Women's Mobilization Officer, Tunisia Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prof. Marcello COLLANTIN, Centro Studi Galileo, Italy ➤ Mr. Amidou KABORE, Representative of the Refrigeration Professionals of Burkina Faso ➤ Mr. Roland SANOU, Ozone Office Coordinator, Burkina Faso ➤ Mr. Adlain EYARWEN NKIE AKAN, Secretary General of U-3ARC, DR Congo Exchange
5:00 – 6:00 p.m	Presentation of Final Decisions and Recommendations Closing Ceremony and Acceptance Speeches



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U-3ARC GENERAL ASSEMBLY November 13th, 2025 Hotel Pearl Ramadan, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

GMT time	Themes / Activities
8:00 – 9:00 a.m	Reception and Registration
8:30 – 10:00 a.m	Opening Ceremony
10:00 – 10:30 a.m	Group Photo and Break
10:30 – 12:30 a.m	Reading of the Financial and Moral Balance (Only representatives of member associations and special guests allowed)
12:30 – 1:30 a.m	Lunch
1:30 – 4:30 a.m	U-3ARC General Assembly (Only representatives of member associations and authorized special guests)

U-3ARC GENERAL ASSEMBLY November 14th, 2025 Hotel Pearl Ramadan, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

8:00 – 9:00 a.m	Reception and Registration
9:00 – 12:00 a.m	U-3ARC Trainers Meeting
3:00 – 6:00 pm	U-3ARC Women's Meeting
8.00 – 10:00 pm	Closing Gala Dinner

VISITS November 15th, 2025

10:00 - 10:30 a.m	Reception and Registration
10:30 a.m - 1:00 pm	Visit to the Thomas Sankara Mausoleum
1:00 - 3:00 p.m	Visit to the National Museum of Burkina Faso
3:00 p.m.	END

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