



COPA TWG on Financing Mechanisms

Candidate profiles

TWG Chair and Vice-chair elections March 2023, mandate period 2023-2025

CANDIDATE OVERVIEW

Candidates are elected for a mandate period of two years, in accordance with the Terms of Reference agreed upon for the TWG FM.

Mandate Period: March 2023 to March 2025

Election open online: from 9th – 26th March, **invitation is sent by E-Mail to TWG FM members**

Name	Organisation	Nominated for role as TWG FM:
Stuart Fleming	Enviroserve	Chair
Louis Potok	Recoolit	Chair
Adrian Bukmanis	Veridien Refrigerant Management	Vice-Chair
Antony Lozano	Ecosave	Vice-Chair

CANDIDATE PROFILE – CHAIR STUART FLEMING

Stuart is a joint founder of Enviroserve and currently serves as Group CEO. He has been instrumental in creating opportunities and making change on Environmental and Sustainable processes throughout the Middle East, Africa and significant contributions globally. Stuart has been actively involved in pioneering and legislating a multiple number of environmental programmes for the UAE and the Region. From the control and use of Ozone Depleting Substances to the creation of the E-Waste recycling industry in various regional countries, Stuart liaises directly at Ministerial and Advisory level, providing support and advice on various environmental topics!

COPA Member, Private Sector: [Enviroserve](#)

Enviroserve (UAE and Rwanda) have dedicated services in recovery and reclaim of refrigerant as well as E-Waste Recycling, Brand Protection, ITAD and ITAM and Consultancy Divisions.

My top 3 priority for the TWG FM work:

1. The continual delivery of the COPA strategic goals - **Safeguard environmental health** and facilitate the **transition to a green economy** and make significant inroads in **staving off the climate crisis**
2. Develop **global interaction and dialogue with action and timeline on deliverables**
3. Set new objectives and accelerate the awareness, deliveries, and achievements. - One of the key focus area will be to **facilitate the transitioning of refrigeration into the next generation technology**



CANDIDATE PROFILE – CHAIR LOUIS POTOK

Louis Potok is the CEO and founder of Recoolit. He was born and raised in the USA, then moved to Indonesia in 2021 to launch the country's first refrigerant recovery efforts. Prior to entering the refrigerant space, Louis worked in machine learning and data science at several early-stage technology startups in Silicon Valley. He began his career as a consultant for a variety of NGOs, corporations, and governments on social impact issues and behavioral economics, specializing in global microfinance with projects in India, Ghana, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Outside of work, Louis enjoys hiking, scuba diving, and a game of chess.

COPA Member, Private Sector: [Recoolit](#)

Recoolit (US and Indonesia) mitigates climate change by preventing refrigerant emissions. Our technology incentivizes and supports AC technicians around the world to keep these super-potent greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere. We work with partners to safely & efficiently collect, transport and destroy harmful waste gases, and then sell carbon credits for the prevented emissions.

My top 3 priority for the TWG FM work:

1. **Ensure that all member voices are included in the FM recommendations and initiatives:** we have a wide range of members with valuable experience, who bring very different perspectives.
2. **Represent Article 5 countries in particular:** this is the region of greatest need and biggest opportunity for impact.
3. **Focus on real-world impact:** it's easy to spend a lot of time crafting the perfect reports and recommendations, but a lot harder to ensure they lead to meaningful change. I intend to work closely with the Secretariat, COPA members, and other parties to ensure that we are able to catalyze the change we all seek.



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CANDIDATE PROFILE – VICE-CHAIR

ADRIAN BUKMANIS

While I'm not a finance person, I have been fortunate to build experience in many sectors having lived in various parts of the world, including Australia, UK, Singapore and France. My early career was in IT, where I helped build enterprise data projects that included a stint with a leading investment bank. I've also managed various challenges within the performance automotive industry with time spent in China and the Middle East. Events led me to start an energy efficiency business in SE Asia working largely on cooling and refrigeration systems. The process taught me lessons on building business networks and raising funds in an unfamiliar environment. This is also where my eyes were opened to the refrigerant problem. I've now taken the decision to commit my time and efforts to working on the environmental impacts of refrigerants and f-gases. This is my mission and one that I hope to drive forward through teamwork and shared support of the COPA members.

COPA Member, Private Sector: [Veridien Refrigerant Management](#)

Veridien (Singapore, France) provides advisory, training and technology for life-cycle refrigerant management. We offer services for building accurate data inventories, leak rate and emissions calculations plus leak mitigation technologies. We place a strong focus on refrigerant selection using natural refrigerants to avoid increasing HFC and HFO banks and tracking their use through end-of-life. Regular thoughts on the refrigerant and f-gas topic also at: <https://fluoridated.substack.com/>



My top 3 priorities / ideas for the TWG FM work:

1. **Ensuring that we don't re-invent the wheel.** There has been lots of good work done already that can be built on and leveraged. The priority is speed, and to work out what can be delivered quickly with maximum impact (best bang for buck)
2. We are dealing with a triple planetary threat, of which fluorinated refrigerants contribute to all. I believe there are creative financing solutions to be found if we also **look to, and work with sectors that are dealing with (non-climate) waste streams or biodiversity related issues**
3. Finance is built around accurate data. I believe there are opportunities to **improve transparency, verify impact and help solve MRV related problems with careful use of technology.** It is also a potential way to attract the involvement of well-financed, environmentally focused tech companies



CANDIDATE PROFILE – VICE-CHAIR ANTONY LOZANO

Antony Lozano is an Industrial Engineer with specialization on handling refrigerants, responsible for the operation and floor management at Ecosave.

COPA Member, Private Sector: [Ecosave](#)

Ecosave (Mexico) is a company dedicated to the handling of refrigerants. We have more than 10 years of experience working for the industrial, commercial sector and companies where we recover refrigerants contained in HVAC equipment, our services are retrofit, recovery, transport, and capture, of refrigerants. We currently capture more than 20 tons of refrigerants per year. Our team participates on the elaboration of Climate Action Reserve protocol Halocarbons for México.

My top 3 priority for the TWG FM work:

- 1. Improve quantity and quality on reclaim refrigerants on countries at Art. 5**
- 2. Finding technologies for more efficient and economical destruction**
- 3. Reinforce policies and provide facilities for technicians under a business model that increase recovery**



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