

Cutting the carbon knot: Pollutant Registers as a Tool for Strengthening GHG 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

Date and time: Tuesday, 15 December 2009, from 20.00 to 21.30

Venue: Victor Borg, Bella Center, Copenhagen

Objective: 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, nine 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.

Programme

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

- **Michel Amand**, *Chair, UNECE Working Group on PRTRs and Chair, OECD Task Force on PRTRs*: "PRTRs and GHG emission reporting in OECD member States"
- **Ivan Narkevitch**, *Ministry of Environmental Protection, Belarus*: "International Cooperation in the Development of Pollutant Registers in Eastern Europe"
- **Michael Stanley-Jones**, *UNECE Aarhus Convention and UNEP Rotterdam Convention Secretariats*: "Raising awareness of climate pollutants under the Kiev Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers"
- **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 UNECE 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"