Cutting the Carbon Knot:
Pollutant Registers as a Tool for Strengthening Greenhouse Gas Reporting and Raising Public Awareness to Promote GHG Emission Cuts

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from 20:00 to 21:30

Venue: Victor Borg, Bella Center, Copenhagen

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 open discussion.
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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 Anette Christiansen, Environmental Manager, Danish Agriculture and Food Council, “Using pollutant registers to raise environmental awareness in the agriculture and food industry”