## **Cutting the Carbon Knot:**

Pollutant Registers as a Tool for Strengthening Greenhouse Gas Reporting and Raising Public Awareness to Promote GHG Emission Cuts

An official COP-15 side event sponsored by the Government of the Republic of Armenia and organized in collaboration with the International Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers Coordinating Group

The side event
will explore how
countries can use
pollutant release and transfer
registers (PRTRs) to strengthen
reporting of greenhouse gas emissions and
in raising public awareness to promote emission
reductions. Following introductory remarks,
six panelists will make short statements of
three to four minutes to provide
perspectives on how PRTRs can
help to achieve climate change
reporting and mitigation
objectives. This will be
followed by an

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Welcome and opening remarks: **Dr Simon Papyan**, First Deputy Minister for the Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia

Moderator: **Mr Achim Halpaap**, UNITAR, Chair of the International PRTR Coordinating Group

## **Panelists**

- Mr Michel Amand, Chair, UNECE Working Group on PRTRs and Chair, OECD Task Force on PRTRs: "PRTRs and GHG emission reporting in OECD member States"
- Mr Ivan Narkevitch, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Belarus: "International Cooperation in the Development of Pollutant Registers in Eastern Europe"
- Mr Michael Stanley-Jones, UNECE Aarhus Convention and UNEP Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariats: "Raising awareness of climate pollutants under the Kiev Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers"
- Mr Jeff Huntington, Head of programme, Air and climate change, European
   Environmental Agency (EEA): "Launch of the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register" (invited)
- Ms Nune Hovhannisyan, Ministry of Nature Protection, Republic of Armenia: "The
  experience of the Republic of Armenia on raising awareness of climate pollutants and
  obligations under the Kiev Protocol on PRTRs"
- Ms Anette Christiansen, Environmental Manager, Danish Agriculture and Food Council, "Using pollutant registers to raise environmental awareness in the agriculture and food industry"

