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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACAir conditioner or air conditioningASHRAEAmerican Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning EngineersBBSBangladesh Bureau of StatisticsBCCSAPBangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action PlanBHBFCBangladesh House Building Finance CorporationBIDSBangladesh Institute of Development StudiesBMDBangladesh Meteorological DepartmentBNBCBangladesh National Building CodeBRAMABangladesh Refrigeration Air Condition Merchant Association
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BRAMA Bangladesh Refrigeration Air Condition Merchant Association
BRTA Bangladesh Road Transport Authority
BUET Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology
CAGR Combined annual growth rate
CPD Centre for Policy Dialogue
DoE Department of Environment
EE&C Energy efficiency & conservation
EECMP Energy Efficiency & Conservation Master Plan
GHG Greenhouse gas(es)
GoB Government of Bangladesh
GSP Good service practices
GWP Global warming potential
HBRI House Building Research Institute
HCFC Hydrochlorofluorocarbon
HFC Hydrofluorocarbon
HPMP HCFC Phase-Out Management Plan
HVAC Heating, ventilation and air conditioning
LGED Local Government Engineering Department
MAC Mobile air conditioner (or air conditioning)
MDI Metered dose inhaler
MEPS Minimum energy performance standards
MLF Multilateral Fund
MoEFCC Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
MPEMR Ministry of Power & Energy and Mineral Resources
Mtoe Million tonnes of oil equivalent
NBRNational Board of Revenue
NDC Nationally Determined Contributions
NHI National Housing Institute
NOU National Ozone Unit
NCP National Cooling Plan
ODP Ozone depleting potential
ODS Ozone depleting substances
OEM Original equipment manufacturer

PKSF	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation
PWD	Public Works Department
R&D	Research and development
RAC	Refrigeration and air conditioning
RAJUK	Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha
REHAB	Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh
RHD	Roads and Highways Department
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SME	Small and medium enterprise
SREDA	Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority
TEAP	Technology and Economic Assessment Panel
Toe	Tonnes of oil equivalent
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
VRF	Variable refrigerant flow

### **Executive Summary**

#### Context

Cooling is a developmental need as well as a cross-sector requirement. In future, demand for cooling in Bangladesh will grow due to global warming, the rapid pace of economic growth, rising per capita income, population growth, and rapid urbanization.

Much of the country's cooling requirement is met using refrigeration and air-conditioning (RAC) technologies. These are based on the use of either synthetic or natural refrigerants. Most synthetic refrigerants have either an ozone depleting potential (ODP) and/or a global warming potential (GWP), and they are regulated for phasing out/phasing down to agreed schedules under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, to which Bangladesh is a party. Bangladesh accessed the Montreal Protocol in August 1990 and ratified all the subsequent amendments. The Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol provided an opportunity for maintaining and/or enhancing energy efficiency, while transitioning away from hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). A significant proportion of total carbon emissions from RAC equipment is due to energy consumption, with the rest due to refrigerant leakage.

The building sector is one of the most important sectors of the economy, and its growth is linked with the country's development. The built environment will grow with rapid urbanization, leading to a growth in need for air conditioning and refrigeration. Energy efficiency in buildings is linked with the reduction of cooling requirements and energy consumption, thus delaying the phasing in of refrigerant-based RAC equipment.

Economic growth has led to a rapid increase in the automobile sector, and thus a significant rise in demand for transport air-conditioning, especially in-car air-conditioning. Cold chain and refrigeration – for the preservation of perishable foods, such as fruit and vegetables, dairy and fish and meat – has emerged as another large, rapidly expanding sector. There is scope for enhancing the energy efficiency of the cold-chain sector, while using new refrigerants which are economically viable and environmentally sustainable. The challenge for the industry is to move towards energy-efficient and

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