





## Promoting Green Cooling in India and the Global South

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# India Cooling Action Plan Lessons so far, and the way forward

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#### **COOLING ON COP28 AGENDA**

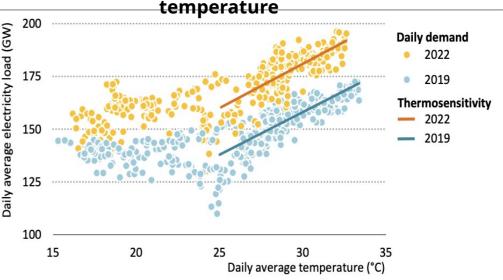


- COP28 pledge to curb cooling emissions backed by 63 countries.
- Countries commit to reduce their cooling-related emissions by at least 68% by 2050 compared to 2022 levels, along with a suite of other targets including establishing minimum energy performance standards by 2030.

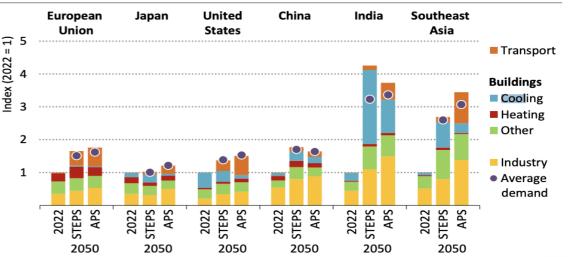
# India Cooling Action Plan – Requirement

- Increasing incidences of heatwaves and rising humidity – Access to Cooling an Equity Issue
- Ownership of ACs tripled since 2010 to reach 24 units per 100 households.
- Space cooling now accounts for 10% of the total electricity demand (21% higher than its 2019 share).
- By 2050, the household AC ownership is projected to increase nine-fold, leading to a nine-fold increase in cooling demand – maximum among major countries.

#### Daily average electricity load against daily



#### **Electricity peak demand projections**



Source: World Energy Outlook 2023



#### **ICAP Targets**

- Reduce cooling demand across sectors by 20-25% by 2037-38.
- Reduce cooling energy requirements by 25-40% by 2037-38.
- Reduce refrigerant demand by 25-30% by 2037-38.
- Recognise cooling and related areas as a thrust area of research.
- Train and certify 100,000 servicing sector technicians by 2022-23.



### Lessons from ICAP, & the way forward

Short-term target vs. Long-term Goal

 Long-term goal important, but breakdown actions into clear, measurable and short-term targets (3-5 years)

Synergy is the key word

- Link synergies across different sectors green building, DSM, appliances, energy price, DRE, smart-grid, refrigerant, carbon finance, technology transition, public procurement.
- Leverage existing policies and programmes.

Localisation is crucial

- Cooling action plan at a local-level (state and municipality).
- Integrate sustainable cooling under green building efforts at the municipal-level.
- Optimise cooling demand under demand side management.
- Leverage existing environmental legislations for installation, use an GRUM FOR ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & TECHNOLOGY

## Lessons from ICAP, & the way forward (cont..)

Refrigerant transition

Pooling together finance

- Natural Refrigerant standards in India -- Adoption of IEC 60335-2-40,
   ISO 5149-1:2014 & Ammonia for cold chains.
- $\circ$  77% RAC can be converted to natural refrigerant with the existing technology = emission saving of 50 MTCO<sub>2</sub>/year between 2025 and 2030.
- Important for leapfrogging the 'Chemical Treadmill' and IPR stranglehold of few companies.
- Clubbing national and international finance
- National: incentives for EE, Green buildings, DSM, public procurement etc.
- International:
  - Multilateral Fund on the Montreal Protocol Refrigerant transition
  - Carbon market Energy Efficiency
  - Other bilateral and multilateral



## Lessons from ICAP, & the way forward (cont..)

#### NIK technology

- Alternative to vapor compression essential to reduce energy demand
- Need for dedicated funding under Montreal
- R&D and demonstration.

## Skilling and Reskilling

- All new generation refrigerants have higher risk
- Reskilling for newer refrigerant and new technologies