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National Train-the-Trainers Workshop for Customs Officers on Monitoring and Control of Ozone Depleting Substances

Kabul, Afghanistan – The National Ozone Unit (NOU) of the Afghan National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the General Directorate of Customs of the Afghan Ministry of Finance (MoF) organized a “National Train-the-Trainers Workshop for Customs Officers on Monitoring and Control of Ozone Depleting Substances” in Kabul, from 28 – 30 November 2005.

In total, 40 participants from Afghanistans customs department (MoF), including border check posts, the Ministry of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce and Pakistans Customs Office attended the 3-day workshop. The training was delivered by members of the NOU, NEPA, the National Academy of Customs, Exise and Narcotics, India (NACEN) and the UNEP.

The train-the-trainers workshop focussed on Afghanistans international commitments under the Montreal Protocol and the national obligations for its implementation. Information on regulations and licencing system in Afghanistan was combined with practical training on how to identify Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) with ODS identifiers and on the reporting system. The Deputy Director General of NEPA formally handed over Afghanistans first ODS identifier, donated by the Government of Iran, to the Director General of the Customs Department of the MoF.

Afghanistan ratified the Vienna Convention for the Protection of Ozone Layer and its Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the Ozone Layer along with all 4 amendments on 17th June 2004. The National Ozone Unit was established in September 2004 and is working to fulfill the Afghanistan’s requirements under the convention and its protocol.

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